

## Who Are the Servants?, Part 1

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*This transcript consists solely of Scriptures referenced in the message.*

#### **EXODUS 22:21-27 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup> You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. <sup>23</sup> If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, <sup>24</sup> and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. <sup>25</sup> “If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. <sup>26</sup> If ever you take your neighbor’s cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, <sup>27</sup> for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

#### **DEUTERONOMY 10:12-19 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup> Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. <sup>17</sup> For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. <sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

#### **PSALM 68:5-6 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.* <sup>6</sup> God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

#### **LUKE 4:16-19 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. *He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives* and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

#### **PSALM 82:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> *Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

**PROVERBS 14:31 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> Whoever oppresses a poor man *insults his Maker*, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

**PROVERBS 22:22 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate...

**ISAIAH 58:6-9 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> “Is not this the fast that I choose: *to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?* <sup>7</sup> *Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?* <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness.

**DEUTERONOMY 15:7-8 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> “If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, <sup>8</sup> but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.

**DEUTERONOMY 24:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns.

**DEUTERONOMY 24:19-21 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. <sup>21</sup> When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.

**ACTS 2:43-47 (ESV)**

<sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> *And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.* <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.