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Responsibilities of Freedom

Moses introduced a new freedom to the children of Israel when he led them out of Egyptian slavery centuries ago. In the wilderness the Israelites learned that the free life was not always the easy life. Frequently they complained and declared that they had rather have died in the land of Egypt in slavery than to be alive and free in the wilderness.

Freedom presented certain problems then, as it does now. It **had** and it **has** responsibilities. As slaves the Israelites had been taking orders; they now had serious responsibilities connected with their freedom. We are told that sometimes they even longed for the leeks, the onions, and the garlic of Egypt.

Freedom will always have responsibilities. That is why in many ways it is easier for people to give up their freedom than to strive to maintain it. To maintain freedom requires constant vigilance.