

# Overarching Biblical Argument

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Slavery is *not* part  
of the created design.

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All humans are created in the  
image of God and called to fulfill  
His purposes.

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Gen 1:26-28



The humanity of all is the basis of  
just treatment of all.

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Job 31:13-15

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Those who engage in enslaving other people are specifically categorized as sinners.

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Exod 21:16; 1 Tim 1:8-11

# Slavery in the Old Testament

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The Old Testament does *not*  
advocate for slavery.

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“Slavery” laws under  
the Mosaic Law were intended  
to protect the servant  
from poverty and abuse.

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“Slavery” under the Mosaic Law  
is generally to be a temporary state  
of contracted indentured servitude.

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Deut 15:1-18; Jer 34:12-22

# Obey Your Earthly Masters with a Sincere Heart – Part 2:

## Understanding Slavery in the Old Testament

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Ephesians 6:5-9

# Seeing the Biblical Pattern

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See the biblical pattern  
that we are to treat all justly and  
kindly and to treat the people of  
God with even greater affection.

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Love the stranger/sojourner  
as yourself.

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Exod 22:21; Lev 19:33-34;  
Deut 10:12-13, 17-19

Those in a position of power  
must be careful to not take  
advantage of the vulnerable.

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You love the sojourner because  
you are a sojourner.

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Deut 10:19; Heb 11:13; 1 Pet 2:11

# Love your neighbor as yourself.

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Lev 19:33-34; Heb 13:1-2



The biblical pattern is to treat the  
stranger/sojourner justly and  
kindly.

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# Strangers, Aliens, Sojourners and Foreigners

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Mosaic Law treats those who follow  
Yahweh more generously than  
those who do not.

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Num 9:14; Deut 23:19-20

This pattern of God favoring His people (those who follow Him) continues in the New Testament.

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Rom 8:28

This is manifested in how the people of God treat each other.

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Gal 3:27-29

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the people of God with even  
greater affection.

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