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Recall creation story...
6 days of “work”... 7th day REST!

The slave is here presented as one who has fulfilled the required length of service...

Legal Requirements: FULFILLED!

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The slave...
Is free to leave!

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The **married** slave...
Is free to leave!

If he does though, he walks away from his master, his wife, and his children.

But he is also...
Free to stay!

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Because of love!
... for his **wife.. his children.. and master...**
... he may voluntarily choose to stay...

“Forever!”

He **chooses** to yield his life... his strength... his freedom... **to become their servant!**

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It was voluntary:

“But if the servant declares.”

Exodus 21:5

It was based on love:

“... I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free...”

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It was permanent:

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Pierced at the doorway -

- Symbolizes the willful transition from a hired to a loving servant
- He will remain faithful to the master and to the family he loves
- The slave's ear now forever “attached” to the master's house
- No longer an “ear” yielded to another – Forever inclined to ONLY this master's voice.
 - Reminder upon every entrance/exit from the master's house



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“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself,

taking the form of a **bondservant**,

being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced;

Burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Psalms 40:6-8

