

## **“Submissive Service”**

Text: I Peter 2:18-20

Scripture reading: Matthew 20:17-28

### **Introduction:**

#### **I. A respectful service – vs. 18 (Matt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45)**

A) The \_\_\_\_\_ of submission

B) The \_\_\_\_\_ of submission (Eph. 6:5-6)

C) The \_\_\_\_\_ of submission

## II. A graceful service – vv. 19-20

**Conclusion:** Questions to consider...

1. Does my submission at work represent well Jesus as the Beloved Servant of God?
2. What does my present respect for the boss expose about my present fear of God?
3. If I struggle with submission, what does this say about my submission to Christ my Lord?

*“God’s end in all His cross providences is to bring the heart to submit and be content. He loves to see His children satisfied with what portion He doth carve and allot them.”*

-Simeon Ashe; Puritan pastor; ???-1662

## **SERMON QUOTES:**

### **I. A respectful service – vs. 18**

Roman nobleman,

*“...that the only thing distinguishing a slave from a beast or a cart was that the slave could talk.”*

Thomas Schreiner,

*“Slaves had no legal rights, and masters could beat them, brand them, and abuse them physically or sexually.”*

A) The \_\_\_\_\_ of submission

Pastor John MacArthur,

*“...the focus on ‘rights’ in the workplace, whatever the results, is incongruous with the Christian life. Believers are to be concerned instead with obedience and submission to God’s will.”*

C) The \_\_\_\_\_ of submission

J. MacArthur,

*“In the workplace, employees are to submit to employers as if they were service Christ Himself. Such submissiveness precludes all rebellions, protests, mutinies, strikes, or workplace disobedience of every kind, even if the employer is unreasonable.”*

### **II. A graceful service – vv. 19-20**

Peter Davids,

*“...God is pleased with the Christian slaves who bear up under the unjust suffering, not because there is no other option or because of their optimistic character, but because they know this pleases God and conforms to the teaching of Jesus.”*