

July 9th Sr. Adult Bible Study: **Redemption**

Redemption of Blood (1/3)

Numbers 35:9-28

Boaz' Redemption of Naomi's Land and Restoration of Ruth (2/3)

Ruth 4:1-12

Redemption From Distress or Death (3/3)

1 Samuel 14:24-28, 43-45; Psalms 49:7-9, 14-15;
55:16-19

Numbers 35:9-15 NASB

⁹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ¹¹ then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, so that the one who commits manslaughter by killing a person unintentionally may flee there. ¹² The cities shall serve you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the one who commits manslaughter does not die until he stands before the congregation for trial. ¹³ So the cities which you are to provide shall be six cities of refuge for you. ¹⁴ You shall provide three cities across the Jordan, and three cities in the land of Canaan; they are to be cities of refuge. ¹⁵ These six cities shall be a refuge for the sons of Israel, for the stranger, and for the foreign resident among them; so that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there.

Numbers 35:16-21 NASB

¹⁶ 'But if he struck him with an iron object, so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer must be put to death. ¹⁷ And if he struck him with a stone in the hand, by which he would die, and as a result he did die, he is a murderer; the murderer must be put to death. ¹⁸ Or if he struck him with a wooden object in the hand, by which he would die, and as a result he did die, he is a murderer; the murderer must be put to death. ¹⁹ The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he himself shall put him to death when he meets him. ²⁰ Now if he pushed him in hatred, or he threw something at him with malicious intent, and as a result he died, ²¹ or if he struck him with his hand with hostility, and as a result he died, the one who struck him must be put to death; he is a murderer. The blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

Numbers 35:22-28 NASB

²² 'But if he pushed him suddenly, without hostility, or threw any object at him without malicious intent, ²³ or had any deadly stone, and without looking he dropped it on him so that he died, while he was not his enemy nor was he seeking to harm him, ²⁴ then the congregation shall judge between the one who fatally struck the victim and the blood avenger in accordance with these ordinances. ²⁵ And the congregation shall save the one who committed manslaughter from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall return him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil. ²⁶ But if at any time he goes beyond the border of his city of refuge to which he flees, ²⁷ and the blood avenger finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the blood avenger kills him, he will not be guilty of bloodshed, ²⁸ because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the one who committed manslaughter may return to the land of his property.

Consider:

- This passage establishes God's system of *cities of refuge*—places where someone who kills another person can flee for protection until a fair trial is held.
- It also distinguishes between intentional murder and unintentional manslaughter, assigns consequences for each, and emphasizes justice, due process, and the sanctity of life within Israel's community.

Break it down:

- **Verses 9–15 — Provision of Refuge**
 - God commands Israel to set aside six cities of refuge, accessible to both Israelites and foreigners, where anyone who kills may flee for safety until judgment.
- **Verses 16–21 — Cases of Intentional Murder**
 - These verses define murder as killing with a weapon, hostility, or premeditated intent; the murderer is to be put to death, and no refuge is allowed.
- **Verses 22–28 — Cases of Unintentional Manslaughter**
 - When a death occurs without hatred or intent, the killer may flee to a city of refuge and remain protected until the high priest's death; leaving the city prematurely exposes him to lawful retaliation by the avenger of blood.

Discussion points:

Redemption Provides a Path Toward Restoration:

- The refuge system doesn't erase the consequences of a death, but it creates a structured path for the person to be protected, heard, and ultimately restored to the community.
- Redemption is not escape—it is God's way of guiding someone back to wholeness.

Follow-up question: In what ways has God provided you with “refuge moments” that allowed you to heal, reset, or be restored after a painful situation?

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Boaz' Redemption of Naomi's Land and Restoration of Ruth (2/3)

- Ruth 4:1-12

Ruth 4:1-6NASB

¹ Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the redeemer of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Come over here, friend, sit down here." And he came over and sat down. ² Then he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. ³ And he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has returned from the land of Moab, has to sell the plot of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought that I would inform you, saying, 'Buy it before those who are sitting here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if not, tell me so that I may know; for there is no one except you to redeem it, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵ Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance." ⁶ Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, otherwise I would jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you may have my right of redemption, since I cannot redeem it." .

Ruth 4:7-12 NASB

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of land to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the way of confirmation in Israel. ⁸ So the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." And he removed his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ Furthermore, I have acquired Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased will not be eliminated from his brothers or from the court of his birth place; you are witnesses today." ¹¹ And all the people who were in the court, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem. ¹² Moreover, may your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the descendants whom the LORD will give you by this young woman."

Some background:

The book of Ruth provides a beautiful example of redemption.

- As the narrative begins, a devastating famine strikes, and Naomi travels with her family to the land of Moab to survive.
- But her husband and her two sons die, leaving Naomi and her Moabite daughter-in-law Ruth alone and vulnerable (Ruth 1:1-5).
- Their family's land in Israel—which would have been passed down from one male to another—is in jeopardy.
- And these women have few ways to provide for themselves and little hope for their future.

Consider:

In this passage, Boaz steps into the role of *kinsman-redeemer*, securing both the land and the family line of Elimelech by publicly committing to marry Ruth.

- Through this act, God's redemptive plan unfolds in a way that restores Naomi's family, honors Ruth's faithfulness, and weaves their story into Israel's future hope.
- Redemption here is not only legal—it is relational, restorative, and ultimately tied to God's larger redemptive purposes for His people.

Discussion points:

Redemption Creates a Legacy Far Beyond the Moment

- When Boaz redeems Ruth, the community blesses them, recognizing that God often uses acts of faithfulness to shape future generations.
- Their union becomes part of the lineage of David—and ultimately Jesus—showing that redemption today can flow into God's larger plan.

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Redemption From Distress or Death (3/3)

- 1 Samuel 14:24-28, 43-45
- Psalms 49:7-9, 14-15
- Psalms 55:16-19

1 Samuel 14:24-28 NASB

²⁴ Now the men of Israel were hard-pressed on that day, for Saul had put the people under oath, saying, “Cursed be the man who eats food before evening, and before I have avenged myself on my enemies.” So none of the people tasted food. ²⁵ All the people of the land entered the forest, and there was honey on the ground. ²⁶ When the people entered the forest, behold, there was honey dripping; but no man put his hand to his mouth, because the people feared the oath. ²⁷ However, Jonathan had not heard it when his father put the people under oath; so he put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened. ²⁸ Then one of the people responded and said, “Your father strictly put the people under oath, saying, ‘Cursed be the man who eats food today.’” And the people were weary.

1 Samuel 14:43-45 NASB

⁴³ So Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I did indeed taste a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am, I must die!" ⁴⁴ And Saul said, "May God do the same to me and more also, for you shall certainly die, Jonathan!" ⁴⁵ But the people said to Saul, "Must Jonathan die, he who has brought about this great victory in Israel? Far from it! As the LORD lives, not even a hair of his head shall fall to the ground, because he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan and he did not die.

Psalms 49:7-9NASB

- ⁷ No one can by any means redeem another
Or give God a ransom for him—
⁸For the redemption of his soul is priceless,
And he should cease imagining forever—
⁹That he might live on eternally,
That he might not undergo decay.

Psalms 49:14-15 NASB

- ¹⁴ Like sheep they sink down to Sheol;
Death will be their shepherd;
And the upright will rule over them in the morning,
And their form shall be for Sheol to consume
So that they have no lofty home.
- ¹⁵ But God will redeem my soul from the power of
Sheol,
For He will receive me. Selah

Psalms 55:16-19NASB

- ¹⁶ As for me, I shall call upon God,
And the LORD will save me.
- ¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain
and moan,
And He will hear my voice.
- ¹⁸ He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle
which is against me,
For they are many who are aggressive toward me.
- ¹⁹ God will hear and humiliate them—
Even the one who sits enthroned from ancient
times— Selah
With whom there is no change,
And who do not fear God.

Consider:

Redemption Requires Discernment, Humility, and Dependence on God

- Jonathan's actions in contrast to Saul's impulsiveness (1 Sam. 14:24–28) mirrors the psalmist's humility in acknowledging that redemption is beyond human ability (Ps. 49:7–9).
- True redemption begins when we recognize our limits and turn to God for wisdom and rescue.

God Alone Redeems From Death and Restores Life

- While the wicked face decay (Ps. 49:14), God promises to redeem His people from the grave (Ps. 49:15).
- Jonathan's rescue from death (1 Sam. 14:43–45) becomes a living picture of this truth: God steps in to save when no one else can.

Next Month:

Redemption From Exile (8/6th)

Isaiah 43:1-7, 44:21-23, 48:20-21, 51:9-11

Redemption Anticipated Through Jesus (8/6th)

Luke 1:67-75, 2:36-38; Mark 10:42-45

Redemption Accomplished Through Jesus (8/6th)

Romans 3:21-24; 1 Peter 1:13-21, 43-45; Hebrews 9:11-15

*** Remember ***

Regular weekly Sr. Adult Bible Study will resume on 9/3
- New Study Theme: The Holy Spirit

Source:

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