



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

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<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

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Oh How I Love Your Law (Part 2)

There is a lot to learn about God from the Laws he gave to His people from Mt. Sinai. The more time we spend reading and meditating on the laws, the more we will see the heart of God. When you read a law, a great question to ask is, “What does this reveal about the lawmaker”?

In **Exodus 21:2-6**, there is a law concerning a Hebrew slave and his master. It was God’s law that he serve His master a maximum of 6 years and on the 7th year, he would be free. If the master of the slave gives him a wife and they have children, the slave is to leave along and his wife and kids would stay with his master. “But if the slave plainly says, “I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man.” The master would then pierce his ear and he would then serve his master permanently.

What does this tell you about the God we serve? For starters, it tells us **God loves family**. God sets up a way for a man to stay with his wife and children even though they belong to his master. The master would have to provide for them and take care of them. God made it to where the servant could keep serving the master all his life and stay with his family.

Week of February 26

Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 49
- ✦ **PM Service** - 37
- ✦ **Wednesday Service** - 29

Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$2,605

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Clark Ferguson (3/8)
- ✦ Betsy Morgan (3/8)
- ✦ Julia Fesmire (3/10)

Calendar Items

Women's Bible Study Tuesday at the building at 11a (Romans)

Song Learning Class next Sunday at 4pm

Men's Meeting will be March 26 at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ✦ Be Different
- ✦ God's Covenant with David

Midweek Bible Study

- ✦ Luke 11:29-54

Another lesson we can learn from this law is thinking about **God as our master**. Think about how wonderful and loving God would be towards those who served Him. What a privilege it would be to get to serve a master who would treat you well and with respect. We should all have the attitude of desiring God to pierce our ear so we could stay with Him permanently.

Paul tells us we are all slaves in Romans 6. We are either slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness. Our master is either sin or God. By being baptized into Christ, we are made free from sin. Sin is a terrible master which will destroy us. Instead we get to be slaves to righteousness. Notice the great benefits that are ours as slaves to righteousness - "But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life." (**Rom 6:22**)

The NT writers Paul, James, Jude, and John all referred to themselves as bondservants of God. They surrendered themselves and their will to please the One who enlisted them into service - God. Jesus gave His life on the cross and was resurrected from the dead giving us the chance of eternal life. In order to attain this great reward, we need to be slaves of righteousness.

When Jesus comes back may he find us to be faithful servants doing His will. If we serve God as we should, He will tell us, "Well done, good and faithful slave." (**Mat 25:21, 23**) If we serve ourselves instead of God, He will call us, "wicked" and "lazy" as well as "throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (**30**)

Let's go to our master and tell him, "Pierce my ear, I'm here to stay with you and serve you the rest of my life."

Patrick