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Slaves of God
6: 12-23



In the Roman Empire people became **slaves** in a number of different ways. One way was to be born into a **slave** family. Another way was to be captured in battle, and still another way was to be forced into **slavery** if one's nation was taken over. One final way was if an otherwise free person went into another's household and acted like **a slave**. The idea was, "A man is as he does."[156] It was as if **Paul** was saying to the believers in Rome, "Since you have been freed from the **old [sin nature]**, don't act like **a slave**." **Paul** expounds on **Yeshua's** saying: **No one can have two masters (Mt 6:24).** There are only two options: **slavery to sin**, or **slavery to God**.The **slaves to sin (6:17)** get no **benefit (6:21)**, but earn **their wages of death (6:23)**. But when **enslaved to righteousness (6:18), eternal life is what one receives as a free gift from ADONAI (6:23).** Such **slavery** is true freedom.