

The message today is entitled “The Redeemer Comes”. I want to take a deeper look into this person but first, I’d like to show by way of contrast, how the world views redemption – that is, redemption without a true Redeemer.

Redemption in the world:

After reading stories of “redemption” one young man wrote: “I want to redeem **myself** also...I just got released from the hospital... I smoked some very strong synthetic marijuana and almost lost my mind....I tried to jump through a glass door and had to get stitches in my hand...I was on the ground crying telling anyone who would listen that I was going to dying and God was about to send me to hell.....**I have never been so embarrassed and humiliated**...I devote the rest of my life to warning people about the danger of that drug and help people get off of it....So if anybody reading this does fake weed...STOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.....before it's too late”

This is so sad on so many levels!

There’s a book out called “Redemption”. Here’s a snippet from a review:

“Only by confronting reality directly and clearly, can Jack achieve redemption. The process results in humility, which leads to self-forgiveness, and to empathy, which leads to the forgiveness of others—including Jack’s father. This permits Jack to rejoin the family, **to accept the human condition**. Unlike Jack’s fantasies, which are emotional and self-indulgent, this kind of art is rational and consoles the reader. “Redemption” can help relieve the pain of life and create a sense of union with the human community.

“Redemption” contrasts two **types of behavior**. One is self-centered, arrogant, cruel, irresponsible, and lawless. The other is self-sacrificing, humble, empathetic,...

What these “real-life stories” have in common is a skewed concept of redemption. It is “paying for wrong doing by doing something good”, in order words, the guilt is removed by a self-redeeming act of kindness, or victory, because the person righted the wrong for themselves!

While this makes for nice made-for-TV movies or paperback books, we who know God, know that this is **NOT** redemption.

So, let’s explore the biblical concept of redemption and understand that it is not of man, but always of God who is The Redeemer Who Comes.

Whether in the OT or the NT, redemption is defined as an act of “buying back” something or someone. Redemption has been described as “paying a ransom” and deliverance, and often comes with the connotation of sacrifice and salvation. In the OT, it was sometimes thought of as a physical rescuing of a person or even a nation. In the NT, it is spiritual salvation of the souls and bodies of men.

In the OT, the term “kinsmen-redeemer” (go’el) describes a person who would pay the debt owed by a relative or even marry the widow of one’s brother so that the brother’s blood-line would continue (Boaz is a good example of this). But all of this is just a shadow or picture of the “true kinsmen-redeemer” as revealed in the NT.

A clear teaching throughout all Scripture, is, no one can redeem him/herself! Someone else must sacrifice something of value to redeem a person. The greater the need, the greater the sacrifice!

We first MUST know that our eternal God purposed in His heart **before the world was created**, that we who are made in His image, would need redemption and therefore, a Redeemer.

Ephesians 1:3-4 NKJV Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, (4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

Revelation 13:8 NKJV All who dwell on the earth will worship him [*satan*], whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

And where did it start for us?

Genesis 3 - The Fall of Man

We know that Adam and Eve disobeyed the commandment of the LORD God. From that moment, we see two “human” traits emerge rather quickly: **blame and shame**. Adam blamed Eve and then had the audacity to blame the LORD because He gave Eve to be His wife. Eve blamed Satan who deceived her. ***It’s unconfirmed but I think the LORD said “Oy Vey”!***

Then came the shame – guilt before God and a “cover up”. They tried to hide their nakedness with leaves and they tried to hide from the LORD. This was **after** God sought them out as He walked in the Garden He created for them. He did not seek them out to punish them. He sought them out so that they could confess and receive forgiveness. But they never truly confessed nor repented.

God, in His perfect and righteous judgment allowed them to live with the consequences of their actions. So, curses were poured on them and the earth.

But the LORD did two remarkable things:

- 1) He provided them with clothing made of animal skins, and then
- 2) He removed them from the Garden where the Tree of Life was planted.

The two acts were out of love towards our First parents!

1. The skins also gave us a true picture of His heart: The LORD **alone** provides a **covering** for their sin (and ours) so that we can continue in fellowship with Him. An innocent animal provided the blood that would be that spiritual covering.
2. And, removing them from the Garden, would prevent them from getting back in so they would not be able to eat of the Tree of Life and therefore live forever in their cursed state.

From the beginning, it was God who sought out sinful man for sinful man never seeks out God.

But our God is a great God who does great things that no one can imagine:

Because Adam, being the head of all mankind, had willfully sinned, the LORD graciously promised that the “seed” of the woman would come to rectify the brokenness between Himself and all of mankind. The “seed” would bruise the head of satan (head=authority and power) but satan would

bruise His heel (which He did by putting the “Seed” upon an execution stake, that is, the Cross).
(Genesis 3:15)

Our LORD God had much work to do in His creation before the Promised Redeemer would come. More than anything else, mankind needed to know their God. And, even more importantly, they had to know their need for God as savior and redeemer. Now while the specifics were concealed and the Redeemer’s identity veiled, the LORD was not silent. Through His Prophets and the Nation to which they belonged, He spoke about a future Hope. Sometimes in pictures, sometimes in types, sometimes with mysterious words.

Today, I want to show four “pictures” of this Redeemer as revealed in the OT Scriptures and then we will look at the NT fulfillment of these promises.

The pictures will be of **a Man, a Servant, a King and God the Son**. Some of these scriptures will reveal multiple attributes of the Redeemer. You will definitely need these notes to review these wonderful words of God.

1. A Man

- a. Adam was the first person created by God. Adam’s sin affected every person who came after him. Adam’s blood was not sufficient to pay for the sin he allowed into the world by his disobedience.
- b. Neither could an animal’s blood redeem a man; But, by the grace of God, it could cover the sin so that fellowship with God could be restored.
- c. So, the Redeemer had to be a man.
 - i. **Psalms 49:7-9 NKJV** None *of them* can by any means redeem *his* brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him— (8) For the redemption of their souls *is* costly, And it shall cease forever— (9) That he should continue to live eternally, *And* not see the Pit.
 - ii. There’s just not enough money in the world to pay for the sinful soul of man.
- d. The redeemer had to come from a woman, and it was declared that the redeemer would be the “seed” of a woman’s body; Women don’t have seeds. Therefore, this would be a very special birth.
 - i. **Isaiah 7:14 NKJV** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
 - ii. **Isaiah 9:6a NKJV** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
- e. This man had to have the faith of Abraham whose obedience declared him righteous before God. This became the basis for salvation by faith and not works.
- f. This man had to expose man’s heart as deceitfully wicked and without a human cure.
 - i. **Jeremiah 17:9-10 NKJV** "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (10) I, the LORD, search the heart, *I* test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.
 - ii. **Read the Sermon on the Mount and you will see how it is heart of man that sins, even before the sinful act is committed.**

2. A Servant

- a. The Redeemer would be a servant to all. He would humble Himself in the sight of God and man. The servant would do for man that which man could not do for himself!
 - i. **Isaiah 52:13 NKJV** Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted

- and extolled and be very high
- ii. **Isaiah 53:2-5 NKJV** (2) For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him. (3) He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (4) Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. (5) But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
- b. This servant of God had to be faithful and obedient to God
- i. **Genesis 22:15-16, 18 NKJV** Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, (16) and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*—
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(18) In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
 - ii. **Numbers 12:7 NKJV** Not so with My servant Moses; He *is* faithful in all My house.
 - iii. **Isaiah 49:6 NKJV** Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

3. A King

- a. We are all under someone's authority. Men thrive best when they are led
 - i. **Isaiah 9:6b NKJV** And the government will be upon His shoulder.
 - ii. **Isaiah 44:6 NKJV** "Thus says the LORD, **the King of Israel**, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I *am* the First and I *am* the Last; Besides Me *there is* no God.
- b. **But the King was also to be a shepherd**
 - i. **Isaiah 40:10-11 NKJV** Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong *hand*, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward *is* with Him, And His work before Him. (11) He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, *And* gently lead those who are with young.
 - ii. **Ezekiel 37:24 NKJV** "David My servant *shall be* king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

4. God

- a. The Redeemer must be God for only God can pay the price for such a redemption of ALL mankind
 - i. **Isaiah 1:18 NKJV** "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.
 - ii. **Isaiah 9:6a NKJV** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- iii. **Isaiah 44:6 NKJV** "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his **Redeemer**, the LORD of hosts: 'I *am* the First and I *am* the Last; Besides Me *there is* no God.

The Scriptures have declared! The Redeemer must be a Man, a Servant, a King and God Himself. Do any of you doubt?

Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV "Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

Luke 1:30-32 NKJV Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) **And behold**, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. (32) He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

Thousands of years ago, the redeemer came down to rescue His people:

It was Moses who met the Angel of the LORD, a mysterious name given to the Son of God whom the world was not ready to receive.

Exodus 3:2-9 KJV And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed

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The God of all creation cares and listened to the cries of His people:

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(8) And I AM come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey;

And thousands of years later, God, the great I AM, God the Son came down to rescue His people, NOT to redeem them from the bondage of Egypt, no, this time the Redeemer would come to ransom the souls of all men.

The Son of God would come as a Man, a Servant, a King and the LORD God of all Creation.

As a Man

The great I AM came as a baby, born of a virgin by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:31-32 NKJV And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. (32) He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

1 Timothy 2:5 NKJV For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,

As a servant,

Matthew 12:15-21 NKJV But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. (16) Yet He warned them not to make Him known, (17) that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: (18) "BEHOLD! MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN, MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL PLEASED! I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE WILL DECLARE JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES. (19) HE WILL NOT QUARREL NOR CRY OUT, NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. (20) A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK, AND SMOKING FLAX HE WILL NOT QUENCH, TILL HE SENDS FORTH JUSTICE TO VICTORY; (21) AND IN HIS NAME GENTILES WILL TRUST."

((quoted from Isaiah 42))

John 13:3-5 NKJV Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, (4) rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. (5) After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded.

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John 13:12-14 NKJV So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? (13) You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. (14) If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Matthew 20:28 NKJV just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

As King

Matthew 27:11 NKJV Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "*It is as you say.*"

John 12:12-15 NKJV The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, (13) took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' The King of Israel!" (14) Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: (15) "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

And as the King must lead, He is also our Shepherd. This Good Shepherd leads us to eternal life!

John 10:11 NKJV "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:27-28 NKJV My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (28) And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

As God

Matthew 16:16-17 NKJV Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (17) Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Even the demons understand, and tremble:

Luke 4:34 NKJV saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

John 8:58 NKJV Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 20:28-29 NKJV And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

So, our Redeemer came. The Man, the Servant, the King/Shepherd and God came down to rescue us, NOT from bondage to other men but bondage from the sin imputed to us from our father Adam. So, our Redeemer came and fulfilled a promise made some 4 to 5 thousand years ago:

Colossians 1:13-14 NKJV (13) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, (14) in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 1:18-21 NKJV knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (20) He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (21) who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

And only God could do this. Only God would do this. And He did it in a most remarkable way:

Isaiah 9:6-7 NKJV For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts

will perform this.

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If you do not believe that a baby was born of a virgin and was from birth the perfect GOD:MAN, please read what I have written (the notes will be posted online). For these are NOT my words but are the very Words of God.

Romans 10:8-12 NKJV But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): (9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." (12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.