

Does The Bible Commend Slavery?

Sermon Outline:

A confronting part of the Bible

1 Peter 2:18 – ‘Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.’

1. Why doesn't the Apostle Peter oppose slavery?

2. How does this section fit into the argument so far?

3. Looking more closely at the text (1 Peter 2:18-25)

a) Fear God (1 Peter 2:18)

- We should all see ourselves as slaves of God (1 Peter 2:16)

b) Submit – even in the face of injustice? (1 Peter 2:18-19)

c) Christ's example (1 Peter 2:21-25)

4. What does this mean for us in 21st century Australia?

a) See yourself as a slave

b) Salvation first, justice second

c) Entrust yourself to him who judges justly

Slavery and freedom