

# **August 6<sup>th</sup> Sr. Adult Bible Study: Redemption**

## **Redemption From Exile (#1/3)**

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

## **Redemption Anticipated Through Jesus (#2/3)**

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

## **Redemption Accomplished Through Jesus (#3/3)**

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

## Isaiah 43:1-7 NASB

- <sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the LORD says, He who is your Creator, Jacob,  
And He who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine!
- <sup>2</sup> “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,  
Nor will the flame burn you.
- <sup>3</sup> “For I am the LORD your God,  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

## Isaiah 43:1-7 NASB

<sup>5</sup>“Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
And gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup>“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’  
And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’  
Bring My sons from afar  
And My daughters from the ends of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>Everyone who is called by My name,  
And whom I have created for My glory,  
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

## Isaiah 44:21-23NASB

<sup>21</sup> “Remember these things, Jacob,  
And Israel, for you are My servant;  
I have formed you, you are My servant,  
Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.

<sup>22</sup> “I have wiped out your wrongdoings like a thick  
cloud

And your sins like a heavy mist.

Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”

<sup>23</sup> Shout for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done it!

Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth;

Break into a shout of jubilation, you mountains,

Forest, and every tree in it;

For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

And in Israel He shows His glory.

## Isaiah 48:20-21 NASB

<sup>20</sup> Go out from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans!  
Declare with the sound of joyful shouting, proclaim  
this,  
Send it out to the end of the earth;  
Say, “The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob.”  
<sup>21</sup> They did not thirst when He led them through  
the deserts.  
He made the water flow out of the rock for them;  
He split the rock and the water gushed out.

## Isaiah 51:9-11 NASB

<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;  
Awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago.

Was it not You who cut Rahab in pieces,  
Who pierced the dragon?

<sup>10</sup> Was it not You who dried up the sea,  
The waters of the great deep;  
Who made the depths of the sea a pathway  
For the redeemed to cross over?

<sup>11</sup> And the redeemed of the LORD will return  
And come to Zion with joyful shouting,  
And everlasting joy will be on their heads.  
They will obtain gladness and joy,  
And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

## Consider the examples:

Just as God “redeemed” the Israelites from slavery in Egypt (Ex. 6:6), he also promises to redeem his people centuries later when they find themselves exiled in Babylon.

- Example: (Isa. 43:1-7; 48:20-21) Using language from the first exodus, Isaiah declares that when God rescues his people from Babylonian exile, they will pass through waters without being harmed and through deserts without being thirsty (ref Ex. 14, 15, & 17).
- Example: (Isa. 51:9-11) The same God who earlier parted the Red Sea—which Isaiah pictures as a raging sea dragon—will also make a way for his people out of this life-threatening exile.

## Consider the price paid:

In Isaiah 43:1-3, God says that he gives Egypt as a ransom when he “redeems” Israel from Babylon.

- This could refer back to the Egyptians who died when they resisted God’s command to free the Israelites at the exodus (Ex. 12:29-32, 14:26-29).
- Or it could point forward to Egypt’s defeat at the hands of Cyrus the Persian in the 6th century.
- Either way, Egypt’s downfall represents God’s opposition to all proud oppressors (ref Isa. 2:12-22).

## Consider the results:

When God redeems his people, he not only frees them but also forgives their sins that led to exile in the first place.

- God says their wrongdoing will be removed like a heavy mist that vanishes (Isa. 44:22).
- As he redeems them from exile, God is also inviting them back into loving relationship with him.

## **Discussion point:**

**We all have had defining moments or events that shaped our lives:**

- Can you think of something that happened in your life that pointed you back to God?
  - This event should equate to a “redemption” back to God
- Why do you think the book of Isaiah refers back to Israel’s exodus from Egypt when describing what God will do for the Israelites in Babylonian exile?

# **August 6<sup>th</sup> Sr. Adult Bible Study:**

## **Redemption Anticipated Through Jesus (#2/3)**

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

## Luke 1:67-75 NASB

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying:

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

<sup>69</sup>And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of His servant David—

<sup>70</sup>Just as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient times—

<sup>71</sup>Salvation from our enemies,  
And from the hand of all who hate us;

<sup>72</sup>To show mercy to our fathers,  
And to remember His holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>The oath which He swore to our father Abraham,

<sup>74</sup>To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies,

Would serve Him without fear,

<sup>75</sup>In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

## Luke 2:36-38 NASB

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She did not leave the temple grounds, serving night and day with fasts and prayers. <sup>38</sup> And at that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak about Him to all those who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

## Mark 10:42-45 NASB

<sup>42</sup> Calling them to Himself, Jesus \*said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles domineer over them; and their people in high position exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not this way among you; rather, whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant; <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

## **Consider:**

Israel experiences a partial redemption when some of the people return to their land (Ezra 1-2).

- But centuries later they're still being dominated by an enemy ruler—the Romans.
- So, they're waiting for God to redeem them from their foreign overlords and set a more powerful king on David's throne (Isa. 9:1-7, 60:8-16).

## **Consider:**

The gospel accounts connect Jesus and his story to this long-anticipated redemption.

- Zechariah, a priest and the father of John the Baptizer, prophesies that God's "redemption" has already begun (Luke 1:68).
- God is raising up a king in the line of David who will rescue his people.

## **Consider:**

The Gospel of Luke also tells us about a prophetess named Anna who has been praying and fasting in the temple for many years.

- When she sees Jesus as a child at his dedication, she tells everyone who is “looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem” about him (Luke 2:38).
- Anna sees Jesus as the one who will bring God’s promise of redemption to fulfillment.

## Consider:

But Jesus has come not to wield or exploit his power through a show of force like other kings by waging war against Rome.

- Instead, he has come “to serve, and to give His life as a ransom (or redemption payment) for many” (Mark 10:45).
- Here, Jesus recalls Isaiah’s promise of a servant who would suffer and die to bear “the sin of many” (Isa. 53:12).

## **Consider:**

The people's real enemies are not the Romans, or other flesh-and-blood people, but the cosmic powers of sin and death.

- And Jesus redeems people from those powers so that he might restore them to life with God.

## **Discussion points:**

How does Jesus' fulfillment of the prophetic promises of redemption relate to your own expectations?

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## **Redemption Accomplished Through Jesus (#3/3)**

- Romans 3:21-24
- 1 Peter 1:13-21
- Hebrews 9:11-15

## Romans 3:21-24 NASB

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> but it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,

## 1 Peter 1:13-21 NASB

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; <sup>16</sup> because it is written: "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

## 1 Peter 1:13-21 NASB

<sup>17</sup> If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. <sup>20</sup> For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## Hebrews 9:11-15 NASB

- <sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things having come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands, that is, not of this creation; <sup>12</sup> and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all time, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- <sup>15</sup> For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the violations that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

## Consider:

Some New Testament authors connect redemption with the idea of atonement.

- In the Hebrew Bible, the blood of a sacrificed animal would make atonement by wiping the defilement of the people's sins off of the holy places in the tabernacle or temple so that God could continue to live in their midst.
- So, the author of Hebrews states that Jesus provides redemption by offering his own blood as an atoning sacrifice (Heb. 9:11-14).

## **Consider:**

Although we may associate redemption specifically with Jesus' death, Hebrews 9 describes the key moment of redemption as coming through Jesus' resurrection and ascension when he cleanses the heavenly holy of holies.

## Consider:

As Paul says in Romans 6, all people are enslaved like hostages to the power of sin and death.

- Since death has no claim on Jesus, he redeems people by giving his own life over to death on behalf of the dying, in order to raise up both himself and everyone else.
- He sets people free to become captivated instead by “righteousness”, which means living in right relationship with God and others.
- As 1 Peter puts it, Jesus redeems people from a “futile way of life” to be “born again,” into a new life that’s compelled by love.

## **Consider:**

By teaching us to relate rightly with God and neighbor, Jesus restores us to the kind of people God made all humanity to be.

- So, he repossesses, or redeems, us back into God's family.

## **Discussion points:**

Can you see the comparison of Jesus' redemption of people from sin and death to God's redemption of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt?

What do you think is the difference between the two events?

Next Month:

**\* Remember \***

**Regular weekly Sr. Adult Bible Study will resume on 9/3**

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