



SUNDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Our Strong Redeemer

Passage: Jeremiah 50:33-34

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Introduction: As we look at our text tonight, we find ourselves again in the tension between sorrow and hope. Life in a broken world can feel like Babylon—overworked, overlooked, and overwhelmed. The pressures that bind us whisper, “You’re not getting free.” Yet right into that despair, God speaks a greater word: “Their Redeemer is strong.” When the load is too heavy for our hands to lift, He takes hold, and what was impossible becomes possible. Tonight’s passage reminds us that we are not forgotten, not forsaken, and not powerless—for the LORD of hosts is our Redeemer, and He is strong.

I. The People in Need of Redemption (Verse 33)

You may not be exiled in Babylon, but some of God’s children live like it. You carry anxiety that won’t release, memories that won’t quiet, addictions/patterns that won’t break, pressures that won’t ease. You’re not unsaved—but you feel stuck.

Some of us add to our own weariness by thinking we must fix ourselves, free ourselves, or feel better before God can help.

II. The Person of Our Redemption (Verse 34a)

Think of Boaz in the book of Ruth. Ruth was helpless and had no future, but Boaz stepped in as her redeemer. That’s just a small picture of what God does for us.



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"Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 41:14)

Stop measuring your burdens against your strength; measure them against God's strength.

III. The Power of Our Redeemer (Verse 34b)

A. He Pleads Our Cause

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (Romans 8:34)

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25)

When you cannot find the words, your Redeemer is already speaking your name before the Father. He thoroughly pleads—not halfway, not part-time. He completes the case.

B. He Disquiets Our Enemies

Whatever raises its fist against God's people will eventually face the strong hand of the Redeemer.

When Christ steps in for His own, the camp is not in charge; Christ is.

IV. The Peace of Redemption (Verse 34c)

The Strong Redeemer acts for His people so that His people might rest. Not a lazy rest, but a settled rest—soul-rest, guilt-rest, fear-rest.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in



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heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

*“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.” - Horatio Spafford*

God’s yoke is the place of rest. His will is the address of peace. Lay it down—and then walk in what He supplies.

Conclusion: So then, let us walk from sorrow to hope with heads lifted—not because the chains have vanished by our strength, but because our Redeemer has broken them by His. He is strong when we are weak, faithful when we wander, and generous when we come empty. Do not forget the ticket He has already purchased—peace, nearness, and rest. Name your Babylon, confess your need, choose His rest, and step forward in faith. Your Redeemer is strong; your cause is His; your rest is sure.



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