

2/7/93

Jesus Our Kinsman Redeemer
Leviticus 25:47-49

The entire Bible is one continuous picture of God's love story of redeeming man, whom He created in His own image and likeness.

The most basic idea behind redemption is the idea of regaining or repossessing once again something that was your at one time.

Though man was God's alone prior to the fall, now his is a slave to sin and to the god of this world, who holds men captive at his will.

We want to ask three questions that will help us to see and understand the biblical concept of redemption for man through a kinsman redeemer. (Leviticus 25 gives the provision for the kinsman to redeem land and people).

- I. Why does man need redemption?
- II. What did God do to prepare man for redemption?
- III. How did God accomplished redemption for man?

I. Why does man need redemption?

- A. The entire human race fell from God's original creation. Rom.5:12.
* Sin was imputed to humanity because of Adam's sin as a federal head. (Imputation)

- all sinned - is in the aorist tense pointing to one act rather than one's own acts of sin.

- B. The entire race inherited sin nature.
 - Adam begot Seth in his own likeness, after his image. Gen.5:3.
 - If we say we have no sin (nature) we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 Jn.1:8
 - Gen 6:5, 12, Jer.17:9, Eph.2:2-3.
 - * Donald Grey Barnhouse - Man is like a three story house that was bombed in wartime:
 - 1) His spirit was destroyed
 - 2) His soul was ruined
 - 3) His body was destined to final collapse
- C. The entire human race is guilty before God for Adam's sin and the sins of their own sin nature being under God's wrath having no excuse.
 - a. By creation Rom.1:20.
 - b. By their conduct Rom.1:21-32.
 - c. By their conscience Rom.2:14-16.
 - * General revelation: Creation, conscience and history.
 - * Special revelation: Scriptures, dreams, visions, etc.
- D. The entire human race is spiritually dead, blind and a captive of Satan. 2 Cor.4:4, Eph.2:1, 2 Tim.2:26.
 - natural man considers the things of God as foolishness. 1 Cor.2:14.
 - His course of life is after the prince of this world a son of disobedience and by nature a child of wrath. Eph.2:2-3.
 - His understanding is darkened. Eph.4:18.
 - He is a slave to sin nature and acts of sin. Rom.6:2.

- The whole world lies under the way of the evil one. 1 Jn.5:19.

This is the reason why man needs redemption!

II. What did God do to prepare man for redemption?

- A. He provided the promise of a redeemer since the fall. Gen.3:15.
1. The promise came before the curse.
 2. The promise was of a virgin without a man, "the seed of the women."
- B. He provided redemption for Israel from Egypt. Ex.6:6-7.
1. From the bondage of Egypt. vs.6.
 2. From slaves of Pharaoh to people of God. vs.7.
- * Throughout the Psalms and Prophets, God declares to be Israel's Redeemer!
- C. He provided a sacrificial system of blood atonement. Lev.1-7.
1. The substitutionary sacrifice of the animal.
 2. The mediating priest.
 3. The blood as the means for atonement for sin, resulting in fellowship with God.
- D. He provided a kinsman redeemer within the law.
1. The word for redeemer in the Old Testament in it's root has to do with a kinsman or relative who could redeem his relatives from difficulty and danger, the word is ("ga'al").
- used with it's derivatives 118 times.

2. The word is used of the next of kin to redeem property sold for a debt or one who sold himself. Lev.25:25, 47-49.
3. The word is used of the kinsman who would be the avenger of blood for a relatives murder. Num.35:12, Deut.19:6.
* Story of Ruth depicts the benefit and joy of redemption!

This is what God did to prepare man for redemption!

III. How did God accomplish redemption for man?

- A. God became man without sin to identify with man as his kinsman redeemer or "ga'al", in the person of Jesus.
1. Jesus took on a kinsman body. Jn.1:1, 14.
 2. Jesus came according to the Scriptures. Gal.4:4, Jn.5:39.
- B. God made Jesus the lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.
1. The angel Gabriel declared He would save their people from their sins. Matt.1:21, Jn.1:29.
 2. God made Jesus sin for us who knew no sin that we might be the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor.5:21, Tit.2:14.
 3. God accomplished through His Son what the law could not do because of the weakness of our flesh and condemned sin in the flesh. Ro.8:3.
 4. God made Jesus our substitute on the cross, having become a curse for us. Gal.3:13, 1 Pet.2:24.

C. God made the blood of Jesus the token for redemption.

1. The quality of the blood was precious without sin. 1 Pet.1:18-19, Heb.9:22, Lev.17:11.
2. The efficiency of the blood was forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace. Eph.1:7.
 - * Where sin abounds much more does grace abound. Rom.5:17.
 - * Forgiveness means to send from one's self, to release from past sins and their penalty (Thayer).
3. The finality of our sins is described as far as east from west, remembering them no more and burying them in the depths of the sin. Ps.103:2, Jer.31:34, Mic.7:19.

D. God made Jesus our kinsman redeemer or "ga'al".

- * The word redemption has the idea of setting free.
 - There are three words in the New Testament
- 1. (**agorazo**) - from (agora) the public town square where one buys from 1 Cor.6:20.
- 2. (**exagorazo**) - ex - to buy out
 - agorazo - to market
 The idea of buying a slave in view of his freedom for oneself as an improved opportunity.
 - Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law that we might become adopted sons. Gal.3:3, 4:5.
- 3. (**apolutrosis**) - apo - off, away, depart
 - lutron - to loosen literally to destroy, dissolve with redemptive price, ransom in full. Eph.1:7.
 * Jesus is the kinsman redeemer of people and the earth. Rom.8:20, 21, Rev.5:1-7.

ILLUSTRATION

During the Civil War, a company of irregulars known as "bushwhackers" was arrested by the Union soldiers. Because they were guerrilla fighters and not in uniform, they were sentenced to be shot.

A courageous young boy in the Union Army touched his commanding officer on the arm and pleaded, "Won't you allow me to take the place of one of the men you have just condemned? I know him well-he has a large family who needs him badly. My parents are dead and I have few friends. No one will miss me. Please let me take his punishment!" The officer hesitated, but finally gave his consent. Pulling the husband and father to one side, the young man filled his position in the death line. On the stone that marks his grave in a little southern town are these words: "Sacred to the memory of Willy Lear. He took my place".

(Illus. for Bibl. Preaching: Robinson:361)

This is how God accomplished redemption for man!

* Job cried out, "I know that my redeemer lives and He shall stand at last on the earth", he was talking about Jesus. Job 19:25, Rev.5:9-10.

CONCLUSION

1. Do you see your need of redemption?
2. Can you see how God prepared man for redemption?
3. Won't you call on your kinsman ga'al to redeem you from the bondage of sin?

