



William Wilberforce

William Wilberforce was a British politician who led, as a member of Parliament, a campaign which resulted in the abolishing of the slave trade in 1833. During his political career Wilberforce became an evangelical Christian, though he was influenced by a leading clergyman John Newton to stay in politics. John Newton himself had been, before he came into the ministry, a captain on several slave trading ships. He is the writer of the song 'Amazing Grace'.

When I saw a few days ago a film about William Wilberforce, I realised the striking similarity between the abolishing of the slave trade by Wilberforce and the abolishing of us as slaves now at this present time.

William Wilberforce pictures our Manifested Father, who is known to us by the Name of Yahshua, as William's name means: *'Delivering the Protection (William) of the Power of Strength (Wilberforce)'*. Our Manifested Father lives in our heart and He fights the battle in our parliament, the upper and lower house, that is to say, in the both hemispheres of our brain, which is our mind. The parliament in Wilberforce's time enslaved itself to the power of money for the 'good' of the British Empire, and so held the fate of the African slaves. In like manner is our mind enslaved to this same money, which gives us an illusion of security and progress, an illusion build upon the trust in 'self', which enslaves us and holds the fate of our body. Wilberforce finally broke the power of the parliament through the greed of the parliamentarians and so will Yahshua break the power of our mind through this 'trust in self', which is lust and creates war within us, which finally ends with our death (James 4:1).

As a Non-conformist William Wilberforce was attracted to John Newton. The 'old man' Newton typifies the flesh man. After his conversion, and into the ministry, he characterised, by supporting Wilberforce in his freedom fight for the slaves, John the Baptist or the present Judge who paves the 'way' for the coming King. The name John Newton also pictures an attribute of our Father, as his name means: *'YaHWaH Gives Life'* (John) through a *'New set of doctrines'* (New-ton). John Newton gave us the song 'Amazing Grace' which describes this 'New set of doctrines' as the unity or Love with our Father in: *"He will my Shield and Portion be'*. In the last couplet it shows that all of us slaves will be led home. There *'within the veil'* we will be united with Him, *and so with each other*, but then in the flesh, where we will *'sing Yah's praise'* as we did... before time began (last stanza).

Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725-1807)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.