

3 CAUSES OF BONDAGE

6/30/18

- * Today, I have the opportunity to give two messages
 - * This first message -- 3 Causes of Bondage
 - * (For the record, I discussed some of this material on 7/2/11)
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Matt. 19:12 Why are people in bondage?
 3 types of eunuchs

1. Born that way
2. Made of men
3. For the kingdom of heaven

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1. BORN THAT WAY -- Heredity

Exod. 20:5 sins of father -- more than bad environment -- also,
bad heredity

Prov. 25:28 he who has no rule over his own spirit

Ezek. 18:10,14 a child can overcome the sins of parents

2. MADE OF MEN -- Environment

* Something done to you

Exod. 1:7-14 children of Israel -- in captivity
 15-16 edict against children

Rev. 6:3-4 2nd seal -- military conquest

Rev. 6:5-6 3rd seal -- worldwide economic bondage

* Something you do to yourself

James 1:14-15 succumbing to temptation

2 Pet. 2:19-22 returning to bondage

2 Cor. 11:20 accepting forms of abuse

- if someone brings you into bondage
- if someone devours you
- if someone takes from you
- if someone exalts himself over you
- if someone hits you in the face

3. FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD -- Commitment to God

1 Cor. 7:21-22 some were called while in slavery -- endured it
 until an opportunity to be free

John 18:36 Christ's deliberate choice

 37 Christ's specific purpose

John 8:59 Christ -- a time to hide

John 12:23-32
1 Pet. 4:13-16

Christ -- a time to be glorified
partaker of Christ's sufferings