



Desiring God
Job 19:25-26
He Is Redeemer!

Desiring God means longing to know God and longing to be with Him. The more we know about Him, the more we will desire Him.

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The word redeem means to restore that which was lost.

One of the first times that God revealed Himself as a redeemer was in this story after the fall.

Genesis 3:21

Also, for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.
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Having lost everything due to their rebellion, in this simple act of kindness, God restored Adam and Eve's dignity by covering their shame. He revealed Himself to be God their redeemer.

This is the beginning of a series of stories in which God reveals Himself as a redeemer.

- He redeemed Job from his suffering.
- He redeemed Joseph from slavery in Egypt.
- He redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt.
- He redeemed Israel from slavery in Israel.
- He redeemed widows who lost their sons.
- He redeemed the sick from disease.
- He redeemed Israel from captivity.

Redeemer is who God is. It is His nature. He desires to restore that which is lost. I can relate to God.

Recently Sandra and I refinished 3 wooden window seals in our bedroom. They had been battered by the sun and moisture. They had lost their beauty.

I sanded the wood and taped off the seals for the new stain. Sandra applied the stain with a brush and then wiped it off with a rag. It brought me so much joy to see those window seals restored. I find myself just going in our bedroom to see those window seals. I have started thinking about buying a sander and going to work on some old furniture that we could redeem. People love to see things redeemed.

Ten years ago, some friends of Sandra restored a 72 Chevy truck that her late husband owned. Everywhere we drive that truck, people ask about it because it has been redeemed.

Sandra and I are happily married after losing a marriage. Our marriage is a story of redemption and restoration and people are encouraged by it.

Hall Mark movies have made a fortune telling stories that include the redemption of a relationship.

People love to see things redeemed. They love to see things that were lost restored.

But there is no one that loves to see things redeemed more than God. He is the reason that we have this desire. He created us in His image. He is God the redeemer!

There are ways that people can be our redeemer and restore what we have lost. Plastic surgeons can restore beauty that has been lost. Doctors can restore health that has been lost. A beautician can do wonders with our hair. A lawyer can restore rights we have lost. A coach can restore a winning tradition that has been lost.

But for what you need most, God is your only hope for redemption.

- [God is the only one that can redeem you from the shame of sin.](#)

Because of sin, you have lost your dignity. You personally know the shame of sin. The shame of sin strips you of your dignity. Shame causes you to feel like a failure. Shame causes you to feel worthless. Shame causes you to try and find your worth in worthless things. Shame causes you to turn to things to numb your feelings.

Just as God covered the shame of Adam and Eve, God has provided a way for your shame to be covered through His Son Jesus Christ.

[1 Peter 2:6](#)

[Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,](#)

["Behold, I lay in Zion](#)

[A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,](#)

[And *he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.*"](#)

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Jesus died so that you could be clothed with His righteousness and your shame could be removed.

[2 Cor 5:21](#)

[21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.](#)

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It is only by the death of Jesus that you can be redeemed from the shame of sin.

- God is the only one that can redeem you from slavery to sin.

Sin is a law in our members that makes us it's slave.

Romans 7:23-24

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

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We desire material, physical, mental, and emotional pleasure. Sin uses our appetites to tempt us.

James 1:13-15

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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Sin entices us to satisfy our desires in ways that God forbids. Sin then becomes our master.

John 8:34

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

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What we desire by nature is shaped by our experience. Our nature becomes corrupt. What we desire is corrupted.

Sin enslaves us like Israel was enslaved by Pharaoh. Sin binds us in chains the way Samson was bound by the Philistines. Sin swallows us like Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Sin is a master that causes us incredible pain and misery. The consequences of having sin as our master dehumanize us. Sin leaves us defeated and hopeless. We are powerless to free ourselves.

Just as God redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt through Moses, God has provided a way for you to be delivered from slavery to sin.

Rom 6:5-8

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7

For he who has died has been freed from sin.

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Jesus rose from the dead so that you could receive His life. Through the resurrection of Jesus, you can be redeemed from your old life of slavery to sin to experience His new life of freedom from sin.

- God is the only one that can redeem you from the power of Satan.

Satan is a powerful spiritual being that is the enemy of God and God's people. He rules over this world. Just as Satan deceived Adam and Eve, He rules over people by ruling over their minds. He is a liar. He captures people with His deception.

Just as God redeemed Israel from Satan's lies by giving them His law, God has provided a way for you to be delivered from Satan's power. Jesus gives His Spirit to His disciples. His Spirit is called the Spirit of truth.

John 14:16-18

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

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Through God's Spirit you can be redeemed from Satan's power.

- God is the only one that can redeem you from His judgement for sin.

God's judgment for sin is death.

Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned —

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Death is separation.

Death is separation from our physical body and separation from God. Adam and Eve would die physically because they sinned, but they were also separated from the presence of God in the garden of Eden.

Just as God used an ark to save Noah and his family from judgment, God has provided a way for you to be saved to be saved from His judgement. Just as God used the Passover lamb to save His people from judgment in Egypt, God has provided a way for you to be saved from His judgment. Just as God used a snake on a pole to save His people from His judgment in the wilderness, God has provided a way for you to be saved from His judgment.

1 John 2:1-2

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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Jesus suffered death for you to redeem you from death physically and spiritually. He rose from the dead to indicate that you can be raised from the dead with Him and always live in the presence of God.

Through the death of Jesus on the cross, you can be redeemed from God's judgment.

God's plans for redemption are incredible to behold.

He is so into redeeming that He has promised to redeem the world from everything the world has lost.

- He promises to replace the old world with a new earth and a new heaven. (Revelation 21:1)
- He promises to replace the old-world order with a new world order. (Revelation 19:11-16)
- He promises to replace war with peace. (Isaiah 2:4)
- He promises to replace decay with new life. (Revelation 22:1-5)
- He promises to replace sickness and death with everlasting health. (Revelation 21:4)
- He promises to replace pain and sorrow with ever increasing joy. (Ephesians 2:1-7)

He is redeemer!

There have been many times when God has redeemed me from some loss that I have experienced in this world. (Health, finances, relationships) But one day God will redeem me from every loss that I have experienced.

Until then, no matter what happens, I will always rejoice that my Redeemer lives, and He has redeemed me from...

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- Captivity to Satan
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Is He your redeemer? Have you believed upon Jesus and been redeemed from...?

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If God was not your redeemer before today, will you receive Jesus today?

Church, having received your redeemer, are you rejoicing today that your redeemer lives?

It is so easy to get stuck emotionally in the pain of this world. There is so much sorrow.

Will you rise out of your pain and declare...?

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Church, just as the redemption of Israel gave Israel a meaningful mission on the earth, our redemption has given us a meaningful mission to the world.

You can't fulfill your mission if you are stuck emotionally in your pain. Will you rise and declare...?

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