

## Living A Kingdom Lifestyle

### The Benefit Of Absolute Change

#### **Psalm 103:1-3**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup>Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

Verse 4 – Who redeems your life from destruction...

- Let's look at the word "redeem"
- Hebrew word: Ga'al – refers to a person
- It refers to a person who is – ga'al

This means: The person is the closest relative to you with the ability to redeem you or your property.

- Ga'al is the only one who can redeem your life from destruction.
- He is the only one who can redeem your family.
- He is the only one who can redeem your finances.
- He is the only one who can redeem your health.

1. Ga'al is called in scripture the near-kinsman redeemer.

The word, redeem – literally means to buy back.

2. Jesus didn't buy you, Jesus bought you back.

- Jesus is the original Owner.
- Jesus is the near-kinsman Redeemer.
- Jesus is the closest relative to you and is the only one that had the right of redemption.

Here is the explanation:

- Because of the sin of Adam – we are all born into bondage or enslaved by sin.

You and I had to have a near-kinsman redeemer come and buy us back.

- The word, destruction is also translated pit.
- It is speaking of Hell.

3. The meaning is Jesus, our near-kinsman bought us back from going to Hell.

4. We have been redeemed from eternal separation from God because of our near-kinsman Redeemer.

What does it mean to be redeemed?

A. Being redeemed gives dominion.

- Let me show you three prophetic pictures of redemption.

### **Jeremiah 32:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> And Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>7</sup> 'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, "Buy my field which *is* in Anathoth, for the right of redemption *is* yours to buy *it*.'" '

- Notice the right of redemption

Verse 8 – Jeremiah in prison

### **Jeremiah 32:8**

<sup>8</sup>Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Please buy my field that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance *is* yours, and the redemption yours; buy *it* for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

- We have the right of redemption, now the right of inheritance.

### **Jeremiah 32:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>So I bought the field from Hanamel, the son of my uncle who was in Anathoth, and weighed *out to* him the money—seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>And I signed the [b](#) deed and sealed *it*, took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales.

- Now bought a sealed deed and an open deed.

### **Jeremiah 32:12-15**

<sup>12</sup>and I gave the purchase deed to Baruch the son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the purchase deed, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison. <sup>13</sup>"Then I charged Baruch before them, saying, <sup>14</sup>'Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these deeds, both this purchase deed which is sealed and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last many days.'" <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land." ' "

5. God says buy these fields because I want the people to know I will bring you back into your land.

Question: Also, Jeremiah was in prison – why would someone in prison buy property?

Answer: It is a prophetic picture God was going to redeem them and us.

Go over this again:

2 rights – rights of redemption, right of inheritance.

2 deeds – a sealed deed – an open deed

In Israel, there were 2 things that could be sold or redeemed – land and people

Here is the difference between the right of redemption and the right of inheritance:

- If my father owns land – I have the right of inheritance (if something happens to him)
- My dad has a living sibling – He has the right of redemption.
- If my dad died, my uncle had the right of redemption to buy the land back for my mother.
- Now if my uncle died – my brother who is older, then has the right of redemption and the right of inheritance.

\* Jeremiah had both rights (redemption and inheritance)

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

Answer: Jesus – God's first begotten Son.

Our Lord and Savior had the right of redemption (there's no uncle) and He had the right of inheritance.

Question: When did Jesus get us back?

Answer: The year of Jubilee

Luke 4 – His first sermon – this is the year of Jubilee.

4:21 – "...today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearts"

4:19 – "the acceptable year of the Lord"

Jesus gets us back – but there is a problem – we are married – our sin has to be paid for.

Jesus not just wants to inherit us, He wants to redeem us.

Let's talk about the open deed and the sealed deed.

These deeds will show you dominion and how we got dominion back.

Explanation:

- Every time a property is sold, they would put the name on the open deed
- But the original owners kept the sealed deed (never open – but if sold, always put new name on the open deed)

Question: Who is the original owner of the world?

Answer: God is

**Psalm 24:1**

The earth *is* the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

- The Land and the people belong to God.
- \* Today – God owns everything you have.
- \* You don't own yourself – the earth is God's

What does the open and sealed deed represent spiritually?

- God gave the open deed to Adam
- Adam through sin lost it

When Satan tempted Jesus, he showed Jesus all the world and said it's mine – Jesus didn't argue.

- Satan got the open deed from Adam.

Here's the good news – guess who kept the sealed deed?

**Revelation 5:1-5**

And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup>So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup>But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

- Jesus is worthy because He has the right of inheritance and redemption.

So Jesus, for 3 days, marches in Hell and told Satan give up the deed I am buying it back. Jesus got all the property and people.

### **Ephesians 4:7-13**

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup> (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

- Jesus got the deed back – we get dominion back – it's a benefit; Satan deceives

Second:

B. To redeem is a marriage

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

Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. <sup>2</sup> And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. <sup>3</sup> Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which *belonged* to our brother Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> And I

thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy *it* back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if you will not redeem *it*, then tell me, that I may know; for *there* is no one but you to redeem *it*, and I *am* next after you.' "

And he said, "I will redeem *it*."

- Boaz has the right of redemption

Verse 5 – Boaz then brings up inheritance

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

<sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy *it* from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance." <sup>6</sup>And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem *it*."

\* We were bought back

### **1 Corinthians 6:20**

<sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

### **1 Corinthians 7:23**

<sup>23</sup>You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. <sup>24</sup>Brethren, let each one remain with God in that *state* in which he was called.

You are owned by God and here is the good news: God not only bought you, then He married you! He proposed to you to give you the ability of inheritance.

6. Your inheritance is being in Him and eternity in His kingdom.

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

- This is a prophetic picture of Jesus



The third:

### C. Redemption means commitment

Question: How committed is Jesus to the marriage?

He redeems your life from destruction – pit or trap

Redeem is not past tense – He continues to give you all the benefits of redemption

All God's benefits are for today and tomorrow

Past-present-future

Read the book of Hosea – here is the story

- God told Hosea to marry a prostitute
- God tells Hosea to do this to show us His commitment to us.
- They have 3 children together and after several years she leaves
- She went back into slavery prostitution – they would use her and abuse her and literally own her – destroys her life in a pit.
- At that time, she was sold for 3 to 5 dollars and resold
- A voice from the back at the auction block yells 2,000 dollars.

Hosea spends 2,000 dollars to buy her back

Hosea walks up, pays the money, takes the chains off her feet, handcuffs off her wrists, gets down on one knee and says will you marry me? Will you come home?

- \* That's what Jesus does for us – we are redeemed and have inheritance.