

Ruth 3:9

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Jesus is our kinsman redeemer, who gave up everything to redeem humanity and fulfill the role of the kinsman redeemer.

Scripture: Leviticus 25:25, Ruth 3:9, Matthew 13:44, Hebrews 2:14

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Description

Chuck Smith explores the concept of 'Goel,' or kinsman redeemer, emphasizing the biblical laws of redemption that allow a family member to reclaim lost land or responsibilities. He illustrates this through Naomi's story, where Boaz steps in as the kinsman redeemer to save Ruth and their family line. Smith draws parallels to Jesus, who fulfills the role of our Goel by willingly and able to redeem humanity through His sacrifice. The sermon highlights the importance of redemption in both personal and spiritual contexts, showing how Jesus' love and commitment to us mirrors Boaz's actions. Ultimately, it emphasizes that Jesus is our Goel, who redeems us from spiritual bankruptcy.

Transcript

"GOEL"

Intro: The word "Goel" means kinsman redeemer. The word redemption carries with

it the idea of gaining back something lost.

I. THE BIBLE ESTABLISHED THE LAWS OF REDEMPTION, WHICH APPLIED TO A MAN OR HIS LAND.

A. Whenever you lost your land terms were established for the price of its redemption.

1. You could lose it by selling out.

2. A time limit was established for redemption, usually six years.

B. A provision in the law gave power to the goel or kinsman redeemer.

1. If it was impossible for you to redeem your land, the kinsman could

step in and take your part so that the land would stay in the family.

- a. He had to be willing and able to pay the price.
 - b. He must assume all the responsibilities of the land.
2. Another law of the kinsman whose brother died childless.
- a. You must marry his wife and name first son after dead brother.

II THE CASE OF NAOMI.

A. She with her husband had sold their land in Bethlehem and with their two sons moved to Moab.

1. While in Moab both sons married and died before children were conceived.
2. Her husband Elimelech also died.
3. The family was facing extinction.

B. The parcel they had sold was coming up for redemption.

1. If a kinsman would redeem it he would be obligated also to raise up a son through Ruth the daughter-in-law.
2. When Ruth asked Boaz to spread his covering over her, she was asking him to become the goel and to give her a son.
 - a. Boaz loved Ruth and desired to fulfill the kinsman obligations.
 - b. Another family member was of closer kin, thus had first rights.
 1. This other family member desired the land but not Ruth.
 2. Boaz desired Ruth, could care less for land.
 - c. Boaz redeemed the field to get the bride.

III. HISTORY IS ACTUALLY HIS STORY AND MAYBE JESUS WAS THINKING OF THIS BIT OF FAMILY HISTORY WHEN HE SPOKE A KINGDOM PARABLE.

A. Kingdom of heaven like a man going through a field and discovering a treasure.

1. He sells all to buy the field so as to obtain the treasure.
2. Now the field is the world.

- a. Sold out by Adam to Satan.
- b. Man is spiritually bankrupt unable to redeem.
- 3. Jesus became a man or kinsman so He could redeem.

- a. "In the beginning was the word."
- b. "And the word became flesh."
- c. "He was in the world and the world..."

- 1. The fish knew Him.
- 2. The trees knew Him.
- 3. The rocks knew Him.
- 4. The wind and waves knew Him.
- 5. The donkey new Him.
- 6. But this stupid world which prides itself in being so smart didn't know Him then or now.

B. Jesus as our "Goel."

- 1. He must be willing. "The Son of Man has come..."
- 2. He must be able. "Wherefore He is able to save all..."
- 3. He must pay the price "In whom we have redemption through His blood..."

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