*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**HEADS HELD HIGH!**

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.” (**Leviticus 26:13 NIV)**

The imagery of this phrase, “Heads Held High,” portrays a situation where a class of people carry themselves with confidence and pride, having a sense of self-respect, feeling dignified, not ashamed and not afraid.

Before they were rescued from slavery, the Israelites constantly stooped under the yoke, and they were of dejected countenances. But now, God said, “I brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high. Wow! People who had walked head bowed for hundreds of years now have the effrontery to walk in the open in an erect stature! It calls for jubilation.

But do you realise that there is a parallel of that imagery when you accept Jesus as your LORD and Saviour? Even, much more!

Those who have surrendered their lives to Jesus have been enabled by God “to walk with heads held high.” They are no longer slaves to fear, to sin and its reward and to any harassment from the devil and his cohort. Their manner does not express pride, though, they are jubilating for being delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of his dear Son. Alleluia! **(Col 1:13)**

Not just that, **Romans 8:29** states that God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son. (NLT) That’s a screamer!

Martin Luther said, “The Christian man is the most free lord of all; the Christian man is the true servant of all.” We serve “with heads held high” because “his service is perfect freedom.”

Beloved, always remember: because you are a child of God, you have the right to walk with your ‘Head Held High!’