

Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Young Life • Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Island Gospel Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Creation Ministries International • Herald of Hope
- Sri Lankan Fellowship • Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church
- Matthew Khanzadeh with his ministry into Afghanistan and Iran

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- CBC Statement of faith
- Links to missions supported
- Online Sunday morning messages

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in
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*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher
of our faith*

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

A question that has arisen in the church is:

Does the Bible Support Slavery?

From: <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-questions/doesnt-the-bible-support-slavery/>

Some "white" Christians have used the Bible to convince themselves that owning slaves is okay and that slaves should obey their "earthly masters." Regrettably and shamefully, "white" Christians have frequently taken verses of Scripture out of context to justify the most despicable acts. In some cases, it could be argued that these people were not really Christians; they were not really born again but were adhering to a form of Christianity for traditional or national reasons. Nevertheless, we have to concede that there are genuine "white" Christians who have believed the vilest calumnies about the nature of "black" people and have sought support for their disgraceful views from the pages of the Bible. But what does the Bible really teach?

But was slavery in the Bible the same as harsh slavery? For example, slaves and masters are addressed in Paul's epistles. The term "slave" in [Ephesians 6:5](#) is better translated "bondservant." The Bible in no way gives full support to the practice of bondservants, who were certainly not paid the first century equivalent of the minimum wage. Nevertheless, they were paid something ([Colossians 4:1](#)) and were therefore in a state more akin to a lifetime employment contract rather than "racial" slavery. Moreover, Paul gives clear instructions that Christian "masters" are to treat such people with respect and as equals. Their employment position did not affect their standing in the Church

In the light of the above, here are a few pointers to remember:

1. Slaves under the Mosaic Law were different from the harshly treated slaves of other societies; they were more like servants or bondservants.
2. The Bible doesn't give an endorsement of slave traders but just the opposite ([1 Timothy 1:10](#)). A slave/bondservant was acquired when a person voluntarily entered into it when he needed to pay off his debts.
3. The Bible recognizes that slavery is a reality in this sin-cursed world and doesn't ignore it, but instead gives regulations for good treatment by both masters and servants and reveals they are equal under Christ.
4. Israelites could sell themselves as slaves/bondservants to have their debts covered, make a wage, have housing, and be set free after six years. Foreigners could sell themselves as slaves/bondservants as well.
5. Biblical Christians led the fight to abolish harsh slavery in modern times. without excuse."

May, 2023, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 7 th May	9.30 am	Family Prayer October
	10 am	Family Worship Service speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on 1 Thessalonians 1 Serving and Waiting
Tuesday, 9 th May	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 14 th May	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on 1 Thessalonians 2 A Christlike Ministry
Tuesday, 16 th May	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 21 st May	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker Steve Hilly Speaking on 1 Thessalonians 3 Steadfastness in the Faith
Tuesday, 23 rd May	7.30pm	Creation Meeting at the church
Sunday 28 rd May	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on 1 Thessalonians 4 The Rapture of the Church
Tuesday, 30 th May	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 4 th June	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on 1 Thessalonians 5 The Day of the Lord

See also: www.cbc.sn.au/calendar

* Tuesday & Thursday Night Bible Studies – See Karl Irving for Details

* Women's Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.