



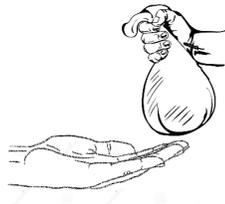
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Foundations of the Faith
Class 07
The Kinsman Redeemer

THE KINSMAN REDEEMER

God's Solution to our
Impossible Problem



We are faced with an
impossible problem
There is sin in our lives
We were born into it
We have personally sinned
Sin is now a part of us

Because of this, when our life
is over
We will all be judged by God
We will be judged according to
the Law of God

Our impossible problem is this:
We will be found guilty
God will have no choice but to
sentence us according to this
Law

This Law...
Has no mercy
It has no grace
It has no compassion
It has no appeal

In other words...

God will be forced to sentence us to Hell

We will stand before the Great White Throne and be judged

We will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity

This is our destiny under the Law of God

There was no way to avoid this destiny

Paul noted in Romans 3:20:

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. ”

What does that mean in our every day language?

It means that all the Law can do is find us guilty

On the surface and at the time God gave His Law to Moses, there was no hope given.

I've just spent two and a half weeks doing a detailed study of the Kinsman Redeemer

What it is

How it works

What is so strange is that the Law of the Kinsman Redeemer is a financial law

It deals with personal finances

Under the Law of Moses [God] a Child of Israel was responsible for his debts

If you could not pay your debts,
then the one you owed the
debt to had actions that could
be taken under the Law

First, the one who was
owed the debt could force
your possessions to be sold
to pay the debt

If that was not enough, then
your house and property could
be sold to pay the debt

If that was not enough, you
and your family would become
slaves and work for seven
years to pay the debt

Now there is an interesting
concept for the Children of
Israel

They did not actually own the
land

God owned the land

It could never be sold

The best description was that
the land could be leased
Someone else could lease the
rights to use your land
The value of the land was
based upon when the next
Year of Jubilee took place

God would not allow the land
to be taken from you forever
So every fifty years, there
would be a Year of Jubilee
All debts would be cancelled
All slaves freed
All property restored

But God built into the Law the
right of the original owner to
buy back [to redeem] what he
was forced to sell:
Possessions
Property
Himself and his family

The one owed the debt could not refuse
And then God built into the Law the ability of a relative to buy back the possessions, the property, or the relative who was now a slave

This was the basis for the Law of the Kinsman Redeemer
It was a Law governing financial transactions and nothing more
On the surface, this Law offered no hope to deal with our impossible problem

But then God inspired a Psalmist to write Psalm 49:7:
“None of them can, by any means, redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom”

Wait a minute...

Where have we heard this discussion of giving God a ransom before?

Job 33:23 – 24:

“If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand to show unto man [God’s] righteousness...”

“Then [God] is gracious unto him. And says, ‘Deliver him from going down into [Hell]; I have found a ransom.’”

So back to Psalm 49 and notice the declaration in Psalm 49:15:

“But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall receive me. Selah”

“Selah” is a musical command for us to stop and consider what has just been said.

“Think about this”

And so for the rest of the night, we will be thinking about this statement of God redeeming us

We are teaching the Modular: The Foundations of the Faith

This is an overview of the great Doctrines of the Bible

This is not Apologetics – WHY we believe

This is WHAT we believe

My topic is the Kinsman Redeemer: the Plan of Salvation
Allow me to give you the New Testament version of God's Plan of Salvation...

Ephesians 2:8 – 9:
“For by grace are you saved through faith; and not of yourself; it is the gift of God; Not of works lest any man should boast.”

And there you have it
Short, sweet; and to the point...
End of class
Good night
Go home
Go out to dinner

Wait!
You want more
That isn't enough
I'm glad you agree with me
I really have nothing else
planned for the evening

I am known for doing things in
a non-traditional way
Let me take a non-
traditional approach to
God's Plan of Salvation
Let me teach it from the
point of view of the Old
Testament

I am going to start in the Book
of Job
The Book of Job is believed to
have taken place and been
written 400 years before
Moses

This makes it the oldest book in the Bible – maybe the world; unless you accept the Book of Enoch

This would also make it God's first written revelation of Himself to mankind

In the Book of Job we meet a person named Elihu

From all indications, this is a Pre-Incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ

Jesus has assumed human form before He was born in Bethlehem

Elihu presents the very first written version of God's Plan of Salvation

He is presenting this in response to Job's realization that there needs to be a mediator between God and man

Further, that mediator must be both God and man in order to properly represent both parties.

Elihu declares:

“Behold, I am according to your wishes in God’s stead; also I am formed out of clay”

So Elihu is going to explain God’s solution to Job’s problem

How is God going to deal with us and with this issue of sin in our lives

Job 33:27 – 30:

“He looks upon men, and if any say, ‘I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;’

He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light...

“...Lo, all these things works
God oftentimes with man,
To bring back his soul from the
pit [Hell], to be enlightened
with the light of the living.”

So God's original Plan of
Salvation is that we confess
our sins and that we repent of
our sins.

Now confession of sin does not
save us.
There are many people who
confess their sins.
Some even brag about them
And this does not, by itself,
save them

Repenting of your sins does not save you.

There are many people who repent and are sorry for what they have done

But it does not, by itself, save them

This confessing and repenting only works when it involves God and follows God's Plan.

Elihu has another piece of information concerning the Plan of Salvation...

There is a process under the Law of Moses

It represents God's Plan of Salvation:

An innocent shall die in the place of the guilty

But for this to work, the sin of the guilty must be transferred onto/into the innocent that is going to die in our place
You need to identify the sin offering
And you confess the sins over the sin offering

This is where Jesus comes in
He will be the sin offering
He will accept your sins and allow them to be transferred to Him
This is why confession and repentance works with Jesus

Remove Jesus from the process and all you are doing is telling people how bad you have been and that you are sorry

That will not save you
You need someone to pay the price for you
Someone who is innocent and is willing to die in your place.
Elihu continues...

Job 33:21 – 26:
“His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.
Yea, his soul draws near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers...”

“If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man [God’s] uprightness:
Then [God] is gracious unto him, and says, ‘Deliver him from going down to the pit [Hell]: I have found a ransom...’

“...His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth: He shall pray unto God, and He will be favorable unto him: and he shall see His face with joy: for He will render unto man His righteousness.”

Elihu is describing a process that takes place AFTER death
This takes place in the Spirit Realm
The person is growing old and is dying

The person is coming before God
But this person must not come before God alone
This person needs someone to come before God with him/her

The idea of an interpreter is referring to someone who can interpret the Law – an attorney

The messenger does not speak for Himself

He delivers a message someone has given him to share

Jesus made this observation the night He was arrested.

John 12:49:

“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father who sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.”

Jesus did not speak for Himself.

Everything He said was what God told Him to say

Everything He did was what God told Him to do

He was a messenger

Now if we come before God
with this attorney/messenger
God “Delivers us from going
down into the pit [Hell]”
How can He do this?
We are all guilty of sin
We must pay for our sins.

God notes that He has found a
ransom
A “ransom” is the price you
pay to set someone free – to
redeem them
Jesus is the ransom
Jesus pays the price with His
life

When this happens, the power
of sin and death are broken
We see this in Job 33:25
where our dead/dying flesh is
restored to youthful flesh
This refers to a physical
resurrection from the dead.

The process is possible
because of what happens in
Job 33:26...

God puts His righteousness on
us

More specifically, He puts the
righteousness of Jesus on us

Now move ahead with me 400
years

We are at Mount Sinai with
Moses and the Children of
Israel

God is giving Moses the Law
of God

Let me jump over to the Book
of Leviticus. Leviticus 25:25:

“If your brother has become
poor, and has sold away some
of his possession, and if any of
his kin come to redeem it, then
shall he redeem that which his
brother sold.”

God made this provision under the Law so that you can recover what you have lost
You must pay your debts
That is the Law of Moses
But if you can buy them back the other party must sell them back to you

But this is the Law of the Kinsman Redeemer
If you cannot afford to buy them back, then a relative can buy them back for you

There are three requirements:
1. They must be related to you by birth
2. They must have the price to redeem
3. They must be willing to redeem

But we are not talking about physical possessions here
We are talking about your soul
When you performed your first sin, you fell into slavery to sin
And death now owns you

Romans 6:23:
“For the wages of sin is death...
This is referring to a single sin
If you commit a single sin you are owned by sin and death can claim you

This is not just a physical death
This includes spiritual death
And since your soul is eternal, you die forever

The Psalmist identified the problem

Psalm 49:7:

“None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him”

The Psalmist notes what this redemption is that he is speaking of. Psalm 49:8 – 9:

“For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceases forever:)

That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption. ”

The Psalmist then makes a declaration.

Psalm 49:15:

“But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall receive me...”

Here is where "Selah" comes in...
There is a problem with this...
Yes, God does want to redeem us
But no matter how much God
WANTS to redeem us
He does not QUALIFY under the
Law of the Kinsman Redeemer

God is our Creator
He is not our Kinsman
He is not related to us by birth
Therefore, God does not
qualify under the Law

Further, God does not have the
price to redeem us
Romans 6:23:
"For the wages of sin is
death..."

The Redeemer must die to pay
the price of sin
God is eternal
God cannot die

This death must be by the
shedding of blood
Hebrews 9:22:
“And almost all things are by
the law purged with blood;
and without shedding of
blood is no remission.”

God the Father, God the Holy
Spirit and God the Son at this
point in time are all spirit.
They do not have a physical
body of Their own
They do not have Their own
blood that They can shed

Therefore, it is impossible for God to redeem us
Fortunately, for us, we serve the God of the Impossible
God has a Plan
Here is God's solution to our impossible problem...

Isaiah 7:14:
"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.'"

Matthew tells us in Matthew 1:23 that the word Immanuel literally means that "God is with us."
God – in the form of God the Son – was born into the human race

This means that He is now human
In other words, He is related to us by birth
He is now our Kinsman

As an added bonus, Jesus now has a body of His own
He has His own blood that can be shed
He can now die
God – in the form of His Son Jesus – can now qualify to be our Kinsman Redeemer

The legal process has been established
Jesus will redeem us under the Law of God – also known as the Law of Moses
More specifically under the subsection called: The Kinsman Redeemer

Jesus was born into the human race
By the command of God, Jesus was made a priest
Not after the order of Levi or Aaron
The Law of Moses forbade that

Psalm 110:4:
“The Lord has sworn, and will not repent, ‘You are a priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek.’”

Melchizedek was a King/Priest at the time of Abraham before Levi or Aaron were even born
As a priest after the Order of Melchizedek, Jesus can be both the King and He can be a priest and offer sacrifices

Jesus was both the priest that offered the sacrifice for sin;
And He WAS the sacrifice offered for sin

According to Law of Moses an altar needed to be anointed on the four horns with the blood of the sin offering
Jesus' cross had four horns – four protrusions

Both ends of the crossbeam were anointed with blood when His hands were nailed in place
The bottom of the cross was anointed with blood when His feet were nailed to the cross

The top of the altar was anointed with blood from the wound of Jesus' crown of thorns.

According to the Law of Moses, the blood of the sacrifice must be poured out at the place of sacrifice

When the Roman soldier pierced the side of Jesus, His blood was poured out at the place of sacrifice

The Law of Moses required the Passover Lamb to be offered on the 14th Day of Nisan
It must be offered as the sun is going down
Per the Rabbis, this means any time after noon.

Jesus presented Himself as the Messiah, God's Lamb on the 10th of Nisan

The same day the Passover Lamb was to be chosen

The lamb was to be kept in the house until the 14th day of Nisan

Jesus remained in the Temple every day until the 14th day of Nisan which began at sunset

He was arrested the night of the 14th day of Nisan

He was inspected by the priests by trial the morning of the 14th day of Nisan

They could find nothing to charge Him with

He was condemned and sentenced to death.
He was placed on the cross at 9:00 that morning
From noon to 3:00 there was darkness
[God transferred our sins onto Him]
Jesus died at 3:00

This means that He died at the same time all the Passover lambs in Jerusalem were being offered.
He fulfilled all the requirements under the Law of Moses to be the sacrifice for our sins.

What does this mean to us?
It means the debt has been paid
Sin has no claim on us
We will not stand before God
We will not be judged according to His Law

Since the Law no longer has jurisdiction over us
Our impossible problem has been solved.
Yes we are guilty
But, no, we will not be judged
Sin is no longer a problem

Let me make one final point
Ephesians 2:9:
“Not of works lest any man should boast”
We do not work to obtain our salvation
We do not work to keep our salvation

There is an important point under the Law of the Kinsman Redeemer
The Kinsman pays the debt out of his own pocket
There is no provision for paying back the debt

The Kinsman Redeemer
absorbs the debt
He cannot transfer it back to
the relative he redeemed
He cannot make him repay
that debt
He cannot make him work off
that debt

The decision to be the
Kinsman Redeemer is
voluntary
A person can refuse to
assume this role
They can refuse to pay this
debt

The redemption by the Kinsman
Redeemer is a free gift
He chose to do it
He chose to pay it
He is not entitled to anything in
return

The Law of the Kinsman
Redeemer makes this clear
The Kinsman knows this going
in
That is why assuming this role
is completely voluntary
Redemption is a free gift

James said:
“Faith without works is dead...”
But God arranged for the Bible
to give us the definition of
works

John 6:28 – 29:
“Then said they unto [Jesus],
‘What shall we do, that we
might work the works of God?’
Jesus answered and said unto
them, ‘This is the work of God,
that you believe on Him whom
[God] has sent.’”

And so it all comes back to
faith [belief]

Ephesians 2:8 – 9:

‘For by grace are you saved
through faith, and not of
yourself, it is the gift of God

Not of works lest any man
should boast.’

Salvation is the gift of God

A gift is free

You do not buy it

You do not earn it

You do not work for it

You do not deserve it

Let me go back to Romans
6:23 one more time in its
entirety:

“For the wages of sin is death;
but the **GIFT** of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.”

This is God's Plan of Salvation
He designed it before He
declared, "Let there be light!"
He recorded it 400 years
before the Law was given
It is free – ours for the asking
All you need to do is ask

So if you have not accepted
this free gift
I encourage you to ask for it
and accept it tonight
And once you have it, God will
never take it away

If you don't know what to pray,
try this one:
"Jesus, I am a sinner. Forgive
me of my sins. Be my Savior.
Adopt me as one of your own.
Amen"

If you prayed this and meant it,
then Jesus is now your
Kinsman Redeemer
He has saved you
He has redeemed you
And nothing can ever change
this position you now have in
Him

Romans 11:29:
“For the GIFTS and the
calling of God are without
repentance.”
That means it is irrevocable
Once you have it, it can
never be taken away

QUESTIONS