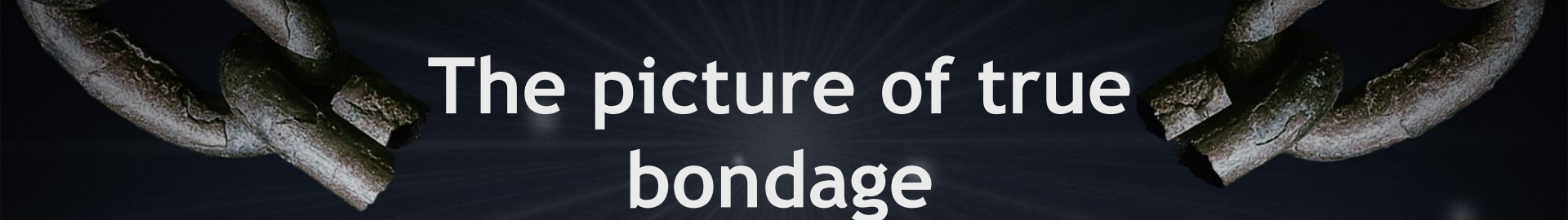




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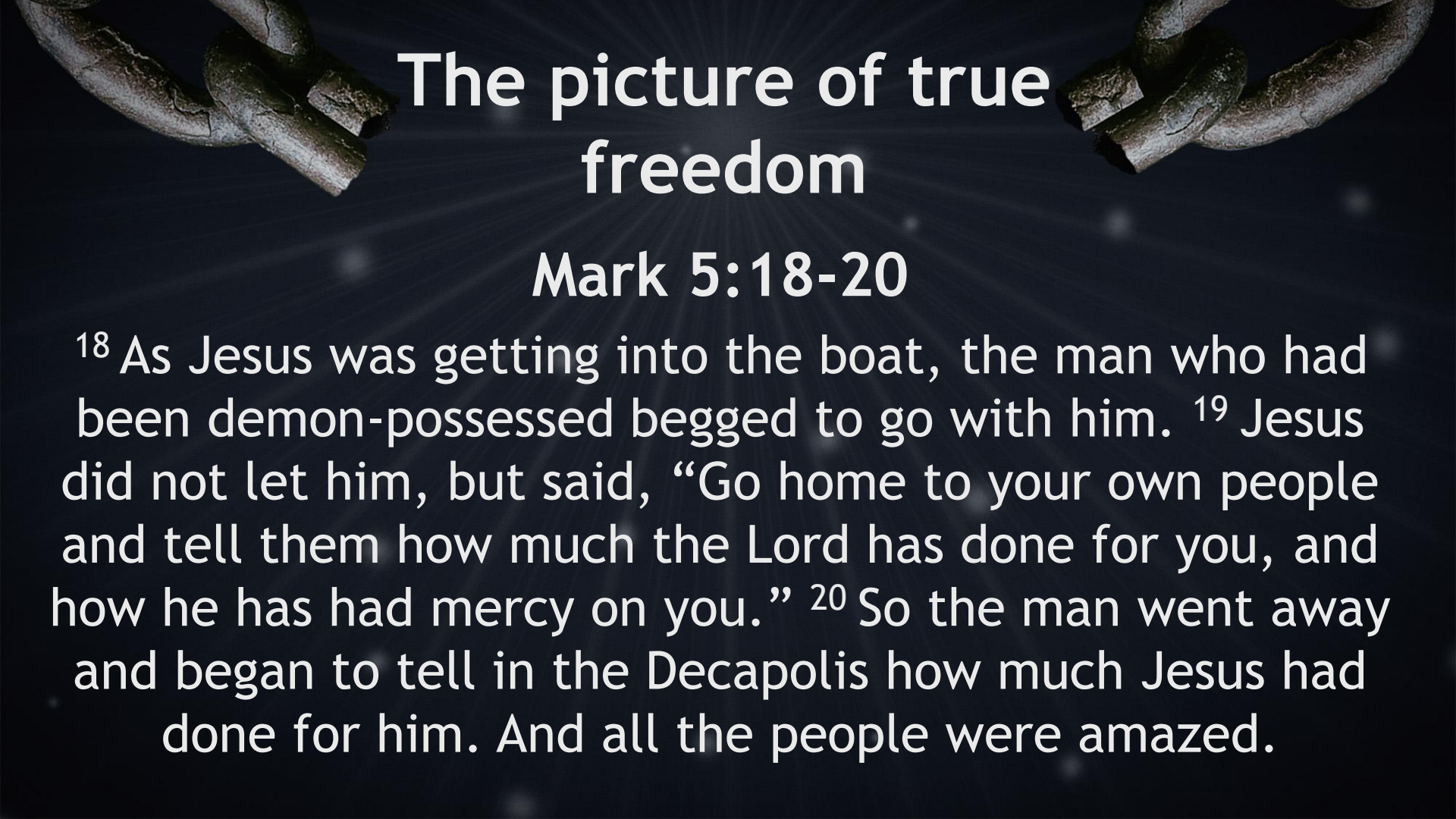
Romans 6:1-7



The picture of true bondage

Mark 5:1-5

5 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.
² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.



The picture of true freedom

Mark 5:18-20

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

True freedom is not doing
whatever you want
without consequences

There are ALWAYS consequences





We are all slaves to something

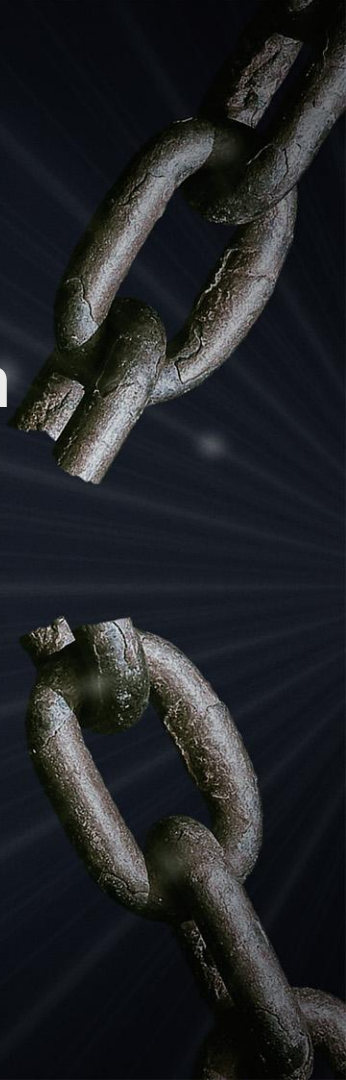
Romans 6:16-18

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6:22-23

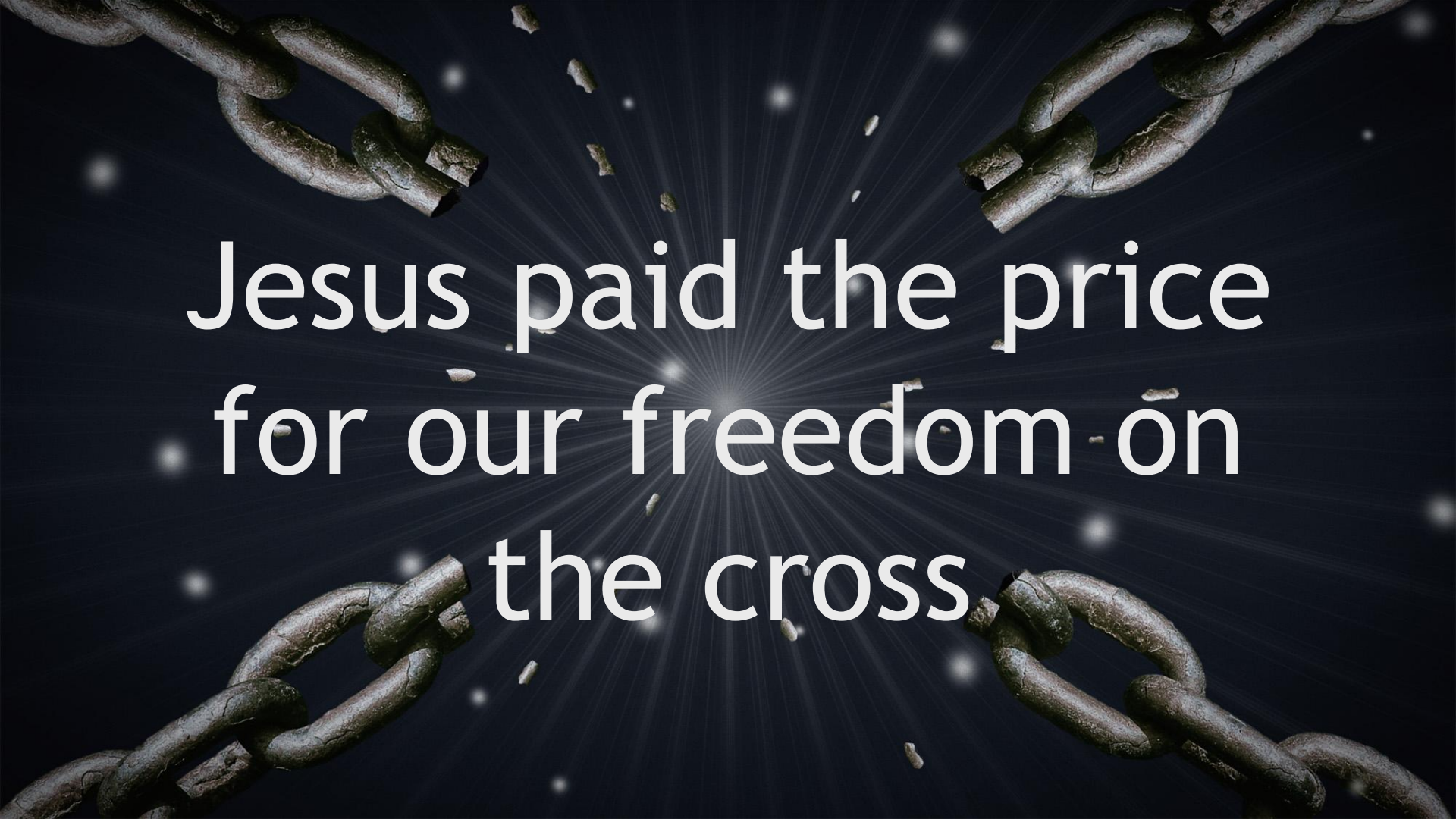
²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



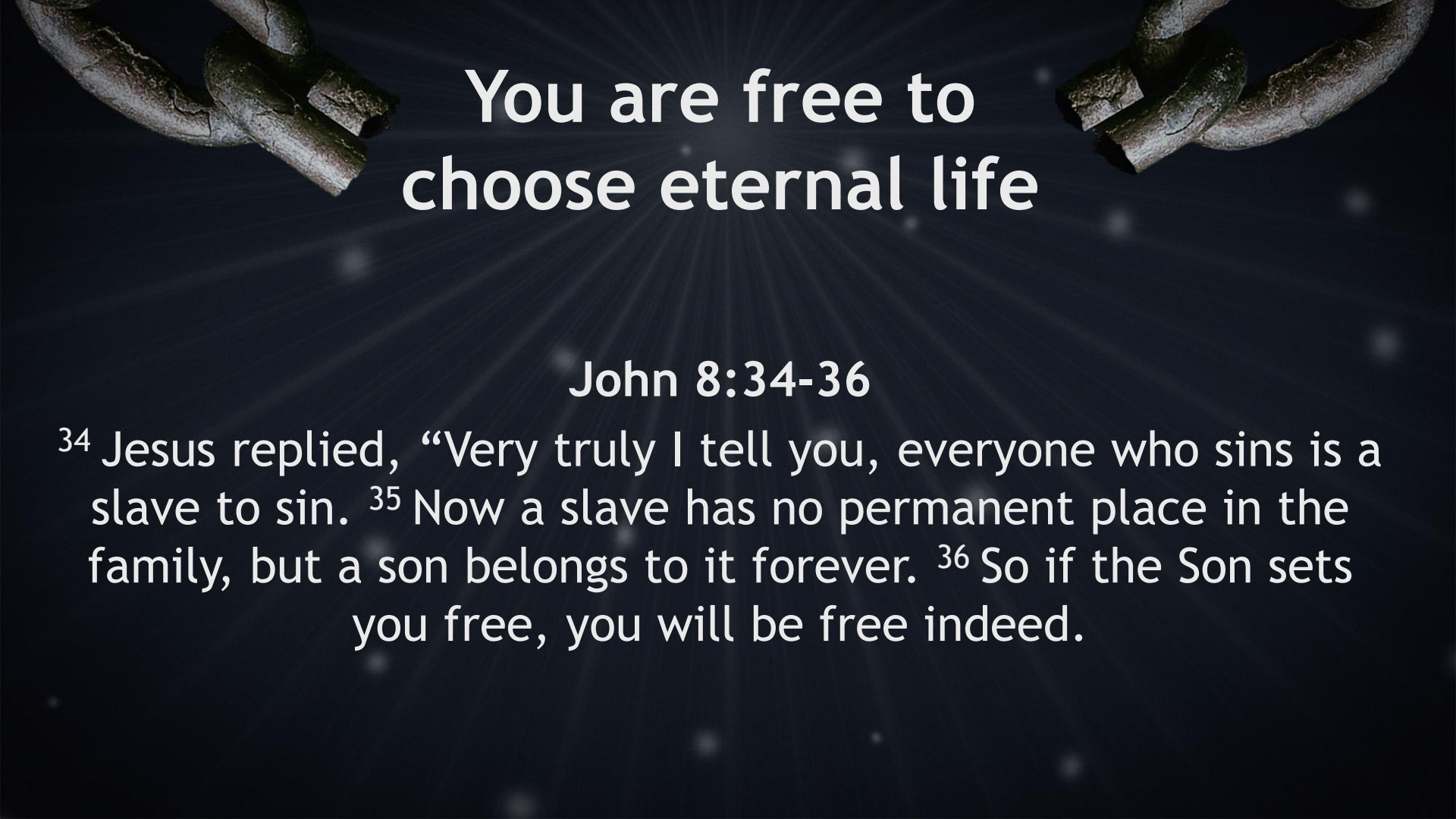
The freedom parable- The prodigal son

When was the prodigal son
truly free?



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Jesus paid the price
for our freedom on
the cross



**You are free to
choose eternal life**

John 8:34-36

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



Pierce my ear

Exodus 21:5-6

⁵ “But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,’
⁶ then his master must take him before the judges.^[a]
He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.