

## **"Let My people go that they may serve Me"**

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These words were spoken by the Lord God to Pharaoh that he is to let the people of God go so that they will be able to serve the Lord. The reason the Lord wanted to release His people from bondage is for them to serve Him. Today we thank the grace of our Lord Jesus, we are the people of God whom He has chosen to set free.

Heb 2:15 says that we were once under bondage through fear of death. But today by the grace of God through Him who has destroyed the power of death, we are released from this bondage. We are set free. This is the love of God. He does not desire anyone to perish but that all should come to repentance and to receive life. The bible says that this is how He demonstrated His love to us. While we were yet sinners, He came to die for us so that we may be reconciled to Him. Having been reconciled to God, we must live a life of serving Him.

Rom 6:18-22 says that we are set free from sin & so becomes servants of righteousness. We must not choose to follow the way of the world anymore. We cannot serve two masters. We must devote to one and despise the other. Since we have chosen to be servants of righteousness, we must henceforth walk in the way of righteousness according to His will. If we walk in the way of righteousness and be able to bear fruits of righteousness in our life, it will lead to everlasting life.

Rom 12:1 says that to present our bodies a living sacrifice acceptable to Him is our reasonable service. It is only reasonable because we belong to Christ. Paul says that we are not our own, we are purchased by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus. We now belong to Him. The life that we live, we ought to live for Him who has died for us. It is not for my purpose, it is not what I like but in accordance to how he wants us to live our life.

1 Pet 2:9-10 says that we were once not the people of God but now we had obtained mercy, through His grace we are now the people of God. He has chosen us to be a special people to Him so that we may declare the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into the marvelous light. And this we should be able to do through the life that we live and through the testimony of our mouth.

The day we accepted Christ, our life began to be a testimony for Christ. We are now a new man, having the image of Christ in us. The life that we live will testify of His grace. Just as in the Apostolic days, the life of the early disciples has the

favor of all the people. We see a life devoted to keeping the apostles teachings, to fellowship, to breaking bread and to prayer touch the hearts of many. We must continue to let our light shine forth before men that they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

The other way to be a witness for our Lord Jesus is through the testimony of our mouth. We thank the grace of God, we are chosen by the Lord to know of this gospel of salvation. This gospel of salvation of course saved us. But we are also entrusted with this mystery so that we are able to declare it to the world so that many through this testimony of the word will be able to attain salvation. Cor 1:1-2 says that those who are given this trust must be found to be faithful.

The calling of the Lord God is in order that we may be faithful in service to Him. We must live up to this calling of the Lord God, presenting ourselves as instruments of Lord. Having realized this we must serve Him faithfully so that when we meet Him again at His coming, we can say that we are not unfaithful to His calling.