

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 26, 1995

"Submission to Masters"

Part 2

1 Peter 2:18-20

The master/slave relationship was not a relationship established by the Lord. It is purely the outworking of the thinking of men. But it is clear that the Lord wants us to honor these man-made institutions and the authorities that men have set over us and respect them. This obviously was true even of the institution of slavery.

Mandate - "Servants be submissive to your masters"

Servants (OIKETAI) - houseslaves

They were considered to be property

They had no legal recourse in the courts

They were not able to contract a legal marriage

Mandate clarified

Respect

Respect (PHOBOS) - Respect for the Lord

(Ephesians 6:5-7, Colossians 3:22) not for masters

Extent - Submission even if the masters were unreasonable

Mandate explained

acceptable suffering (verse 19)

unacceptable suffering (verse 20)