

In these days many have carried the idea of liberty so far as to make it

license. Others have reacted against this and questioned the whole concept. Ye

we find that it is ~~indeed~~ indeed a Biblical biblical concept. In the

pagan nations men were made slaves for ~~xxx~~ life, and treated cruelly. When

a Hebrew lost his ~~xxx~~ livelihood and went into slavery very strict provisions

~~xxxxxx~~ were laid down as to the treatment that must be given him, and in at (nc)

the year of jubilee liberty was to be proclaimed throughout the land and

~~xxx~~ the Hebrew slaves to be made free. There is here a picture of the situation

of mankind lost in sin, slaves to the Devil, held by their wicked, sinful

practices in a bondage that they cannot escape. Christ ~~xxxx~~ makes them free.

The ~~The~~ Lord said, "If the Son shall make you free then shall you be free indeed." IAAMV)

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (KJV)

Liberty in the true sense means freedom from artificial external control. It

does not of course mean that one is free to break God's law and misuse the

~~fine~~ wonderful body that God has lent him for a time. It means that he

is ~~xxxxxx~~ free from human, earthly restrictions that interfere with the

right to use his person and his possessions in ways that he believes will

contribute to the wellbeing of himself, of his family, and of mankind.

As long as there is any man who is controlled by sin and ready to

interfere with the wellbeing of others, a ~~xxxxxx~~ certain amount of governmental

restriction is necessary. When governmental restriction goes beyond what is

necessary to protect individuals from ~~xxx~~ violent or unjustified control

by other individuals it becomes itself a restriction on liberty. Man is

responsible to God and to Him alone. We speak of ourselves as bondservants

of the Lord, but this is a figure of speech. A bondservant is directed by

his master as to what he ~~xxxx~~ must do at every point. God has the right to

direct His people ~~in this way~~ at every point in this way, but it is not His