

Our Master in Heaven—Colossians 3:18-4:1

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In Colossians 4:1, Paul tells slave-owners that they too have a Master in heaven. The heavenly Master, the Lord Jesus, has been mentioned no less than six times in this *Haustafel*, or codes for the household, teaching us that every believer ultimately serves his or her Master in heaven. Living to serve our heavenly Master is life-transforming in at least two ways:

1. Regarding Christ as our heavenly Master teaches us to serve our *heavenly authority*. (Cf. Deut. 10:12-11:1)

2. Regarding Christ as our heavenly Master teaches us to serve our *earthly authorities*.