

Boaz – Choose Jesus not Stockholm!

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Boaz – A flavour of Jesus,

His attitude of heart was to bless God. Ruth 2:4, To work hard. Ruth 2, To care for others Ruth 2:8, To act with integrity Ruth 3, To honour authority Ruth 4:1, To work things through and enjoy the journey. Ruth 3, To play a part in history way beyond his imagination. Ruth 4:13-22

Redemption: means ‘to buy back’, ‘to act in bringing from slavery, captivity or death by the price of judgement’. Boaz was a kinsman redeemer, an Old Testament picture of God’s plan of Redemption.

Hebrew - Old Testament meanings;

- i) **Gah-al** meaning to redeem according to the oriental law of kinship, to be next of kin, and as such to buy back a relatives property, marry his widow etc. Translated; redeem, redeemed, kinsman redeemer, ransom, deliver, purchase, avenger of blood, revenger and redeemer. Exodus 6:6, 15:13, Ruth 3:13, Jeremiah 31:11, Psalm 119:154, Hosea 13:14, Isaiah 35:10, 51:11
- ii) **Pad-dah** meaning to sever, i.e. ‘to ransom, to release, to preserve, Translated; redeem, redeemed, delivered, redeeming, rescued, ransom’. Deuteronomy 9:26, 21:8, Psalm 78:42, Exodus 13:13,15, 1Samuel 14:45, Hosea 13:14, Isaiah 35:10, 51:11
- iii) **P’Dooth** meaning as Pad-dah. Translated as ‘distinction, deliverance, division, redeem redemption’. Exodus 8:22,23, Psalm 111:9, 130:7, Isaiah 50:2
- iv) **Pah-rak** meaning to break off, to deliver. Translated ‘break off, deliver, redeem, rend (in pieces)’ Genesis 27:40, Psalm 136:24, 7:2-3, 1Kings 19:11

Greek – New Testament meanings;

- i) **Lutreo** meaning ‘to ransom’, literally and figuratively. Translated ‘redeem’. Luke 24:21, Titus 2:14, 1Peter 1:18-19, Luke 1:68, 2:38, Hebrews 9:12. Translated ‘ransom’ Matthew 20:28 Mark 10:45
- ii) **Apolutrosis** meaning ‘the act of ransom in full; riddance, or especially Christian salvation’. Translated ‘deliverance, redemption’ Luke 21:28, Romans 8:22-24, 8:23, 1Corinthians 1:30, Ephesians 1:7, 13-14, 4:30, Colossians 1:14, Hebrews 9:15
- iii) **Agorazo** meaning ‘to go to the market, to purchase. Translated ‘to buy, redeem’. Matthew 13:44-46, 1Corinthians 6:20, 7:23, Revelation 3:18, 5:9, 14:3-4

- iv) **Exagorzaō** meaning 'to buy up, to rescue from loss, improve opportunity'. Translated 'redeem'. Galatians 3:13, 4:5, Ephesians 5:16, Colossians 4:5

Old Testament Examples of God's Redemption for His people.

- i) Redeemed by the Passover Lamb Exodus 8:22-23, Exodus 12
- ii) Israelites redeemed with Silver and Gold called 'redemption money' Exodus 30:11-16, Numbers 3:44-51, 1 Peter 1:18-20
- iii) The law of redemption as seen in the function of the 'Kinsman-Redeemer'. Redemption of a wife, slave, or a forfeited land inheritance. Ruth 4, Leviticus 25:25, Jeremiah 32:6-15

The Kinsman –Redeemer had to have three qualifications

- i) He must be a near kinsman or relative
- ii) He must be willing to redeem the lost inheritance, or buy back the relative
- iii) He must be able to pay the full price of redemption.

Jesus Fulfils all the Criteria of the Kinsman-Redeemer

- i) Jesus Christ became our near kinsman Redeemer by the incarnation and virgin birth. Hebrews 10:5-8 (including foreign blood – see Steve's notes from last week)
- ii) Jesus Christ was willing to redeem the human race and the inheritance forfeited by mankind through sin. Hebrews 10:5-10, (Psalm 49:7-8)
- iii) Jesus Christ was able to pay the full redemptive price. Revelation 5:9, 14:3-4, Galatians 3:13, Titus 2:14, 1 Peter 1:18-20, Matthew 20:28, Ephesians 1:17, Colossians 1:14, Romans 3:24-25
- iv) Everything is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is LORD; His name is now the greatest Redemptive name comprehending in itself all the Old Testament redemption names. He is Jehovah our Redeemer. Exodus 3:14-15

The Choice and Response to His Redemption is Ours

We are redeemed. The price is paid. We have been bought back from the slave market of Satan

- i) Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer. Revelation 5:9-10, Romans 3:22-24
- ii) Jesus redeems us from all sin and iniquity. Titus 2:13-14, Psalm 130:8

- iii) Jesus redeems us from the curse of the Law. Galatians 3:13, 4:3-5
- iv) Jesus redeems us from the kingdom of darkness Colossians 1:13-14
- v) Jesus redeems us from all evil, distress and bondage. Exodus 6:6, Deuteronomy 15:15, Genesis 48:16, Psalm 25:22, 1Kings 1:29, 2Samuel 4:9
- vi) Jesus redeems us from death and hell, Romans 8:22-23, Philippians 3:20-21, Ephesians 3:13-14, Psalm 49:15
- vii) Jesus redemption covers our past, present and future Revelation 5:9-10

Redemption, Our Response to the Nitty-Gritty

1) Beware of Spiritual Stockholm Syndrome

[Stockholm syndrome is the behaviour of kidnap victims who, over time, become sympathetic to their captors.](#)

We are born sin and its consequences bombard our lives. We can accept this and embrace a spiritual Stockholm syndrome.

You can escape. Jesus offers redemption. Jesus can redeem any situation. Advice can be helpful but before we chat about our problems we need to come firstly to Jesus to repent of going our own way and then ask to be redeemed by Him.

2). Don't return to Slave Market

When Jesus sets us free, we are free indeed. Immaturity can draw us back to the slave market. There is a security in slavery. When we become free we have to start taking responsibility.

3) Give yourself Totally to God

Boaz was completely willing to redeem this foreigner Ruth.

Watchman Nee says, *"Ruth's need was not to be met merely by the purchase of her lands. She must be wed. Without the offering up of ourselves to God, redemption is a sterile, empty thing.*

Consecration to God pays rich dividends".

Cell Group Questions and Action Points

1. What does redemption mean in Herne Bay 2010?
2. What attributes of Boaz can I apply to my life?
3. How can I as an individual care for the poor and be a modern day Boaz? How do we achieve this as a church family?
4. Have I experienced God's full redemption (list on page 2)?
5. (*individual question*) Do I have spiritual Stockholm syndrome or return frequently to the security of the slave market?