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At the birth of Jesus, the godly in Jerusalem were described as,

- Lk 2.8 **they who looked for redemption** (cp Lk 24.21).

But, although the Redeemer came and paid the price of our redemption, the fulness of that redemption clearly did not come at the 1st Coming. For, speaking of events before His 2nd Coming, Jesus said,

- Lk 21.28 *When these things begin to come pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for **your redemption draweth nigh.***

That prophesied Day of Redemption is now very near.

But what exactly *is* the redemption that Jesus taught us to look for? Why is it needed?

Why is Redemption Needed? Man's Lost Original Liberty, Condition & Inheritance

The basic meaning of redemption is to regain possession of something in exchange for payment, entailing a full restoration of the original, a full recovery of all that was lost.

To understand why we need redemption and what needs to be recovered, let us look at the original inheritance Adam lost when he heeded the voice of the serpent in the Garden.

The Image & Glory of God

Man was originally made in God's image and crowned with glory.

- Gen 1.26 God said, Let us make man ***in our image and after our likeness***
- 1 Cor 11.7 (man) is ***the image and glory of God***
- Ps 8.4-8 What is man...? For... thou hast ***crowned him with glory***

But that glory was lost.

- Ro 3.23 All have sinned and ***come short of the glory of God.***
- 1 P 1.24 All flesh is as grass, and ***all the glory of man as the flower of grass***

Liberty

The loss of man's glory through his sin resulted also in the loss of his original liberty. He was sold into captivity/slavery to sin.

- Ro 5.12 by one man ***sin entered*** the world
- Ro 7.14 ***sold under sin***
- Ro 7.22-24 I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into ***captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*** O wretched man that I am! ***Who shall deliver me*** from the body of this death?
- Gal 5.17 the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary one to the other: ***so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.***

The link between the loss of man's ***glory*** and the loss of his ***liberty*** is illustrated in Paul's description of the future liberty that will accompany the restoration of the original glory.

- Ro 8.21 the creature (*i.e., the creation*) itself also shall be delivered... into the glorious liberty (= ***the liberty of the glory***) of the sons of God

(To further see the link between liberty and glory, consider the following. The Spirit is termed "***the Spirit of glory***" (1 P 4.14), and that, "***where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty***" (2 Cor 3.17). It is no coincidence, therefore, that it is the same Spirit who brings liberty who is even now progressively changing us "***from glory to glory***" (2 Cor 3.18).)

Eternal Life

Loss of eternal life resulted in sickness, ageing, corruption & death.

- Ro 5.12 by one man ***sin entered*** the world, ***and death by sin***
- Ro 8.21 the ***bondage to corruption***
- Gen 2.16-17 in the day that thou eatest thereof ***thou shalt surely die***
- Gen 3.24 he placed at the east (= *front, i.e., entrance*) of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and ***a flaming sword... to keep the way of the tree of life***

Face-To-Face Fellowship with God

- Gen 3.8 they heard the voice of the Lord God ***walking in the garden*** in the cool of the day
- Gen 3.24 ***he drove out the man***; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword

Dominion Over the Earth

At the beginning, man was given dominion over the earth.

- Gen 1.28 (God said...) ***let them have dominion... over all the earth***
- Ps 8.4-8 What is man...? For... ***thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands...***
- Ps 115.16 ***the earth hath he given to the children of men***

After the Fall, the legal title to the earth returned to its original Owner.

- Lev 25.23 the land shall not be sold for ever: for ***the land is mine***
- Ps 24.1 ***the earth is the Lord's***, and the fulness thereof

But possession was taken by a usurper, the evil one.

- Lk 4.5-6 the devil... shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And... said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: ***for that is delivered unto me***; and to whomsoever I will give it.
- Jn 12.31 ***the prince of this world***
- 2 Cor 4.4 ***the god of this world***

Furthermore, because of his disobedience, not only was man cursed and lost his dominion over the earth, but the earth itself was also cursed.

- Gen 3.17-19 Because thou hast... eaten of the tree... ***cursed is the ground for thy sake***...Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee... In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread
- Ro 8.20,22 ***the creature (i.e., the creation) was made subject to vanity... the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.***

So, the situation was dire. Man had lost his original inheritance and was a slave of sin, and the earth was cursed. Redemption was the only hope of freedom and restoration of the lost inheritance, and lifting of the earth's curse. But how/who?

The Hope & Manner of the Restoration of Man's Lost Freedom & Inheritance Foreshadowed in the OT Law of Redemption

The Old Testament is a shadow of things to come (Col 2.17; Heb 10.1). So, the law of redemption in Leviticus 25 is a detailed foreshadow, a prophetic foreview of **spiritual** redemption, and of the full recovery of everything Adam originally was and had, but lost.

So, before considering **spiritual** redemption, let us first look at the OT foreshadow of the need for, hope of and manner of manner of **natural** redemption.

Why is Redemption Needed?

Poverty sometimes forced an Israelite to sell his land or even himself and his family.

- **Lost personal freedom**
 - **if thy brother...** be waxen poor and **be sold unto thee** ... he shall serve with thee ... (v39-41).
- **Lost possession/inheritance**
 - If thy brother be waxen poor and hath **sold away some of his possession** (v25).

The Hope of Redemption

The OT law gave the Israelite hope of a full recovery of all that was lost or sold.

- **Restored personal freedom**
 - **They are my servants... they shall not be sold as bondmen** (= slaves)... **unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants** (v42,55), (*Unlike non-Israelites, who could be sold into perpetual servitude*) (v44-46).
 - if thy brother... be waxen poor and be sold unto thee... he shall serve with thee... **and then shall he depart from thee**, both he and his children, **and shall return unto his own family** (v39-41) (i.e., if sold to an Israelite).
 - If... thy brother... sell himself unto the stranger (*i.e. to a non-Israelite*)... after that he is sold, **he may be redeemed again** (v47-48).
- **Restored possession/inheritance**
 - **the land shall not be sold for ever** (v23).
 - ye shall **return every man unto his possession** (v10).

How Redeem? The Manner & Timing of Redemption

There were two ways to experience redemption.

- **In the year of jubilee**, without price, every 50th year, when the jubilee trumpet sounded on the Day of Atonement (10th day of the 7th month) to proclaim liberty (v9-10).
 - **proclaim liberty** throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants (v10) (e.g. 2 K 4.1)
- **Earlier**, if a redemption price was paid,
 - **By the man himself** becoming able to pay the price (v26); or,
 - **By a redeemer** paying the price (v25).

Who Redeem? The Qualifications Necessary for a Potential Redeemer

To fulfil the role of redeemer, there were three essential qualifications.

- **To be willing to pay the redemption price**; there was no **obligation**.
 - the **right** (*i.e. legal privilege, but not obligation*) of redemption is thine (Jer 32.7-8).
- **To be able to pay the redemption price**.
 - if he be **not able** to restore it (v26,28).
- **To be a near relative or kinsman**, not merely a friend. (The root meaning of the word "redeem" is a near relative.)
 - **if any of his kin** come to redeem it (v25);
 - **one of his brethren** may redeem him: either his uncle, or his uncle's son ... **or any that is nigh of kin** (v48-49).

Even Before the Fall, There Was Already a Divine Plan in Place to Redeem & to Restore Man's Lost Condition & Inheritance

God was not taken by surprise by the Fall. From the beginning, in fact from before the beginning, He had a plan to redeem and restore what was lost.

How the Lost Inheritance Would Be Redeemed Was Foreshadowed by How the Lord Covered the Shame of Adam & Eve: By the Shedding of Innocent Blood

A fundamental feature of the plan of redemption was foreshadowed in how the shame of Adam and Eve was covered,

- Gen 3.21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make **coats of skins**, and clothed them

The price of those skins was the deaths of those innocent, sinless animals and the shedding of their blood.

The necessity of the death of an innocent as the only way to cover the effects of the Fall was prophetically revealed to Abel. (Jesus described him as the first prophet in Luke 11.49-51.)

- Gen 4.4 Abel... **brought of the firstlings of his flock** (i.e. a blood sacrifice)... and the Lord had respect unto (= literally, burned, i.e., fire came out from the Lord and consumed it) Abel and to his offering
- Heb 11.4 **By faith** (i.e., faith in revelation) Abel offered **a more excellent sacrifice** than Cain

But Where Could an Acceptable Sacrifice Be Found to Pay the Price to Redeem Man's Lost Condition & Inheritance?

It must be a man, for sin entered by man (Ro 5.12). But there was a major problem. Who? Where could a willing man be found whose blood would be an acceptable sacrifice?

- **It could not be Adam.** Though created the perfect son of God (Lk 3.38), he fell and was the one responsible for sin entering. He himself needed redemption.
- **It could not be any man born subsequently.** All were unclean and likewise needed redemption.
 - Job 15.14 **What is man, that he should be clean?** and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
 - Job 25.4 **how can he be clean that is born of a woman?**
 - Ps 51.5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and **in sin did my mother conceive me.**

The situation seemed hopeless.

The Solution: God Himself Would Pay the Redemption Price

But God had a solution.

- Just as the fig leaves of Adam and Eve were of no avail to hide their shame (Gen 3.7), so they themselves could never pay the price to recover what they had lost.
- So, just as the covering was provided by God, He Himself would become their Redeemer and pay the redemption price.

Since a redeemer must be a kinsman,

- God would become flesh in the man Christ Jesus.
- Though a man, Christ would not be born in sin, being conceived by the Holy Ghost.
- As the sinless, innocent Lamb of God (Jn 1.29), His perfect, precious blood would be the redemption price to recover everything lost at the Fall.

Truly, as Jonah cried out from the belly of the great fish, "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jon 2.9).

- Isa 49.26 ***I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer***
- Isa 60.16 ***I the Lord am thy Redeemer***
- 1 Cor 1.30 ***Christ Jesus... is made unto us... redemption***

The Plan of Redemption Was No Rushed Emergency Reaction: It Was Foreordained Long Before the Fall; in Fact, Before the Foundation of the World

The plan to redeem and restore was no hasty reaction to an unforeseen emergency. It was in place from before the Fall, from the very beginning. In fact, from even before the beginning.

- Rev 13.8 the Lamb ***slain from the foundation of the world.***
- 1 P 1.20 (Christ) was ***foreordained (= foreknown) before the foundation of the world***

Furthermore, those to be Redeemed were Predestinated, Chosen & Called in the Same Way

- Rev 17.8 whose names were ... ***written*** in the book of life ***from the foundation of the world***
- Eph 1.4,5,7 hath ***chosen*** us in (Christ) ***before the foundation of the world... having predestinated us...*** in whom we have redemption through his blood
- 2 Tim 1.9 ***called*** with an holy calling, not according to our works, but ***according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ before the world began.***

From the Beginning of the World, the Full Restoration of Everything Lost Was Predicted

- Acts 3.21 (Jesus Christ) whom the heaven must receive until ***the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began.***

The Fact & Significance of that Coming Prophesied Redemption Was Understood from Earliest Times

Long before the law of redemption was given at Sinai, from earliest times, the fact and significance of the plan of redemption was understood by the righteous.

Job had the revelation of a Redeemer standing on the earth at the last day and ***restoring man's condition to what it had been before the Fall.*** Though his flesh may corrupt, a change would take place. He would be delivered from death and the bondage of corruption and see God face to face in a resurrected, restored body of flesh.

- Job 19.25-27 I know that ***my redeemer*** liveth, and that he ***shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and*** though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet ***in my flesh shall I see God.***
- Job 14.14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time ***will I wait, till my change come.***

To the patriarch Abraham it was revealed that ***man's original dominion over the earth would be restored.***

- Ro 4.13 the promise *(to Abraham and his seed)* that he should be ***heir of the world***

Finally, the Long-Anticipated Redeemer Came; The Redemption Price was Paid

When He Came, Christ Satisfied the 3 Requirements of the OT Law

1) He was willing to pay the redemption price

He **willingly** laid down His life to pay the price.

- Jn 10.15,18 I lay down my life for the sheep... No man taketh it from me, but **I lay it down of myself.**
- 1 Tim 2.5-6 the man Christ Jesus... **gave himself a ransom** (= literally, a redemption price) for all
- Mt 20.28 the Son of man **came... to give his life a ransom** (= literally, a redemption price) for many

2) He was able to pay the price

- The price of our redemption was more than any other man was able to pay.
- That price was blood (i.e., death). But to be acceptable it had to be perfect blood.
- Since the Fall, however, the blood of man is imperfect. All men are now born in sin.
- Christ, however, though a man, was not born in sin. He was conceived in the virgin Mary by the Holy Ghost. He was the sinless, innocent Lamb of God (Jn 1.29). **So, His blood was perfect. It was the very blood of God Himself** (Acts 20.28).

3) He became our Kinsman

No angel could pay the price. Only a man could pay for the sin of man. So, although in the form of God, He took upon Him the likeness of men, partaking of flesh and blood.

- Jn 1.1,14 the Word was God... and **the Word was made flesh**
- Phil 2.6-7 who being in the form of God... **was made in the likeness of men**
- Heb 2.14 Forasmuch then as the children are **partakers of flesh and blood**, he also himself likewise took part of the same

On the Cross, His Blood Was Shed to Pay the Redemption Price

- Eph 1.7 we have **redemption through his blood**
- Ti 2.14 who **gave himself for us, that he might redeem us** from all iniquity
- Heb 9.12 **by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, **having obtained eternal redemption for us.**
- 1 P 1.18-19 ye were... **redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ,** as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- Rev 5.9 **thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us** to God **by thy blood**

But That Was Not the End; Although the Redemption Price was Paid, Christ did Not Straightaway Claim & Repossess the Full Lost Inheritance

On the cross Jesus uttered the blessed words, "It is finished" (Jn 19.30), Having obtained eternal redemption, He then entered the Holy Place in heaven by His blood and sat down at the right hand of God.

- Heb 1.3 when he had by himself purged our sins, (he) **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.**

But although the sacrifice was complete and the legally-required redemption price to buy back the lost original inheritance fully paid, the work of redemption was not yet over. He did not at that time claim or take possession of that for which He had paid the purchase price. We still await the Day of Redemption of the purchased possession.

- Eph 1.14 **until the redemption** of the purchased possession
- Eph 4.30 sealed **unto the day of redemption.**

When Will He Do That? When the Last Redeemed Name Comes in

Why did He not take possession after the cross?

- He is waiting until every name in the Book of Life is redeemed.
- In this Book are written all the redeemed that He died for.
- He will remain on His mediatorial Seat, interceding (Heb 7.25; Ro 8.34; 1Jn 2.-2), until every last one has come.
- Only when the last name is come will He rise to claim and take possession of the purchased possession.
- That is the Day of Redemption.

So, redemption is both present and future. In one sense ***we already have*** redemption.

- Eph 1.7 in whom we ***have*** redemption through his blood

But, although already redeemed, ***we still await*** redemption. We do not experience its fulness until the redemption of the body at ***the future Day*** of Redemption.

What happens while we await that Day?

Waiting for the Redemption of the Purchased Possession

What do we do whilst awaiting the Day of Redemption? Through the Spirit we,

- Groan for that Day;
- Have the promise/anticipation of that Day;
- Enjoy the foretaste of that Day.

We Groan Within for Full Redemption & Deliverance from Corruption, along with the Whole Creation, which was Cursed together with its Master

While we await that Day, we groan to experience full redemption.

- Ro 8.23 ***we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.***
- 2 Cor 5.4 ***we*** that are in this tabernacle ***do groan, being burdened:*** not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, ***that mortality might be swallowed up of life.***

Such groanings are not carnal but holy, in the Spirit, like Jesus Himself.

- Jn 11.33 When ***Jesus***... saw her weeping... he ***groaned in the spirit.***
- Ro 8.26 ***the Spirit itself*** maketh intercession for us (*i.e., uniting in one with our own inner prayers, v27*) ***with groanings which cannot be uttered.***

In fact, the same unutterable groanings for deliverance are echoed by the whole creation.

- Ro 8.19-22 ***The earnest expectation of the creature*** (= creation) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God... ***because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption*** into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. For we know that ***the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.***

(The reference to travail is very significant. The word means to be in labour, i.e., in anticipation of us giving birth to a new earth, free from the bondage of corruption.)

The Redeemed Believer is Sealed by the Spirit as an Earnest/Promise of the Future Day of Redemption & Recovery of the Full Original Inheritance

The Holy Ghost is God's seal/promise that everything Christ died for belongs to us, pending our future full redemption. He is the earnest (= guarantee, down payment, pledge of future full payment) of that inheritance.

- 2 Cor 1.22 who hath also ***sealed us*** and ***given us the earnest of the Spirit*** in our hearts
- Eph 1.13-14 in whom ... ye were ***sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise***, which is ***the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption*** of the purchased possession
- Eph 4.30 ***sealed unto the day of redemption***

But the Spirit is Not Just the Promise of the Future Full Redemption of our Original Inheritance; He is a Present Foretaste of it

Although not yet having the fulness, through the Spirit we may taste the firstfruits of our future full redemption and inheritance.

- Ro 8.23 ourselves also, ***which have the firstfruits of the Spirit***, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body

Just as the children of Israel tasted in the present wilderness the firstfruits of their future inheritance in the Land of Promise (Nu 13.20), so the redeemed believer, through the Spirit, may enjoy now, in this present world, the firstfruits of our future redemption/inheritance.

In fact, by the Spirit, Whilst Awaiting our Future Full Redemption, We Are Already Even Now Being Renewed & Transformed/Changed back into our Original Image from Glory to Glory

We are being renewed day by day by the Spirit.

This renewing is far more than a reviving, a restoring of lost energy. It is exactly what it says, a being made new, a new man.

- Ti 3.5 ***the... renewing of the Holy Ghost***
- 2 Cor 4.16 the inward man is ***renewed day by day***

That renewing is progressively changing/transforming us back to the original lost image and glory of God which Christ died to redeem.

- Ro 12.2 ***transformed (= changed) by the renewing of your mind*** (cp Eph 4.23)
- 2 Cor 3.18 we all... beholding... the glory of the Lord, are ***changed (= transformed) into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.***
- Col 3.10-11 And have put on the new man which is ***renewed... after the image of him that created him***

**The Prophetic Word for This Day:
Look Up, For Your Redemption Draweth Nigh**

Soon the Redeemer will Descend from Heaven, Resulting in the Restitution of all Things

The Day of Redemption is very near. Very soon the Redeemer shall stand on the earth and usher in the time we and all creation have groaned for from earliest times, the time of the restitution of all things.

- Job 19.25-27 I know that **my redeemer** liveth, and that he **shall stand at the latter day upon the earth**
- Acts 3.21 (Jesus Christ) **whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

That Means a Full Restoration & Redemption of Everything Man Lost at the Fall, of His Original Condition & Inheritance

When the Day of Redemption comes, the plan of redemption will be finally and fully realised. There will be a full restitution of everything man lost through the Fall. He shall experience the full implications of redemption, as prophetically foreshadowed in Leviticus 25,

- Restoration of his original **liberty**; freedom from bondage to sin and corruption.
- Restoration of his original **inheritance**, the earth.

1) Liberty from the Bondage of Sin & Corruption & the Redemption of the Body

The Day of Redemption means full and final liberty from the bondage, dominion, power and presence of sin.

Liberty from sin means full restoration of the liberty of the glory lost at the Fall. Recovery of the original liberty and recovery of the original glory are directly linked.

- When he sinned, Adam lost the glory (Ro 5.2; Col 1.27).
- The Redeemer came to restore it. By purchasing our deliverance from bondage/slavery to sin (Ro 6.17-18), He also recovered our original "glorious liberty" (Ro 8.21-23).
- (The literal rendering of this latter phrase is, "*the liberty of the glory*", i.e., the liberty which accompanied the possession of the original glory. So, to restore our original glory is to restore our liberty.)
- This same link between liberty and glory is found also in 2 Corinthians 3.17-18. The same Spirit that gives liberty also is changing us from glory to glory, i.e., back to the original glory.

This process is accompanied by a transformation into, and renewal after, His image. Once back to man's original condition, the image and glory of God, we shall once again be able to see God, to stand in the presence of His glory and to talk to Him face to face.

The Day of Redemption not only means full and final liberty from the bondage of sin but also from its effects, from the bondage of corruption (Ro 8.21). (In this context, corruption refers to our mortality, not our sinfulness.)

To be fully set free from such bondage requires the redemption of this present mortal body.

Man's original body was free from corruption and death (Gen 2.17). But since the Fall it is a body of death, mortal, corruptible; a body of humiliation, abased from its original glory and subject to sin, sickness and ageing.

- Ro 7.24 the **body of this death**
- Ro 8.11 your **mortal bodies** (cp 2 Cor 5.4)

- 1 Cor 15.53 this **corruptible**... this **mortal**
- Phil 3.21 **our vile body** (*literally, the body of our humiliation*)

Yet from earliest times there was an expectation that the body would be redeemed.

- Job 19.25-26 I know that... at the latter day... though... worms destroy this body, yet **in my flesh** I shall see God

What will that redeemed, resurrected body be like?

- 1 Cor 15.44 **spiritual** (*i.e., not spectral, but a body of flesh under the full control of the Spirit, not the flesh*).
- 1 Cor 15.53-4 **Incarnate** and **immortal**.

Even better, it will be a body like Christ's, having His image and glory.

- 1 Cor 15:49 we shall bear **the image of the heavenly** (*i.e., of the man of heaven*)
- Phil 3:21 who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned **like unto his glorious body** (*i.e., the body of His glory*)
- 1 Jn 3.2 when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**

Although we still earnestly wait and groan for that Day, very soon we shall have our redeemed bodies. Those alive at His Coming will experience this through an instantaneous body change (1 Cor 15.51-52). Those who have gone on before, the dead in Christ, in their resurrection body.

2) The Restoration of Man's Original Inheritance, the Earth

- After the Fall, man's original dominion over the earth was taken over by the evil one.
- But repossession by the godly was promised (Ps 37.11; Mt 5.4; Ro 4.13).
- Jesus refused the gift by the evil one of the kingdoms of the world (Mt 4.8-9). Instead, He shed His blood to pay the full redemption price, thus enabling Him to reclaim our original inheritance by legal right.
- As legal owner, the Redeemer now has the right to evict the present god of this world, the squatter, and to take back possession of the earth whenever He chooses.

The Earth Also is Redeemed, by the Same Process as its Master

The blood not only restores to man his original inheritance. It restores that inheritance itself to its original condition before it was cursed.

The same plan of redemption that redeems the inhabitants redeems the earth.

- Like us, it was redeemed by the precious blood that fell on its surface.
- Like us, it will be delivered from the bondage of corruption (Ro 8.21).
- Like us, it will be born again/regenerated.
 - It is currently in labour pains (Ro 8.22) to bring forth a new earth. Jesus spoke of the beginning of sorrows i.e., of birth pangs (Mt 24.8).
 - He called its ultimate rebirth the Regeneration (Mt 19.28).
- Like us, it will be made new (Rev 21.1). It will **not** be a **different, replaced** earth **but** a **renewed, regenerated** earth, just like us. Although in Christ we are new creations and all things have become new (2 Cor 5.17), yet we are not different people. We are still ourselves. Likewise, the new earth.

After it has been purified and restored to a Garden of Eden condition, fully redeemed man's original dominion will then be restored over a fully redeemed earth.

The Grand Finale: The Day of Redemption, The Day When the Lamb Takes the Book

The grand finale of the plan of redemption is the day the Redeemer, the slain Lamb, ends His intercessory ministry and arises from His mediatorial throne to take full possession of the purchase for which He has already paid the full legally-required redemption price.

At last, the wait is over! The work of redemption is complete! The plan of redemption is fully realised, a full restitution of all that was lost - our original liberty, our original glory and our original inheritance.

This is the day the whole creation is eagerly waiting for, the manifestation of the redeemed sons of God, in their redeemed bodies, on a redeemed earth.

Revelation 5 prophetically describes the scene in heaven on that blessed, soon-coming Day.

The 7-sealed Book in the Hand of the One on the Throne (Rev 5.1)

What is this Book?

- **The Plan of Redemption**, revealing the complete plan from Genesis to Revelation:
 - of how all that Adam lost would be redeemed;
 - of what took place during the Church Age; and
 - of how Christ would repossess the purchased possession at the end.
- **The Title Deed**, the legal right of ownership and possession, of man's original inheritance. (It reverted to the original Owner at the Fall, awaiting a redemption claim).
- **The Book of Life**, the register of all the predestinated redeemed through all ages, whose names were recorded from the foundation of the world (Rev 17.8).

The Cry, "Who is Worthy to Take the Book and to Break its Seals?" (5.2-5)

- But, who was worthy to take the Book? Only someone fulfilling the full legal requirements could redeem.
- John wept much; he could see no one worthy.
- Then his attention was redirected.

The Bloodied Lamb Comes Forth & Takes the Book (5.6-7)

- When John looked, he saw a bloodied Lamb, standing in the midst of the throne.
- This was our Kinsman Redeemer, bearing the marks of having paid the redemption price.
- Previously, He had been seated at the right hand of God, interceding and performing His mediatorial work.
- But now He is standing. His mediatorial work is over. He has come to claim his rights, to reclaim our lost inheritance and to take possession of that for which He had already paid the redemption price.
- Christ takes the book from Him who sat upon the throne.
- Now He has the title deed, He has the full legal right to reclaim, repossess and restore everything lost at the Fall.

The Exultant Response on Earth & in Heaven (5.8-14)

The Lamb taking the book is followed by an outburst of exultant worship.

- The 4 beasts & 24 elders around the Throne fall down, singing.
- Each holds golden bowls of incense (5.8), which are the prayers of the saints. Prayers for what? Their age-old groanings for redemption, resurrection and deliverance from corruption.

The words of their song reflect the answer to those prayers, confirming that the Book is indeed the title deed of our redemption.

- *“Thou art worthy to take the book ... for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood...”* (5.9), underlines the link between taking the Book and redemption.
- *“Thou... hast made us unto our God kings... we shall reign on the earth”* (5.10), draws attention to one of the fruits of redemption, the recovery of the lost dominion over the earth.

The 4 beasts & 24 elders are then joined by a vast multitude of angels and the whole creation, exulting in the praise of the Lamb bearing the marks of His redemptive work (5.11-14).

- *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of **many angels** round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

*And **every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them**, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Notice, it is not only the heavenly hosts, but every creature on earth, under the earth and in the sea who explode in worship. This is clearly more than just man. Man may be **on** the sea, be he is certainly not **in** it, or under the earth.

In fact, other Scriptures also speak not just of man or of living creatures but of the very plants and trees of the field, and even the inanimate waters of the sea, exulting in praise at the Coming of the Lord. Why? Because His Coming means not only the deliverance of man from the bondage of corruption and the curse of the Fall, but of the whole creation. Their long years of groaning are finally over!

- Ps 96.11-13 let the earth be glad; let **the sea** roar, **and the fulness thereof**. Let **the field** be joyful, **and all that is therein**: then shall **the trees of the wood** rejoice before the Lord, **for he cometh...**
- Ps 98.7-9 Let **the sea** roar **and the fulness thereof**, the world and they that dwell therein. Let **the floods** clap their hands: let **the hills** be joyful together before the Lord; **for he cometh...**

HALLELUJAH!

Amen and amen!

Truly, *“Salvation is of the Lord”* (Jon 2.9).

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Why is Redemption Needed?

Man's Lost Original Liberty, Condition & Inheritance

i.e., Eternal Life, Face-To-Face Fellowship with God & Dominion Over the Earth

- **"to redeem," means "to be brought back from where you once was."** See? **"Proving His Word" (64-0816), par 209**
- **the very word "redeem" means "to bring back."** Is that right? **To redeem anything is bring it back to its original place. "Who Is This Melchisedek" (65-0221E), par 116**
- **What are we redeemed from? Something we must have lost.** Before you can be redeemed, there must be something that redeemed us back... **we must have had something one time that we do not have now**, but this Lamb come to redeem. See? **We had something we was lost from.** Now notice. **What did we lose?** Well, it was given to Adam to have **Eternal Life**, as long as he eat from the Tree he had Eternal Life. And we notice again that Adam was the... he inherit **the earth**. He was the... like an amateur god over the earth. The earth was his. Everything was given unto his hand, he could do with it whatever he wanted to. He named it, and called it, and done whatever he wanted to. He was truly a son of God. **61-0611 - Revelation, Chapter Five #1, par 121-122**
- **What did we have at the beginning? Eternal Life. We was heirs of the world.** We had Life, we never had to die. We never had to be sick. We never had to get old. We never had any worries. Where's no funerals, no graves, no evil, no death, no gray hairs, no stooped shoulders, no mourning, no crying. We had Life, Eternal! We had the jurisdiction over all the earth. We was just a god (that's all) on the earth; walk about, and if this tree didn't look right standing here, we'd say, "Be thou plucked up and set over here," and it would do it. The winds was blowing, we didn't want the winds to blow, "Peace, be still," and it did it. **61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five #2, par 93**
- Now, when Adam sinned... **He lost, also, his inheritance, when he lost his fellowship and right to Life.** Remember, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." And when he lost his Life, he also lost his inheritance in life, because he had completely supreme control of the earth. **He was a god of the earth.** God is the God of the universe, everywhere. But His son had this earth under his own control. He could speak, he could name, he could say, he could stop nature, he could do anything he wanted to. See? But, when he did that, he lost his inheritance. Now, Adam could say, "Let this mountain, here, be moved over there," and it would do it. Adam could say, "Let this tree, here, be plucked up and planted over here," it would do it. See? For he had complete, supreme control, as a minor god under God our Father, because he was a son of God... **Adam lost his inheritance, the earth.** Now, it passed from his hand to the one he sold out to, Satan. He sold his faith in God, to Satan's reasonings. Therefore, his Eternal Life, his right to the Tree of Life, his right to the earth, belonged to him, and he forfeited every bit to the hands of Satan. **63-0317E - The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals, par 99-101,103**

**Even Before the Fall, There Was Already a Divine Plan in Place
to Redeem & to Restore Man's Lost Condition & Inheritance**

How the Lost Inheritance Would Be Redeemed Was Foreshadowed by How the Lord Covered the Shame of Adam & Eve: By the Shedding of Innocent Blood

- And ***before Adam could ever approach back to fellowship with the Father, God had to slay an innocent lamb, or sheep, and make him a cloth to go around him***, and throw out the welcome carpet for Adam to walk back on the carpet of redemption, to come into His Presence again. ***“God’s Servant Job” (55-0223), par E-19***
- That was our program, to make our churches and denominations. But that wasn't God's program. We tried it in the garden of Eden. It's as old as Eden was. "Religion" means "a covering." And ***Adam tried to cover himself to make his own way, cover hisself up, but it didn't work. There's only one place that God ever meets man***; that's not in his education; it's not in his denomination, his affiliation; ***it's under the Blood***. And that's ***the only place that God ever did or ever will meet mankind, is under the Blood. That's the place. God laid down the program in the garden of Eden by the shed blood***. And if God ever makes a decision, He can never change it, because He's perfect, and everything that He does and says is perfect. Therefore, He cannot change His program as long as there is a world and as long as there's a sinner. ***There's only one way, since the garden of Eden***, when sin was first committed, until the last sin will be made. ***There's only one plan of redemption; that's through the shed Blood. Nothing else will work***. Our creeds, our denominations, and everything has played a part, and a good part, but it isn't God's program. His program is back to the Blood. ***“Uncertain Sound” (61-0315), par E-28***

But Where Could an Acceptable Sacrifice Be Found to Pay the Price to Redeem Man’s Lost Condition & Inheritance?

- ***Adam could not meet the requirements of redemption***. After he found he lost it, ***he had sinned*** and he had separated himself from God, was on this side of the chasm, so ***he could not redeem it***. He just couldn't do it, 'cause he—***he needed redemption, hisself, so he could not do it. But the law required a Kinsman Redeemer...*** find it in Leviticus 25. ***63-0317E - The Breach, par 120-121***

The Solution: God Himself Would Pay the Redemption Price

- When it come to the plan of redemption, ***He came alone; nobody was with Him. He was the only One that could come. An Angel couldn't do it. Another man called His son, couldn't do it***. One called something else, a holy virgin, or a holy mother, or some saint, couldn't do it. ***God had to come. “Super Sign” (59-1227M), par 77***
- ***There's only one thing left that did not fall, and that was God***, the heavens. So something of the heavens had to come down to redeem this creation, because there was nothing here that could create it. And God's own love for the world created the character expressed in Christ. He was God's character. He was God's expressed image. In Him was God, God in Christ revealing Himself to the world. And no love could ever be greater than that love, that such a Person would become what He did in order to redeem what had been lost... ***God projecting Himself to make a plan of redemption to redeem this fallen character of ours***. This was done so that the penalty could be paid, because the penalty was death. And ***one under the sentence of death could not pay the penalty for the next one under the sentence of death. So there had to be somebody come who was free from death in order to pay the penalty. And none other could come but God, because He was the only One that was free from the penalty of death. “Identification” (63-0123), par E-22***
- ***Jesus was the Fullness of the Word of God, His whole plan of redemption***, God's whole sufficiency was in Him. ***“Feast of Trumpets”, 64-0719M, p 11-6***

The Plan of Redemption Was No Rushed Emergency Reaction: It Was Foreordained Long Before the Fall; in Fact, Before the Foundation of the World

- Now, Adam in the garden of Eden, when he first sinned, **God had a way of redemption for him, right quick, just as soon as he sinned.** God made a way of redemption... **God always had a plan of redemption, and that's been through blood, ever since the very beginning and dawn of time, perceived in the mind of God, before the world ever come into existence. "God's Servant Job" (55-0223), par 19**

Furthermore, those to be Redeemed were Predestinated, Chosen & Called in the Same Way

- **God knowing that man would fall,** yet He could not make man fall. **God knowing man would be lost,** though He did not want anybody lost. But to order that the great display of the attributes of God might be manifested to all man, that He could be a Redeemer, He could be a Saviour, man had to fall. It was in him to fall, then it was in God to redeem him again. **61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five #2, par 87**
- He could not redeem the unbelievers, no matter how educated and how much doctors of degree they had. He could not redeem them, because they were not redeemable; they had to go to their destination. You are in Him and a part of Him, because you were a part of the thinking of Him (Ps 139.14-16). **Before the foundation of the world, He called you. "Proving His Word" (64-0816), par 211**
- Show plainly **the predestinated is the only one that's considered in redemption.** Did you get it? Let me say that again. The predestinated is the only one that's considered in redemption. People might be making like, think they are, but the real redemption is those that are predestinated. Because **the very word "redeem" means "to bring back."** Is that right? **To redeem anything is bring it back to its original place.** Hallelujah. So it's only the predestinated will be brought back, because the others didn't come from there. **"Who Is This Melchisedek" (65-0221E), par 116**

Finally, the Long-Anticipated Redeemer Came; The Redemption Price was Paid

When He Came, Christ Met the 3 Requirements of the OT Law for a Redeemer, i.e., He Became our Kinsman & Was Able & Willing to Pay the Redemption Price

- **that's the reason that Christ, God, had to become kinfolks to us.** And He come down and was a Man. And He suffered temptation. And He was laughed at, made fun of, and persecuted, and ignored, and called "Beelzebub," and scoffed at, and suffered death under capital punishment. See? **He had to be kinfolks to us.** He had to be falsely accused, because you're falsely accused. He had to bear sickness, because you're sick. He had to bear sins, because it was your sins. And **He had to become kinfolks. The only way He could redeem us was to be kinfolks to us. And how He become kinfolks, is by taking on the form of sinful flesh and becoming one of us.** And in that, He paid the price and redeemed us back into the fellowship of the Father. Oh, what a Saviour! Words couldn't express it. **57-0825E - Hebrews, Chapter Two #2, par 179**
- When the rightful owner lost it, **there's only one way that it can be redeemed. Now, that's by a near kinsman, is the only one who can rightfully redeem it.** Now, course, this we have in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. **61-0611 - Revelation, Chapter Five #1, par 128**
- Our lost inheritance has been reclaimed by our gracious, precious Kinsman Redeemer. How **God came down** and changed His cast from God **and was made man, in order to be human, to become a human Kinsman Redeemer,** to redeem back a natural world to a natural people. Amen! How that God (the Supernatural) became natural to become a Kinsman, because **He could not defy His Own laws. He had to come by**

the kinsman redeemership because that's His plan. That's the way He did it. **61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five #2, par 86**

- Grace produced the Person of Jesus Christ. God stretched His tent, come from God to become a man. **He changed His strain from the Almighty to be a man to take on the form of man, so He could die to redeem man...** And **God, the Creator of spirit, became kinsfolks to us** when **He become man in order He could take our sin upon Him, and pay the price, and redeem us back to God again...** **God required a Kinsman Redeemer** Who was worthy, **Who was able to do it, Who had the substance to do it.** **63-0317E - The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals, par 137, 139, 167**
- He become a kinsfolks to us, and He was the Kinsman Redeemer! And He shed that Blood freely. He didn't have to. He give it freely to redeem. **"The Sixth Seal" (63-0323), par 134**

But That Was Not the End; Although the Redemption Price was Paid, Christ did Not Straightaway Claim & Repossess the Full Lost Inheritance

- Christ has redeemed us now (Eph 1.7). **We are now redeemed, but He has not claimed His possession yet.** Now, you might different with that, but just hold on a minute; we'll see. See? **63-0317E - The Breach, par 140**

When Will He Do That? When the Last Redeemed Name Comes in

- **We are now redeemed, but He has not claimed His possession yet... He's been back here interceding until His Blood has atoned for every person,** and the Lamb now, knows what's written in the Book. So He knowed from the foundation of the world their names were in there, so **He has stood back here and done mediator work like this until every one that's been put in the Book has been redeemed** and it's finished, and now He walks out. **He hasn't claimed it.** See? If He took the Book of Redemption, everything that Adam had and everything that he lost, Christ redeems back; and **He's already redeemed us, but He hasn't took the possession yet. He cannot until the time appointed,** and then will come the resurrection, and then the earth will be renewed again, **and then He will take possession, His possession which He got when He redeemed us, but will do it at the appointed time.** Oh, my. **63-0317E - The Breach, par 140**
- But, see, **the kingdom still belongs to Satan.** He's still got this part in his hand. **Because why? It is redeemed by Christ, but He's doing the part of the Kinsman Redeemer, taking His subjects, until the last one (name) is put on that Book, has already received It and been sealed away.** Now have you got it? **63-0318 - The First Seal, par 131-132**
- When the Lamb was slain, the names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world. He's standing in the holy place today in glory as an Intercessor, making intercessions for every one of those souls whose name is on that Book. And nobody knows that name but Him. He's the One that's got the Book in His hand. And He knows when that last one comes in, **then His interceding days is over. He comes forth then to claim what He's interceded for.** He's doing the Kinsman Redeemer work now and comes forth to receive His own... He goes upon the altar of God and waits there, while God holds the Book of Redemption in His hand, and the bloody Lamb stands on the altar of sacrifice. There's the Lamb to make redemption, making intercession. **"The Sixth Seal" (63-0323), par 63, 134**
- But you see, in this Book was what was redeemed... **He could not leave His mediatorial seat until He had thoroughly redeemed,** and **He couldn't redeem it at the cross, because they were predestinated in the Lamb's Book of Life, and**

had to stay on there to make intercession until that last person was finished.
Glory. **“Souls That Are In Prison Now” (63-1110M), par 139**

- **He cannot come until that last one that has the name on the Book of Life**, that was put there before the foundation of the world. When that name is called, that's the last one then. He came to redeem, to bring back. "Redeem" is "to bring back." And when He brings the last one in... He's setting at the right hand of God today doing His mediatorial work. And when that last soul is saved that was redeemed and seen and known by God before the foundation of the world, **when that last soul's saved, that closes the Book.** **“Christ Is Identified The Same” (64-0415), par E-5**

Waiting for the Redemption of the Purchased Possession

We Groan Within for Full Redemption & Deliverance from Corruption, along with the Whole Creation, which was Cursed together with its Master

- **And now nature in itself is groaning, waiting for the what? Manifestations of the sons of God**, for the sons of God to be manifested... **Nature's groaning and we're groaning with it.** Nature is waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, because **nature was cursed with its master.** When its master was cursed (the highest), then nature fell with the master. But when this Kinsman Redeemer come and redeemed back the man that's the master over nature. Then **all nature is waiting for the man, master.** **“Revelation Chapter Five, Part II” (61-0618), par 92-96**

The Redeemed Believer is Sealed by the Spirit as an Earnest/Promise of the Future Day of Redemption & Recovery of the Full Original Inheritance

- **But now! Now! ... Now we have the earnest of our inheritance!** Oh, my! What do we have? We have the evidence that God lives. **We have the evidence that God is with us. We have the evidence that God has not forsaken us, that we are His and He is ours**, because we (in our bodies), we now tabernacle the Holy Spirit of God that cries out, “Abba, Father.” And there's nothing can ever take that away. We are anchored in Christ.

Now, the trees does not have it, nature does not have it, **but yet we are still groaning** with them **because as yet we haven't received the fulness of our adoption. But we have the earnest of it**, that we were picked up from the things of the world and now become sons and daughters of God. What kind of people should we be? Oh, my, when we think of that! Think of it!

Now we have the earnest, our spirit's groaning for the full adoption, but now we have the earnest of it. As we receive the Holy Spirit, it is the earnest of our complete adoption or complete salvation. Oh, how beautiful! I just love that. All right. **We are waiting for the fulness of adoption.** This will take place when? At the first resurrection. That's when our bodies will be changed from these vile creatures that we are and we'll have a body like His Own glorious body, “For we shall see Him as He is, and we will be like Him.” When He appears, we appear in His likeness. We will have a body like His, a glorious glorified body, and all the trials and struggles of life will fade off into a little mist and blow away to never be no more.

And **these earthly tabernacles which we now groan in, we're waiting for... the salvation fully in its fulness to come.** But now in these tabernacles of clay we have Something that tells us that we have raised up so far. Amen. **What is the earnest? It's the little down payment that holds it...** Now, once when we loved the things of the world, once when we sinned and went about doing things of the world, and cared not for God, we were alienated from Him, without God, without Christ, in the world; now, God sent His Holy Spirit and through that we are lifted up from those things. **Now we have the earnest, that we know that we've passed from death unto Life. Amen! ...**

But, you see, **now we have, by the Holy Spirit, the earnest of our inheritance** because we've been lifted up from the things of the world; and we ride right along with the world, but we are above the world! ...

... And we watch our lives and see that It is the Holy Spirit, because we don't no more care for the things of the world. See? There you are. As long as you love the world or the things of the world, then the love of God is not in you yet. See? But **as long as you're above that, then you know you have your inheritance, see, you're on your road to your full redemption.** **61-0611 - Revelation, Chapter Five #1, par 104-108, 111, 119**

But the Spirit is Not Just the Promise of the Future Full Redemption of our Original Inheritance; He is a Present Foretaste of it

- Now, you sick and needy here, **God has already purchased your healing.** You're already healed, every one of you. Healing is something that was a finished product of Calvary. There's where **every redemptive blessing that Christ died for was completed at Calvary. The price was paid.** The devil is only bluffing you. Jesus lives! **"Speak To This Mountain" (57-1215), par E-28**
- **And we have the earnest of our salvation now,** and can take our brother that's dying with cancer, **and stand with that little breath of redemption,** and pray the prayer of faith over him that will turn a shadow of a man back to a healthy man again; what will we do when our full possession comes? Amen! **"Revelation Chapter Five, Part II" (61-0618), par 95**
- You're a Christian. **You have rights to any redemptive blessing that Jesus died for you for. It's all yours.** It's already paid for; you just have to believe it, not imagine it; but believe it, and know that it's yours, and you can possess it. **"Perfect Faith" (63-0825E), par 146**
- If you could just ever get the thing together, till men and women could realize! You that's been truly baptized into the Holy Spirit, and you have the Token to display, **you have a right to every redemptive blessings that God promised.** Everything that He promised, is yours. Hold your Token over your unwavering faith, as you pray, and over His Word. Faith in His Word! **"The Token" (64-0208), par 161-162**
- Now, remember, **every redemptive blessing has already been purchased. The price is paid,** there is only one way that you'll ever be able to receive it, is to believe it and to accept it. He's the High Priest of our confession (*Heb 4. 14-16*). Therefore **He cannot do anything for us until first we confess that He has done it.** And then **when we confess it,** then He is the High Priest, a mediator, to go to work on that and make it right. So we pray and trust today in God, in His kindness and mercy, that He will give to us His abundance of grace. And now, remember, you must accept it. **"Calling Jesus On The Scene" (64-0319), par 6**

**The Prophetic Word for This Day:
Look Up, For Your Redemption Draweth Nigh**

- **He will not rest until He's done the full price of redemption to redeem you, everything that you ever lost, everything that you were.** **"The Kinsman Redeemer" (60-1002), par 159**

Soon the Redeemer will Descend from Heaven & Stand on the Earth Resulting in the Restitution of all Things, a Full Restoration & Redemption of Everything Man Lost at the Fall, of his Original Condition & Inheritance

- *all the inheritance that we had has been redeemed back. 61-0611 - Revelation, Chapter Five #1, par 121*
- *To redeem what? The fallen condition and the fallen inheritance of a fallen race of people. A Lamb comes back to redeem, like ours was at the beginning, to redeem us. To redeem what? What's He going to redeem us about? Anything that's redeemed is something that's been lost. It's something that's been lost and then it's been brought back again. What does He bring back to us, this Lamb? Everything we had at the beginning. What did we have at the beginning? Eternal Life. We was heirs of the world. We had Life, we never had to die. We never had to be sick. We never had to get old. We never had any worries. Where's no funerals, no graves, no evil, no death, no gray hairs, no stooped shoulders, no mourning, no crying. We had Life, Eternal! We had the jurisdiction over all the earth. We was just a god (that's all) on the earth; walk about, and if this tree didn't look right standing here, we'd say, "Be thou plucked up and set over here," and it would do it. The winds was blowing, we didn't want the winds to blow, "Peace, be still," and it did it. And what did He come to do? To redeem all that back to us again (Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, my!), get all that back again. "Revelation Chapter Five, Part II" (61-0618), par 92-96*
- You wait till we get into those Seals! He breaks the seals, reveals, gives us His inheritance to His people. He gives the inheritance that He inherited, becoming Kinsman Redeemer, and freely gives it out to us. It all belonged to Him. He was the One Who redeemed. But instead of keeping it Hisself, He gives it back to the people. That's His love for us. Oh! 61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five #2, par 158-160
- Adam... forfeited the Book of Life, for the knowledge of Satan, and lost his inheritance, lost everything; and no way for redemption. Then, God, made in the likeness of man, came down and become a Redeemer to us, to redeem us. 63-0318 - The First Seal, par 26

The Redemption of the Earth Also, & in the Same Way as its Master

- Now, compare... ***what God has done to redeem His world. He's done the same plan to redeem His people.*** For the unchangeable God changes not any of His plans or anything. Such a glorious thing. Notice the old world (the antediluvian), the world that's present now, and the one to come... His plan of redemption is exactly the same by everything. He uses the same method. He never changes. He said, in Malachi 3:6, "I am God and I change not." The way He does it, therefore, if He saved the first man He ever saved by the shed blood of an innocent One, He will have to save the next one; and every one He saves will have to be the same way... He doesn't change. Man changes, time changes, age changes, dispensation changes, but God remains the same: perfect...
 What happened? Christ came and called the Church to repentance, (water) baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission, sanctified the Church, and with the Fire of God come down and burn out all the filth and come and dwells in the human heart.
Now, the world, to be redeemed for this redeemed person, He uses His same method. He baptized it in water after the antediluvian destruction (in Noah's time), shed His Blood upon it to sanctify it and claim it. It's His...
 But now it has to go through a baptism of fire, holy fire from God which cleanses the earth and the heavens around it. Then it's purchased so that the redeemed can live on it--live in it in peace. Notice, the baptism of fire is to cleanse it from sin, from sickness, from disease germs, from sinners, from the devil and all of his group. He's to be cast out into the lake of fire. Holy fire from God comes down from God out of

heaven and burns it up to make it ready for God to dwell in. For God, in the new world that is to come, is to dwell in the earth 'cause... You say, "God? He dwells in the human heart." But He and the Bride becomes One, and they go to their home in the new world.

And **the same plan of redemption is used to redeem both world and the persons that live in it.** See, the heart has to be cleansed like that. Before God can come down in the Person of the Holy Ghost, which is Christ coming down and dwell in the human heart, it first must be repented. It must be baptized in water in His Name to show Who it belongs to. Then it must be cleansed by the Blood of Jesus. And then the holy fire and Holy Ghost from God comes down and burns out all the desire of sin, all the nature of the world.

See, **He redeems the earth in the same way He does His people.** He makes it all just the same, His plan of redemption. For He is the unchangeable God, always the same in His plan. **"Future Home", 64-0802, p 14-15, 17-18, 19**

The Grand Finale: The Day of Redemption; The Day When the Lamb Takes the Book

The 7-sealed Book in the Hand of the One on the Throne (5.1)

What is this 7-sealed Book? It contains,

1) The Plan of Redemption, *revealing the complete plan from Genesis to Revelation of how all that Adam lost would be redeemed, what took place during the Church Age, and what Christ will do at the end.*

- now **redemption is to be revealed, how the Church was redeemed, the revelation of what taken place during the Church age...** He is now showing, in the 5th chapter, **how He did it, what taken place, how He sealed the Church off... He is showing how He done it.** **61-0730M - Gabriel's Instructions To Daniel, par 50-51**
- From Genesis to Revelations, **a complete plan of redemption is revealed in these Seven Seals.** Oh, it's an important time. God help us to get it. **"The Breach", Seals Book p 92-1**
- The Book of Redemption, it's all described in here. All that **what Christ will do at the end will be revealed... then we can see what this great plan of redemption is, and when and how it's going to be done.** It's all hidden in this Book of mystery here. It's sealed, got up with Seven Seals, and so the Lamb is the only One Who can break them... **63-0317E - The Breach, par 141**
- And John (in the vision) looked over and "saw in the right hand of him that sat upon the throne a—a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals..." The whole thing, together, **the whole mystery, lays right here in these Seals.** See? **Every mystery of the Bible lays in these Seals...** the mystery of the whole Book is in them Seals, from Genesis to Revelation. **The complete plan of redemption is revealed in these Seven Seals.** Oh, it's an important time. God help us to get it! See? **63-0317E - The Breach, par 150-152**
- Well, **the whole plan of redemption lays under these Seals,** the whole Book. **"The Sixth Seal", Seals Book p 436**
- When these Seven Seals was opened, **that opened up the entire Bible.** The Seven Seals, it was sealed with Seven Mysteries. And **in these Seven Seals, held the entire mystery of it, and it was the Book of Redemption...** John looked around, and here set God on the throne with the Book in His hand that had been sealed with Seven Seals, and **the whole plan of redemption was in it.** **"Souls In Prison Now", p 24-25**

- First, the announcement went forth, for, “Who is able to come and re-...and take this Book of Redemption?” See, for ***the whole plan of redemption, from Adam, all that Adam lost... 63-0320 - The Third Seal, par 31***

2) The Title Deed, *the legal right of ownership & possession of man's original inheritance.*

- Now, oh, my! Now, ***the forfeited title deed is now in the hands of the original Owner, Almighty God. The title deed to the earth, and to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it***, then Satan's dirty hands could not take it, so it went back to its original Owner, God Himself... There He sits on the Throne, with it in His hand, the title deed. Oh, that makes me feel religious. ***The title deed to Eternal Life, abstract title deed to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it*** for wisdom, instead of faith, ***it went back to the hands of the Owner, Almighty God.*** What a great thing! All right, waiting. ***What's it doing? In the hands of God, waiting for redemption claims.*** He made a way of redemption, He made a way back, and someday the Redeemer is to take it back. You see where we're getting to now? We'll watch this Fellow sitting upon the Throne. All right, ***waiting for redemption claims, its redemption.***
Its redemption means all legal possession to all that was lost by Adam and Eve. Oh, my! What ought that to do to a born-again Christian! ***Its legal possession to that abstract deed, title deed of Eternal Life, means that you possess everything that Adam and Eve lost.*** Whew! What of it, brother? The possession of that deed! ... Let's read the 1st verse again... “I saw in the right hand of him that sat upon the throne...” Who is that? The absolutely original Holder of the Book of Life. He holds It. God does. ***When Adam forfeited, It went back to Its original Owner. It belongs to Him...***
Where is the Book at now? To Its original Owner, because It has been forfeited by a son, the first son of God, in a human race. And when he forfeit his rights, to listen to Satan, he give up... And when it did, it went right straight back... See? Went right straight back to the original holder. ***63-0317E - The Breach, par 116-117,119, 149-150,154***

3) The Book of Life, *the register of all the predestinated redeemed through all ages, whose names were recorded there from the foundation of the world (Rev 17.8).*

- Now, the Lamb in the time of intercessory back here, He knew that ***there were names in there that were put in there from the foundation of the world, “The First Seal” (63-0318), par 59***
- But you see, in this Book was what was redeemed; it was the Book of Redemption. And ***everything that He had redeemed was written in that Book. All that He died for was written in the Book... 63-1110M - Souls That Are In Prison Now, par 139***
- And ***no one can be redeemed unless they were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world.*** Who are they? I don't know. Nobody else knows, just God alone. I'm trusting that every one of us, our names are on that Book. If mine was on there, I'm sure to be there. If it wasn't, I won't be there; that's all. See, that's just up to God. “It's not him that willeth, him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy.” (Ro 9.14-16). ***“He That is in You” (63-1110E), par 45***
- See, ***their names were put on the Book of Life, the Book of Redemption.*** Jesus come to redeem those that had their names in the Book. ***63-1112 - Sir, We Would See Jesus, par 177***

The Cry, “Who is Worthy to Take the Book and to Break its Seals?” (5.2-5)

- And then an Angel came forth, a strong Angel, proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who was worthy to open the Book; to take the Book? Who was able to open the Seals?”

Who was able to open this Book?" ... Here is the Book of Redemption! Here is the plan of redemption! **Here is the only way you'll ever be redeemed, for here is the title deed to redemption of the whole heavens and earth!** "Let Him come forward, if He will." Oh, my! "Now speak, or forever hold His peace. Let Him come forward and claim this Book. Who is worthy to do it?"

And John said: **There was no man in heaven found worthy; no man on earth found worthy; no man beneath the earth,** that ever lived and died, was found worthy. No man was found worthy. **The Angel's call was a call for the Kinsman Redeemer to appear.** God said, "I have a law; a Kinsman Redeemer can—can be a substitute. **Where is that Kinsman Redeemer? Who is able to take It?**"

And it come from Adam, all the way down through all the apostles, and prophets, and everything else, and nobody was found. Now, what about that? "Nobody in Heaven, nobody on earth, nobody that ever lived." Elijah was standing there. Moses was standing there. All the apostles were standing there, or—or all the ones that had died; all the holy men, Job, the sages. Every one was standing there, and nobody was worthy even to look at the Book, let alone take It and break the Seals. Now where is the pope and all these come in at? Where is your bishop? Where is our worthiness? We're nothing. That's right. He asked for the Kinsman Redeemer to step forward, if He could. But John said, **"No man was worthy."**

Not that there wasn't worthy people there, now, like an Angel; like, for instance, we would say, Gabriel, or Michael. But, remember, **it had to be a Kinsman.** Remember, John said here, "And no m-a-n," not Angel, not Seraphim. They hadn't sinned, but They were in a different category. They had never fallen.

But **this had to be a Kinsman** Redeemer. "No man," 'cause there was none of them redeemed. "No man was worthy to look at It." Oh, no! My, my! So, it took a **human** Kinsman. And he asked for it, and He wasn't found, nowhere. There was nobody. No bishop, no archbishop, no priest, no hierarchy, no nothing was even...didn't even have the holiness enough to even look at the Book. Whew! My, my! That's pretty strong, but that's what the Bible said. I'm just quoting what John said.

The Bible said that John "wept." ... "Here is what I think he wept for. Because, **if no one was worthy and could open this Book of Redemption, the whole creation was lost.** Here is the Book, here is the title deed, and **It will be offered to the Kinsman Redeemer that can meet the qualifications. That's God's Own law,** and He can't defile His law, can't defy His law, rather. See? **God required a Kinsman Redeemer Who was worthy, Who was able to do it, Who had the substance to do it.** **63-0317E - The Breach, par 155-164, 166-167**

The Bloodied Lamb Comes Forth & Takes the Book (5.6-7)

- Now... one of the elders said unto me (*i.e.* Rev 5.5), "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And, I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb..." "A Lamb." ...
Now, to show It was not a natural beast, lamb, because It took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne; the lamb couldn't do that, see. He was a Lamb, was Christ. In other words, in His attributes He was meek and gentle like a lamb. Now, notice, **it was a Lamb Redeemer, a Lamb Redeemer just like the first. God never can change! Amen! The first redeemer was a lamb, in the garden of Eden,** it was a lamb that God offered. **And here it is again,** plumb over in Revelation, it's again a Lamb. To redeem what? The fallen condition and the fallen inheritance of a fallen race of people. **A Lamb comes back to redeem, like ours was at the beginning,** to redeem us. **61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five #2, par 88-91**

- Now, ***our Kinsman is handed a seven-sealed Book of Redemption from the original Owner.*** Amen! Who was, we find, was original Owner? God Himself. "And the Lamb came and took the Book out of the right hand of Him that set upon the Throne." ***Who was the Lamb? The Redeemer, our Kinsman Redeemer, the Kinsman to the Church...*** ***61-0730M - Gabriel's Instructions To Daniel, par 50-51***
- Notice, here He come. Leaves the Throne, as an Intercessor, as a slain Lamb; to become a Lion, King, to bring the whole world into Judgment, that's rejected. Our Kinsman Redeemer then is King over all. Why? He's got the title deed of redemption. It all lays within His hand. I'm glad I know Him. See? Then claims His inheritance; that's the Church, the Bride. He claims It. ***63-0317E - The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals, par 278-279***
- the kingdom still belongs to Satan... Because why? It is redeemed by Christ, but He's doing the part of the Kinsman Redeemer, taking His subjects, until the last one (name) is put on that Book, has already received It and been sealed away... ***Then He comes from His Throne, His Father's Throne, walks forward, takes the Book out of God's hand, from the Throne, and claims His right.*** The first thing He does is call for His Bride. Amen! ... ***63-0318 - The First Seal, par 131-133***
- Now, the Lamb in the time of intercessory back here, He knew that ***there were names in there that were put in there from the foundation of the world, and as long as them names have never been manifested on earth as yet, He had to stay there as Intercessor.*** Do you get it? Perfectly predestination... All right, He had to stay there, because He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life (Acts 13.48). By His foreknowledge He saw them, not by His own will. His will was that none should perish (I Tim 2.3-4), but by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not. Therefore ***as long as there was one name hadn't never yet been declared in earth, Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor to take care of that name.*** But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, then His intercessory days was over. "Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he's holy still." (Rev 22.11). And he leaves the sanctuary, and then it becomes a judgment seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then... And ***that's the reason Christ has to stay on the mediatorial seat back there as an Intercessor until that last one comes in at the last age. "The First Seal" (63-0318), par 59-60, 105***
- And now, for all these years, Christ has been doing the Kinsman Redeemer work. He has been doing the work of the Kinsman Redeemer, but there will come a time that when the redeeming work will be over, and when the redeeming work is over, then He leaves the throne of God, where He's seated now... He (the Lamb) had been back there in His mediatorial work, for He was bleeding for the people, ***interceding for the people until the last soul that was put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world come in...*** And now, we found out that a slain lamb is a bloody lamb, bleeding all over. It's been slain. After It'd been slain, It'd raised again and was setting on the throne, way back in behind the throne like this, interceding for all those souls that would come. Then when the last one was here and it was completed, God still held the Book of Redemption. Now, He's just doing the Kinsman work now... Now, notice, but then after it was all over, after His interceding was done, He comes forth, takes the Book out of the hand of Him...
Now, it doesn't belong back to the Judge any more. It belongs to the Redeemer, and He's done, done the work of redemption...
The Lamb sets there making intercession till the last one comes in. The little bell rings and ***He walks out and takes His possession then,*** so, brings His Church home,

His subjects. Then we walk out in the millennium. ***“The Third Seal” (63-0320), par. 29, 34-35, 38, 40, 272***

- ***The Lamb came forth, walked up to Him that had the Book in His right hand, and received the Book, climbed upon the throne and set down. That's it. It was over. When?*** When the seals was revealed. ***When the last one that was...*** Everything that He had redeemed, there was nothing... He come to redeem. ***“Souls In Prison Now”, (63-1110M), p 24-25***
- See, ***their names were put on the Book of Life, the Book of Redemption.*** Jesus come to redeem those that had their names in the Book. And ***when that last name is redeemed, the Lamb takes the Book and walks away; that's all, redemption is over, it's closed.*** Those! ***63-1112 - Sir, We Would See Jesus, par 177***
- That Church is a predestinated Church. Every name that was ever put on that Book, Jesus came to redeem. And ***when the last name is redeemed, the Book is closed.*** Now, He didn't intend that no one would be lost, but His foreknowledge let Him know who would be lost. Therefore, He could predestinate, and then their names were put on the Book... ***And some day when the Book of redemption is finished, the Lamb takes it. And then the last name is called off of that, the Lamb comes forward to call for what He has redeemed, that's His Church.*** And I believe that time is close at hand ***63-1130E - Go, Awake Jesus, par 9***
- And when that last soul is saved that was redeemed and seen and knowed by God before the foundation of the world, ***when that last soul's saved, that closes the Book. Then the Lamb comes out and takes the Book out of the right hand of Him that sets upon the Throne.*** Then He's coming then. He's coming to the earth. ***“Christ Is Identified The Same” (64-0415), par E-5***

3. APPENDIX

Ruth & Boaz, A Foreshadow of Spiritual Redemption

The Shadow

The OT law is a shadow of things to come (Heb 10.1), but the body is of Christ (Col 2.17). Accordingly, the law of natural/physical redemption of Leviticus 25 foreshadows our spiritual redemption in and by Christ.

There are three examples of this law in operation in the OT,

- Jeremiah and his uncle (Jer 32.7-8);
- Judah in the days of Zedekiah (Jer 34.8-17);
- The story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz (Ruth).

The latter is the account of the redemption of a lost Israelite inheritance, but which also entailed the taking of a Gentile bride. It is a beautiful type/shadow of how,

- In coming to redeem Israel (Lk 1.68; 2.38; 24.21);
- Christ also obtained a Gentile bride.

The Background

- Naomi, her husband Elimelech and two sons moved from their home town of Bethlehem to Moab because of famine (Ru 1.1).
- The sons married Moabite women. But both sons and her husband died.
- About ten years after moving, hearing the famine was over, Naomi returned at the time of the barley harvest.
- Though advising her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab and remarry, young (cp 3.10) Ruth insisted on accompanying Naomi back to Bethlehem.
- Something had attracted her to Naomi's God. Ruth did not want to go back to her former gods. She had put her trust in the Lord and was prepared to forsake all to follow Him (1.15-17; 2.11-12; 3.10-11).

Departure from the Land of Promise Resulted in Loss of the Family Inheritance & a Need for a Redeemer

Naomi returned under deep condemnation (1.21).

She was also destitute. Straitened circumstances forced the sale of the family inheritance.

- Ru 4.3 Naomi... selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's

But, as Naomi's husband and sons (the heirs of the estate) were all dead, a prospective purchaser/redeemer would also have to marry Ruth, the only available childless widow of one of the sons, to ensure perpetuation of the family name (as required by the Mosaic law of Deuteronomy 25.5-10).

- Ru 4.5 What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, **to raise up the name of the dead** upon his inheritance.

So, since Ruth was a Moabitess, to redeem the inheritance of the Israelite Naomi would entail not only payment of the redemption price, but also the taking of a Gentile bride.

Ruth Meets a Potential Redeemer

At harvest time, the Mosaic law said the gleanings were to be left for the poor, the stranger and the widow (Lev 19.9-10; 23.22; Dt 24.19-21). Ruth and Naomi met all three conditions.

- Due to their need, Ruth sought grace to glean behind the barley harvesters (Ru 2.2).
- Unknowingly, “*her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz,*” a wealthy near kinsman of Naomi’s late husband (2.1,3).
- Though an alien from the commonwealth of Israel and a stranger from the covenants of promise (Eph 2.12), he showed her grace, telling her to stay in his field, and ensuring she was provided for.
 - Ru 2.10,13 ***Why have I found grace*** in thine eyes... seeing I am a stranger? ... ***Let me find*** favour (= ***grace***) in thy sight... though I be not like one of thine handmaidens.

But would Boaz be willing to meet the full requirements of the Law of Redemption of Leviticus to redeem the lost inheritance of the family of Naomi?

- To pay the price to redeem the lost inheritance; and also,
- To take Ruth, a stranger, to wife, as required in the absence of a male heir.

The Work of Redemption is Done

When Ruth told Naomi how things had gone with her gleaning, Naomi advised her to seek the covering of Boaz as a token of his willingness to marry her.

- He expressed his willingness both to redeem the inheritance and also to marry Ruth.
- Boaz was well aware that, though a Moabitess, she had chosen to fully forsake her past connections and to put her trust in the God of the people of the Lord (2.11-12; 3.11).
- Everyone knew of her care for Naomi and that she was a noble and virtuous woman.

But there was a nearer kinsman, also able, who had the prior right to redeem.

- Ru 3.12-13 there is a kinsman nearer than I... if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well... but if he will not... then will I

Ruth now had to await the outcome of the redemption process. After her time of decision (Ru 1.6-18) and of service (2.1-23), it was now time for her to rest.

- Ru 3.18 Then said (*Naomi*), ***Sit still, my daughter***... for the man will not be in rest until he have finished the thing

The next day, Boaz assembled the elders of the city to finalise the redemption.

- Ru 4.1-2 Then went Boaz up to the gate, &... took ten men of the elders of the city

Though willing to redeem the land, the nearer kinsman was unwilling to take Ruth (4.3-6). So, Boaz paid the redemption price, and thereby,

- Bought the land, thus restoring the lost inheritance of the Israelite husband and sons of Naomi (4.9).
- Purchased the Gentile widow of one of the sons to be his wife (4.10).

The Antitype

Boaz buying back a lost Israelite inheritance which required also the taking of a Gentile bride is a beautiful type/shadow of our spiritual redemption in Christ.

Boaz, the redeemer, was,

- Like Christ, a native of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the coming Redeemer (Mi 5.2).
- In fact, a direct ancestor of David, and so of the Son of David, the Redeemer (4.21-22).

Like Boaz with Ruth, Christ looked with compassion upon our helpless state, and was willing,

- To redeem our original inheritance even though we were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise (Eph 2.12),
- To purchase us and marry us that the memory of our race not be cut off.

So,

- Just as redeeming the inheritance of the widow of his deceased Israelite brother, Elimelech, entailed Boaz marrying Ruth, the Gentile widow of his deceased nephew;
- Even so, when Jesus came to redeem Israel (Lk 1.68; 24.21), He also got a Gentile bride.
- (Boaz' taking a Gentile bride echoes how Joseph, rejected by his Jewish brethren, likewise took a Gentile bride before revealing himself to his repentant brethren.)

At this present time,

- Just like Boaz, Christ is now performing His kinsman redeemer work alongside His mediatorial and intercessory ministry. He will not rest until it is fully completed.
- Just as Ruth, after her decision and service, left her works and entered into rest, waiting for Boaz to return from his redemption work (Ru 3.18); so, the Church also now sits still and quietly waits for her Redeemer to fully complete His work of redemption.

Finally,

- Just as Boaz (Ru 4.2,9), Christ will come forth and makes His redemption claim in the presence of the elders (Rev 5.6-7).
- Just like Boaz, after His claim (Ru 4.9-13), Christ will come to take His bride.

Bro Branham Quotes

- ***Now, He's just doing the Kinsman work now***, like Boaz went down, and ***Ruth was just setting there waiting*** until... Boaz done the kinsman redeeming work. Now, so ***Ruth was just waiting***, because she'd already labored. She'd done all of these other things, but she was waiting. And then when ***the Church is waiting, resting***, many of them, most of them in the dust of the earth, ***while He's doing His Kinsman Redeem work. The Third Seal", Seals Book p 234-235***
- Now, just search your heart, my brother, my sister, my friends. Search Christ now while you have a chance to. It may come pretty soon where you can't do it. ***He may leave the seat anytime of His intercession***; then you could cry with all your heart, you could stomp, you could speak in tongues, you could run up and down the floor, you could do anything you wanted to and join every church in the world; there's nothing, no more Bleach for your sins. Then where are you then? While ***I believe, with all my heart, the seat's still open. I believe He's still on the throne of God, but soon He's going to rise now and come forth to claim what He has redeemed. He's doing the work of Kinsman Redeemer while Ruth is waiting. But soon, you know, after Boaz done the kinsman work, then he come and claimed his possessions***, and that's exactly what the Bible said He done. He come forth and took the Book; then intercession is over. He's off the throne. ***There's no more Blood on the mercy seat, and then what is it? Judgment seat. "The Fourth Seal" (63-0321), par 393-394***