

Kinsman Redeemer

People have the misconception that God did not want the Gentiles in the OT, God is just kind of angry all the time in the OT and then He becomes a nice loving God who includes all people. Here Ruth contradicts that false idea. She will marry Boaz. Who was Boaz' mother? A Canaanite named Rahab! Another Gentile. Boaz will be the redeemer for Ruth. She will have a son Obed, big deal, don't know the guy. Obed's son will be Jesse, Jesse's youngest son is David, as in the King David. Ruth ends up being the great grandmother of King David!

Boaz became the Kinsman Redeemer for Ruth and through that bloodline God promised to raise up the redeemer of the whole world. Ruth 4:14cf Deut 25.

Three things were necessary for a kinsman redeemer, one they had to be related, two they had to have money because sometimes it required purchasing people out of slavery or a lot of debt, and three they had to be willing to do it. In Ruth it is the only time that the kinsman redeemer actually works in the OT! "Praise be to the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer." The next time a redeemer would work the way God intended it to work would be when our redeemer took on our flesh. Christ is the redeemer for us. Able to redeem, willing to redeem. The first taker in the book of Ruth, was able to be the kinsman redeemer, but was not willing lest his children lose their inheritance. Christ was able and willing to be our Redeemer. Gal 4:4

Ruth needed to be redeemed and just as Boaz redeemed Ruth, literally saving her from death, so our Lord Jesus Christ redeems you this day by taking your sins away.

Paul writes in Galatians 4, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of woman, born under law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." This continues the lineage to Jesus. It is scandalous with who is in this genealogy. Ruth is a Moabite, a gentile. God uses sinners to bring about the Messiah. This shows us what Jesus Christ has united Himself with. He claims all people. You haven't done any sin that is not represented in the genealogy of Jesus. Christ has come and united Himself to us. He who knew no sin became sin for us.

Forgiveness

Four Promises of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:12-13; 1 Cor 13:5; Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 43:25; Rev 2:17; Rom 8:1

1. I will not dwell on this incident.
2. I will not bring up this incident and use it against you.
3. I will not talk to others about this incident.

4. I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.

We are all members of the body of Christ, the Church. So this building is not the body of Christ, it is not the church, you are the church I am the church we make up the church together. The thing we consider this morning is how we are to behave with one another the way God intended.

Forgive to Live by Dr. Dick Tibbits

Forgiveness is not

- A. Forgetting
- B. Condoning
- B. Denying
- D. Pardoning
- E. Reconciling

The first step of forgiveness is to give up my right to hurt you for hurting me. Choose to forgive not because the other person deserves or asks for it; choose forgiveness when you are ready to be healed.

Forgiveness is not an act it is a process, every time you forgive a painful thought you reduce its power.

Genesis 50:15-21 and Romans 8:28

Joseph points us to Jesus. We look at the life of Joseph and all that he endured, the injustice, the hardship and he still will embrace his brothers and forgive them and we say It's not fair! And It's not fair because God isn't fair.

Do we get what our sins deserve? No! Because God isn't fair, He doesn't dish out what we deserve instead He sends His Son Jesus. With Joseph God took a slave and put him in the highest office in Egypt in order to save His people because God is faithful to His people. With Jesus the Lord of Heaven and Earth comes down humbles Himself to be a slave to save us His people. See Philippians 2:5. If God were fair we would stand condemned, but He took my sins and your sins and took them upon His own shoulders upon the cross. It's not fair! Thank you God for not being fair! He keeps His promises to us despite our sins, our shortcomings, despite the things that haunt us, He doesn't hold it against us. He demonstrates His love for you by laying down His life and taking it up again. Now as God's people He wants that love to flow through us in how we treat and deal with one another. Not giving brothers and sisters in Christ what they deserve, but forgiving one another as Christ forgives us.