

Masters, Lords and serfs.

Throughout scripture God is referred to as Lord. But that was a name, or rather a term God adopted to teach the Israelites by way of contrasts who He is. You see in Exodus God had this to say to Moses.

"² And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am ^[a]the Lord. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by My name Lord*^[b] I was not known to them.

You see the people on whom God had set His affection on, had drifted so far from their created purpose, being made in His image, to go forth to rule and reign over their own affairs so as to serve another. It was the Egyptians who used the title "lord" then imposed it upon the Israelites, so that they would know who gives instructions and who carries them out. But the Elect are those who put off the analogies and return to our God given purpose to rule and reign with Jesus Christ, our only Lord and master. However we are not serfs but rulers.

It is interesting how the Egyptians who lorded over God's people had the same agenda as modern day corporations with quotas and expected more labor for more bricks with less straw and longer days.

Other masters we have had besides you. However we won't make mention of their names.

You see by way of contrasts, we can see who we are and who we are not. If God has made us joint heirs of His things given to His only Begotten, and passed on to our understanding for our crossover not of the Red Sea where all our enemies were pictured as drowned, and not the river Jordan where the people of that last generation and ours, who associate with a "newness of life". By our profession to be buried with Christ in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be raised in newness of life and understanding to serve God. Even as Moses was instructed to tell Pharaoh "thus saith the Lord God, let My people go that they may serve Me in the wilderness".

So that God could show them that even in their fear, that God would deliver them time after time to earn their trust. And having done that, He would then take them through assorted obstacles and enemies, to teach them how to master their own God given abilities to rule and reign in truth. That being made in the image of God, then that image buried by fear first. It needed to be washed off, re-energized then appropriated by them, and now by us, to be our own masters and lords. And how do we do this? With what we do? No, with what we say first, then what we do. In this way we move mountains.

This is how we join the rest of God set in place on the 7th day of creation, to which the trumpet sound has called us since the day God capped His creation with humans. This is our exit, a word we get from Exodus which means departure, so we know where our crossover takes us.

And from Hebrews 4.

4 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, ^[a] not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

“So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ”

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; ⁵ and again in this *place*: “They shall not enter My rest.”

He who the Son sets free is truly free.

The Kingdom of God is at hand!