


# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

January 21, 2024

<p><b>Welcome!</b></p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 2:9</i> "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him"</p> <p><i>"I called on Your name, O Lord, from the lowest pit. You have heard my voice: "Do not hide Your ear from my sighing, from my cry for help." You drew near on the day I called on You, and said, "Do not fear!""</i></p> <p>Join us at 6:00pm for another lesson in our "Unsolved Mysteries" series</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Welcome new member: <b>Jerry Butterworth</b> P.O. Box #34 7167 Hwy 41A Pleasant View, TN 37146 615-746-3303</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Minister:</b> Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</p>	<p><b>Prayer List</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth Demonbreun</b> is doing better at home</p> <p><b>Patricia Stroud</b> has been staying with her daughter</p> <p><b>Darinda Paul</b> is home, and her cancer treatment is proceeding</p> <p><b>Diane Singleton</b> continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</p> <p>Continue to pray for: <b>Donnie Garrett, Belinda Mayo, Hunter Crouch, Michael &amp; Regan Loosli</b>, the <b>Walker</b> family, the <b>Mayo</b> family, <b>Doug Demonbreun</b>, the <b>Coleman</b> family, <b>Rebecca Brown</b>, the <b>Tabor</b> family, the <b>Buchanan</b> family, <b>Forshia Pennington</b>, <b>Carol Saling, Keith Walker,</b> <b>Camille Brosky</b>, those in <b>Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, and Bill Gillock</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Youth area-wide service this evening has been canceled</p>	<p><i>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm for a new study on the Life of Abraham</i></p> <p><b>Serving Today</b></p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b> Jeff Baker</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</p> <p><b>Scripture Reading:</b> Sam Baker</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Eddie Walker</p> <p>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</p> <p><b>Scripture Reading:</b> Lowell Gregory <i>Ephesians 6:5-9</i></p> <p><b>Wait On Table:</b> Johnny Walker</p> <p><b>Serve:</b> Mike Reed Josh Demonbreun</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Dwight Pennington</p>								
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**God's Mystery Revealed – Ephesians 6:5-9**  
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**Slaves & Masters**

- 1Co 7:20-24
- Col 3:22-4:1
- Tit 2:9-11
- Philemon

**Why Slavery?**

- Paul is dealing with the reality of the world of that time.
- This does not imply approval of slavery.
- Consider Paul's words in 1 Cor 7:

**1 Cor 7:21-24 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> *Were you a bondservant when called?* Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) <sup>22</sup> For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. <sup>23</sup> You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. <sup>24</sup> So, brothers, *in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.*

*Continued discussion on the relationships encapsulated in the statement "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." (5:21)*

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**Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with *fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,*** [ Col 3:22 ]

<sup>6</sup>not by the way of *eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,*

*How does this apply to us today?*

<sup>7</sup>rendering service with a good will *as to the Lord* and not to man, <- Col 3:23

<sup>8</sup>knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will *receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.* <- Col 3:24-25; 1Co 7:22; Gal 3:28

**Masters,** do the same to them, and *stop your threatening,* knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. <- Col 4:1

**Note:** Whereas marriage and the family are presented in Scripture as divine institutions, no such claim is made for slavery.

**Why Address Slaves?**

-It is estimated there were over 60 million slaves in the Roman empire. This would have been about 1/3 of the total population.

-Many of these slaves were becoming Christians  
-These converts must have had questions about how their new life in Christ should look in their relationship with their earthly masters.

-Even in a pagan household, Paul assumes these slaves have a Christian occupation.

-Aristotle famously said that slaves were no more than living tools, but Paul elevates them to equal responsibilities with their masters, which was a revolutionary idea in Greco-Roman society.

**Role of Slaves (5-8)**

**What they should do...**

O \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

-This is how they should treat their "earthly masters"

**How They Should Do**

**It... With:**

S \_\_\_\_\_ (5,6)

"work heartily" (Col 3:23)

**Not...**

-With "eye-service" (6)

-As "people-pleasers" (6)

G \_\_\_\_\_ (7,8)

This is the opposite of being under compulsion (2 Cor 9:7-8)

**How They Should Do**

**It... As:**

-You would Christ (5)

-Bondservants of Christ (6)

-Doing the will of God (6)

-To the Lord (7)

The slave has a new master and should serve as though working directly for God ("not to man" v. 7)

**"Knowing that...he will receive back from the Lord" (8)**

-As a slave, there is no assurance of a material reward

-As a child of God, there is a secured future in Glory (Col 3:24; Rom 8:18)

**Role of Masters (9)**

There must have been some converts who were earthly masters of slaves (**Philemon**)

**Do the S \_\_\_\_\_**

-This applies the "Golden Rule" to Masters (**Mt 7:12**)

-This places Masters and Slaves at the same level ... "submitting to one another..." (5:21)

**Stop T \_\_\_\_\_**

-Masters had the right to treat their slaves as they wanted in Roman society, but Paul calls them to a higher standard

**The Same M \_\_\_\_\_** - Both slaves and masters serve the same God in Heaven.

**No P \_\_\_\_\_** - View them as God does... equals in Christ (Gal 3:28)