

## Don't Ever Forget

### Redemption Is Real

We have been in a series called, "Don't Ever Forget"

Forget what? God's **benefits**.

Last week – He crowns (**surrounds**) you with favor and tender love.

#### **Psalm 103:1-4**

1. The Lord has redeemed your life from **destruction**.

Redeemed – **Ga'al**

- This word refers to a **person**.

The word speaks of the **closest** relative to you that has the **ability** and **right** to redeem you and your property.

So David is saying to you and me:

2. The Lord is your **Ga'al**, He is your **nearest** relative to you; He is the only one able to redeem your life from **destruction**.
3. Jesus is called in scripture, the near-kinsman **Redeemer**.

See – our understanding of redemption is not quite like the **Biblical** truth of redemption:

- We think redemption is **trade**.
  - We **trade** stamps and we get a can opener.

That's not what redeem means in the **Bible**.

4. Redeem in the Bible literally means: to **buy back**.

- Jesus didn't **buy** you – He bought you **back**.

5. Jesus is the **original** Owner, the near-kinsman **Redeemer**, the closest **Relative**, and the only one who had the **right** of redemption and bought you back.

- Every person is born **sold** into slavery.
  - Because of **Adam's** sin, we are in bondage to **sin**.
  - We were born with a nature that is bent toward sin – in **slavery** to it.
- So we had to have a near-kinsman redeemer to buy us **back**.

Verse 4 again: “Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies”

- The word destruction can be translated, “**pit**”

Verse 4 could read like this: Jesus bought us back from going to **Hell**.

6. You have been redeemed from **eternal** separation from God.

There are three conclusions of redemption:

A. Redemption means **dominion**.

What I want to show you are three prophetic pictures of redemption.

**Jeremiah 32:6-7**

- Notice the right of redemption is yours to **buy** – Jeremiah had this **right**.

**Jeremiah 32:8-10** Jeremiah is in prison

- Notice there were 2 rights (**redemption** and **inheritance**)

Verse 11 tells us now of 2 deeds (**sealed** and **open**)

**Jeremiah 32:11**

**Jeremiah 32:12-14**

**Jeremiah 32:15** – prophetic

Jeremiah says: Buy this field to tell all of Israel after 70 years later, I will **bring you back**.

- God was going to **redeem** them.

There were:

2 Rights:

- Right of **redemption**
- Right of **inheritance**

2 Deeds:

- **Sealed** deed
- **Open** deed

There were 2 things that can be sold and redeemed:

- **Land**
- **People**

- You could sell your **land** and you could sell yourself as a **slave**.

After **50** years, it would be returned – the year of **Jubilee**.

You have the right of **inheritance** also in this story. I own land – my **kids** have the right of inheritance.

Jeremiah had that right – the right of **inheritance**.

How do you have the right in your family of inheritance?

- Be the **firstborn** son.

Question: Who had the right of inheritance and the right of redemption for us?

Answer: **Jesus** – God's first begotten Son.

- Jesus bought us back (but we had **sin**)
- So Jesus **redeems** us.

This story says: there are two deeds:

- **Open**
- **Sealed**

The open deed is open to see the names of **owners** – it's where we understand **dominion**.

- Every time a piece of property is sold, they would **mark out** the name on the deed who owned it before and write the **new** owner's name on it.

But, the original owner would keep the sealed deed.

Why is this important? Who is the original owner of the world? **God** is.

What does the open and sealed deed represent spiritually?

7. God gave the open deed to Adam and said, here is the open deed to the earth, and Adam **lost** it.

I've got good news for you! Guess who kept the sealed deed?

In Revelation 5, the **Father** is sitting on the throne and is holding a **sealed** scroll in His hand.

### **Revelation 5:1-10**

8. So on the cross, Jesus dies and sheds His blood for us and marches into Hell and is there for three days and says to Satan, give me the **open** deed. I am buying it back – the **land** and the **people**.

The first thing redemption means **dominion**.

9. You and I now have dominion back because **Jesus** bought it back.

Here is the second thing redemption means:

### B. **Marriage**

#### **Ruth 4:1**

Close relative – **near kinsman**

#### **Ruth 4:2-3**

**Ruth 4:4** – buy it back – or **redeem** it

#### **Ruth 4:5-6**

- He said, you have to buy this land for **Naomi**.
- But you won't be able to **inherit** it so you will have to marry Ruth and raise up a **son**.
- The guy said, I don't want to do that – he had the right of redemption, but not **inheritance**.

Here is the spiritual meaning:

- We were bought back with a **price**.

### 1 Corinthians 6:20

### 1 Corinthians 7:23

- Do not become slaves of **men**, you are owned by **God**.

10. God not only bought you 2000 years ago, He married you (He **proposed** to you) because He wants you to have the inheritance. The inheritance is **Him** and eternal life in **Heaven**.

Boaz and Ruth is a **love** story.

The guy **rejected** Boaz's suggestions, but Boaz wanted Ruth and set it up so he could **redeem** her and give the inheritance.

- This is a **prophetic** picture of Jesus.

Boaz had his eye on **Ruth**.

Jesus had His eye on **you**.

- He not only **paid** the price for you, He got down on one knee and **proposed**.

11. The whole reason He paid the price was so He could marry you – it means **marriage**.

Here is the third thing redemption means:

### C. Redemption means **commitment**.

When He redeems our life from destruction, it not only means that He gives us **dominion**, and we become His **family**, but it means **commitment**.

Question: How committed is Jesus to the marriage?

Destruction that He redeems you from is called **pit**, but the root word is **trap**.

Redeems is not **past** tense – it **continues**.

Any time you fall, He continues to **redeem**.

- All of the benefits are **present** tense:

Who **forgives** all

He **heals** all

He **crowns**

Next week: He **satisfies**

One more prophetic picture: In Hosea, most only see the first part, not the second part:

- God told Hosea to marry a **prostitute** to show what He did for us.
- So Hosea marries a **prostitute** (only the **first** part)
- They have three children (two sons and a daughter)
- Hosea falls in love with her, she **leaves**, and goes back into **prostitution**.

She goes into a different prostitution – she went back into **slavery**. She sold herself and be with a man two to three months and they would sell her to another man (abuse, etc).

They **owned** her.

She falls in a trap or a pit and is on the **auction** block.

The guy asks for money and a voice from the back says, 2000 dollars – it was **Hosea**.

Hosea:

- Walks up to **her**
- Takes the **handcuffs** off her wrists
- Gets down on one knee, and asks her to **marry** him again.

That's what Jesus does: He continues and continues to **buy** us back every time we sell ourselves to the **world**.