

John 8:33~ They replied to him; We are Abraham's offspring,¹ and never have we been slaves to anybody. How is it you say, you will become free?

Footnote: Or, seed

1· Yet the Jews, upon hearing this, were offended at anyone calling them slaves to anything. They stated, that they were Abraham's children, and never had they become slaves to anyone. So they asked; How is it that you say? You will become free.

[Question] How did the Jews feel at being called a slave to anyone, and so what did they ask of Jesus?

2· And do not presume to say to yourselves, as a father we have Abraham. For I say to you, that God is able to raise up children to Abraham, from these stones. (Matthew 3:9)

[Question] What did John the Baptist tell the Pharisees, that they should not presume to think about themselves, and why?

3· For they are my slaves whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. They must not sell themselves the way a slave is sold. (Leviticus 25:42)

[Question] What were the Israelites not to do, and why?

4· In answer they said to him; Our father is Abraham. Jesus said to them; If you are Abraham's children, do the works of Abraham. (John 8:39)

[Question] What did Jesus tell those, who said that they were the offspring of Abraham?

5· True, the men from the sons of Levi who receive their priestly office, have a commandment to collect tithes from the people, according to the Law, that is, from their brothers, even if these have issued from the loins of Abraham. (Hebrews 7:5)

[Question] What right did the Levites have over their brothers, even though all had sprung from the loins of Abraham?