SERVANTS THE OF LORD

In our closing lesson text from Psalms 90, Moses identifies the Exodus Israelites as **Servants of Lord**. (Ps.90:13, 17). The Hebrew word for servant is [ebed]. The term Ebed was introduced in the curse upon Canaan. "Cursed be Canaan; A <u>servant of servants</u> he shall be to his brothers." (Gen.9:25)

This is the first time <u>in Ps.90</u> that Moses has referred to Exodus Israelites as **Servants of Lord**. In this intercessory prayer, Moses reminds the Lord that this was a title bestowed upon them by God's redemptive grace (Ex.12) blood of Shadow Christology (1 Cor.5:7).

> (Lev.23:42) "For they are My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt; they are not to be sold in a slave sale." (Lev.23:55)

This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Servant of Lord from Ps.90.

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1. **In this final section of intercessory prayer, Moses issued six imperatives (commands).**

   - Return   (kal impv.2ms/ shub)
   - Be moved to pity   (niphal impv.2ms/ nacham)
   - Satisfy   (piel impv.2ms/ saba)
   - Make us glad   (piel impv.2ms/ samach)
   - Confirm   (piel impv.2ms/ kun)
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   The use of the Hebrew imperative in prayer shows confidence in the knowledge of God and His promises regarding the content of the prayer. It is speaking in the language of the will of God. (Heb.4:14-16; 1 John 5:14-15).

   > (Job 42:8b) "And <u>My servant Job</u> will pray for you. For I will accept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has." (Elihu)

   Another example is found in the <u>first imperative</u> (shub) "Do return, O Lord; how long will it be?" (Ps.90:13)

   > (Joshua 1:5-6) "No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, <u>I will be</u> <u>with you; I will not fail you or forsake you</u>. **Be strong and courageous**, for you shall give this people possession of the land which <u>I swore to their fathers to give them</u>." (Heb.13:5)

   > (Ps.90:16) "Let Your work appear to Your servants and <u>Your majesty to their children</u>."

2. **All members of the human race are born in the slave market of Adamic sin (Rom.5:12) (1 Cor.15:22). As such, they are born into slavery of this world.**

   > (Rom.3:10) "There is none righteous, not even one."

   > (Ps.14:1-3) "For Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one."

(Rom.3:23-24) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."

They are born slaves to their Old Sin Nature (OSN) with a lust for <u>the things of the world</u> (1 Jn.2:15-17) Note the use of the word <u>world - 6 times).</u> What stands in contrast to things of world?

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(Rom.6:5-6) "For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, **knowing this**, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin."

(Rom.6:12) "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts." (Gal.5:16-17).

3. **Jesus Christ took on the form of the Suffering Servant to redeem mankind from the slave market of Adamic sin (Isa.42:1-7; 49:1-7; 50:4-10; 52:13-53:12).**

(Phil.2:6-7) "Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the <u>form of a bond-servant,</u> and being made in the likeness of men." (Matt.20:28)

(Matt.12:17-18) "This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: 'Behold, **My Servant** whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.'" (Isa.42:1)

4. **As a Servant of the Lord, you can be a slave <u>in the</u> world but not a slave <u>of the</u> world (1 John 2:15-17).**

 Joseph was a slave **in** the world but **not of** the world. Therefore, he was an effective Servant of the Lord to the world. His brothers sold him into slavery for "20 shekels of silver" (Gen.37:28).

(2 Pet.2:19-20) "Promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilement of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first."

Who was the true slave to world, <u>Joseph or his brothers</u>?

(Gen.50:20) "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." (1 Pet.2:16)

(Lev.26:13) "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect." (Ex.13:3)

(John 8:34) "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." (Gal.4:3-7; 5:1, 13-17)