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I had the opportunity to attend one of Dr. Mathias’ “Biblical Foundations of Freedom” seminars a couple of months ago and it was a life changing event for me. I saw firsthand what God was doing at his seminars; I witnessed how powerful forgiveness is – people were getting set free because they decided to forgive – some had been holding onto unforgiveness for years - and that is why I decided to adapt his book into my Recovery program. Forgiveness is powerful because when we decide to forgive, we are obeying God’s Word and when we obey God, we will be blessed.

I am using these materials from Dr. Mathias’ book and other training aids by permission from him and his wife Patti.

Welcome to the journey that is going to change your life!

God bless,

Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks, PsyD

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- Discernment – Chapter Two (2½ hours) – March 7<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Accusing Spirits – Chapter Three (2½ hours) – March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Major Strongholds, or Principalities, of Satan – Chapter Four (1½ hours) – March 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Principality of Bitterness – Chapter Five (2½ hours) – March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
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- Forgiveness – Chapter Seven (2 hours) – April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>.
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- Principality of Rejection – Chapter Nine (3½ hours) – May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Principality of Fear – Chapter Ten (2½ hours) – May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia, & Sorcery – Chapter Eleven (2½ hours) – May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Kinsman Redeemer – Chapter Twelve (1½ hours) – May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- The Armor of God – Chapter Thirteen (5½ hours) – June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Power and Authority in Christ – Chapter Fourteen (3 hours) – June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Topic & Goal:**

- **The Kinsman Redeemer – Goal:** to explain God's plan for redemption. **To accomplish this goal, we will:**
  - ✚ Discuss The Blood Avenger
  - ✚ Explain The Law of The Kinsman Redeemer
    - Seven Commands for the Redemption of a Hebrew Slave



## The Kinsman Redeemer

### The Blood Avenger

By now, each of us should understand that Satan regularly attacks God's people. He commits spiritual warfare against each of us, and we are the prizes he seeks. Don't misunderstand. Satan doesn't care about any of us, but he wants to win the victory over God. He will do anything to win. His tactics are ruthless and he plays by no rules.

Satan's kingdom counterfeits God's kingdom. We have seen that sin had been in the world before Adam when Lucifer rebelled against God. We saw sin enter the human race through Adam. We've witnessed the results of Adam's sin, watching Cain's unforgiveness process to Abel's murder.

Our world is filled with wickedness as attested to by daily news reports. All around us, in our lives and families, neighborhoods, cities and towns, we see human tragedy. But, in all this, we must remember that God has a plan. Regardless of what lie the devil try to tell us; God has a plan.

God has a wonderful plan for redemption. Every person who receives the Lord Jesus Christ receives the ability to tap into God's wisdom and know His plan. The New Covenant gives us the ability to destroy the works of the devil.

In Ephesians, Paul used the word "dispensation" or "administration" several times. This is a significant word in our study of spiritual warfare. Ephesians 1:9-10 says, "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him "

The English transliteration of the Greek word for "dispensation" is *oikonomia*. It refers to administering a house or property. It is a mode of dealing with household affairs, and the arrangement, or administration of the same. In other words, God has a plan.

He has a plan for each of us, no matter how deeply we may have served Satan. As long as we have breath, our story is not finished and the enemy has not triumphed. God's plan will defeat our enemy.

Ephesians 3:8-10 says, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

"The fellowship of the mystery" is a very interesting phrase. The Greek word is *koinonia*. It implies a partnership or joint participation and applies to all men. God has established a partnership with us that began in Genesis 1 with the naming of all the animals and man's dominion over the earth. This partnership is also to show the principalities and powers in heavenly places His "manifold wisdom," and He does this through the Church. The Church consists of every believer. This shows that we have a very important position in God's plan, a position that carries great responsibility.

Paul wrote that even before man sinned, God's plan had been set in motion to bring all things in the heavens and on the earth back under His authority.



## The Kinsman Redeemer

### The Blood Avenger (continued)

God's administration of this plan, however, would remain a mystery until He was ready to expose it. At that time, God would make His statement through the Church, in the presence of the angels, good and bad, and Satan. God's revelation would show that Satan never did blindsides Him. It would show that He was never out of control.

Before the foundation of the world, God knew that Adam and Eve would disobey Him, bringing sin to all mankind. So before He created the world, God had a plan of redemption. He had developed the administration of justice through our salvation. At the right time, Jesus would leave heaven, take on the body of a man, and become the Son of Man, sacrificing Himself on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. Jesus would be our Kinsman Redeemer.

Why did God go to so much trouble? Why didn't He just create obedient people who had no ability to sin, rebel or worship other gods?

God gave mankind a free will because He desired a relationship with people that would love Him by their own choice, and whom He could love in return. No one can make someone love him or her; God chose not to force His love on anyone, nor force them to love Him.

When the serpent deceived Eve, God wasn't taken by surprise. This anointed cherub, Lucifer, who had defected and taken a third of the angels with him, did not blindsides God. God had a plan all the time!

The devil is not omniscient, so he couldn't know about God's plan except as He revealed it. Genesis 3:14-15 says that Eve would have a seed, and although the serpent bruised the heel of her seed, the seed would crush the serpent's head. God let Satan know what would happen, but He didn't tell him when or how. In fact, God didn't openly reveal this truth until people began passing it along to others, and Moses wrote it down hundreds of years later.

Satan's first attempt to destroy God's plan ended with the flood. God saved Noah and seven others to start anew.

God called Abraham and made a covenant with him. Through Abraham, He raised up Israel, a separate people, as His own possession. From this nation would come the One who would bruise the serpent's head. Eve's line, her seed, passed through Noah, Abraham, David, and then to Christ. Through this Seed, all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Still, the details of the administration of the blessing were kept a mystery.

Then Mary, a virgin, gave birth to Jesus, the Christ (Luke 1:27, 34). Had Jesus been born through the line of an earthly father, He would have carried Adam's seed and, thusly, been born in sin. That is why Scripture specifies the seed of the woman. It is the sins of the father that are passed on to future generations, not the sins of the mother (Exodus 20:5).

God created man to carry the responsibility of spiritual leadership. Adam did not exercise his leadership responsibilities to set aside Eve's sin; he participated in the same sin. If Jesus had been born of an earthly father, He could never redeem Himself or anyone else. But Jesus was born in God's line, not of corruptible seed. God was Jesus' Father and He was born outside of the slave market of sin. Because Jesus had no sin, He fell outside the dominion of "the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians. 2:2).



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### The Blood Avenger (continued)

Satan did not have a place or legal right to Jesus (Ephesians. 4:27). Satan tempted Jesus every way he could, but He refused to sin. Jesus came for the express purpose of seeking and saving sinners (Luke 19:10). He refused to exchange God's cross for Satan's crown. Satan failed.

Jewish leaders had Jesus nailed to the cross. They thought they had won a victory; so did Satan. But exactly according to God's plan, Jesus took all the sins of the world from eternity past to eternity future on Himself. God provided Jesus as His Passover Lamb, His scapegoat for the Day of Atonement.

Satan believed he had delivered a deathblow to God. He saw Jesus hanging on the cross, humiliated and bruised beyond recognition. Jesus breathed His last breath and died. For a time, Satan's demons danced and rejoiced. But God bruised Satan's heel just a short time later.

Jesus rose and left the tomb, alive and victorious. The tomb sat empty! Men could be reconciled with God's holiness by the blood of Jesus. By raising Jesus from the dead, God crushed the serpent's head! Satan's absolute grip on death was gone. Jesus had paid the wages of our sin — in full.

Through the shedding of Christ's blood and His resurrection, God gave us a method to break Satan's power. God unfolded His plan in the plain sight of all see it. Jesus provided the forgiveness of sins, abundant life now, and eternal life later, to all that believe in Him. He became our Kinsman Redeemer!

After appearing to hundreds of witnesses, Jesus ascended to the Father, where He sits at God's right hand. Before His ascension, He told His disciples He would send the Holy Spirit to indwell and seal them until the day of their full redemption. The Holy Spirit is one of the three members of the partnership of the mystery that God planned before the foundation of the world. We live a victorious life as a result of the Holy Spirit living in us, following His voice as our guide.

God chose each and every member of His creation before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). Men and women, boys and girls, who have trusted Jesus Christ for their salvation, became part of His bride, the Church. The Church is Jews and Gentiles from every tribe, tongue and people; no longer slaves to sin.

Jesus gave us His power to free us from Satan's dominion. During this lifetime, we will fight many battles with Satan, but Christ guaranteed that we would win the war. I Corinthians 15:24 says, "Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power."

At first glance it appears this fellowship, or partnership, is one-sided, as if God took upon Himself all the responsibility. Yet James 4:7 says we are to "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Our role in the partnership is to submit to God and obey Him. As an act of obedience, we are to purge ourselves of all iniquities (II Timothy 2: 20-21), and we are to resist the devil, to evict him from our lives. God will send him fleeing.

Before He formed the Church, God hid His plan for a partnership and how He would redeem mankind. Satan didn't know that God would make a way for us to be placed beyond all his evil power. Satan did not know that God was making a way for believers to become holy, as He is holy in this life through the indwelling Spirit. Yet the Old Testament teaching about the kinsman redeemer, to those who know to look and have ears to hear, did somewhat reveal this plan.





## The Kinsman Redeemer

### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer

A Kinsman Redeemer, in Hebrew a *ga'al*, was the person who had the legal right to redeem by buying back, either a blood relative or a family's inheritance that had been lost either through debt or death.

Let's read Leviticus 25:47-55 and study the law of the Kinsman-Redeemer, "And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself. And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him. For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."

The law of the kinsman redeemer is summarized well by Dake in his study notes:

### Seven Commands for the Redemption of a Hebrew Slave

1. If a sojourner or stranger becomes rich and buys a Hebrew slave, he may be redeemed again (Leviticus 25:47-48).
2. One of his brethren, an uncle, nephew, or any other near kinsman may redeem him (Leviticus 25:48-49).
3. If he is able to redeem himself, he may do so any time (Leviticus 25:49).
4. The price of redemption shall be determined by the number of years until jubilee (Leviticus 25:50-52).
5. He shall be to the Gentile as a yearly hired servant, not as a slave (Leviticus 25:53).
6. One shall not rule over him with rigor or oppress him in the sight of men.
7. If he is not redeemed he and his children shall go free in the year of jubilee (Leviticus 25:54-55).

Some men fell on hard times and sold themselves into slavery. They remained a slave unless one of these seven provisions for their release was fulfilled.

The law specified that the redeemer had to be a blood relative of the slave. How does this relate to our warfare? John 8:34-36 says, "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."



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### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

This is the reason God sent His Son: to set us totally free. The more that we know about our Kinsman Redeemer and what He did for us, the greater is our ability to stand against Satan!

Take a moment to read the book of Ruth. It is a beautiful story of one who was redeemed by a kinsman.

Paul stresses our position in Christ in Ephesians. Victory in our spiritual war is assured as long as we hold our position. We shun fear and rest in Christ's power and authority, using His power of attorney to send Satan scurrying away.

Our position in Christ is so important it calls for a deeper understanding of the law of the kinsman redeemer. Kay Arthur calls it "the law of the go'el." There are six qualifications that the kinsman redeemer had to fulfill in order to redeem a relative.

**First**, the redeemer had to be a blood relative. If we were all born in sin, who could redeem us? Angels can't. The blood of bulls and goats can't. We can only be redeemed by another human being, and yet every one of them was also held captive in sin's slave market.

The devil saw this and thought victory would soon be his. But God had a plan! Hebrews 2:16-18 says, "For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted. "

This sums up Paul's argument that Christ is superior to the angels. Christ didn't take on an angelic form, but chose the natural seed of Abraham. It was necessary that in all ways, Christ would become just like men, so that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest interceding for us with God, paying for our sins by His own atonement and, having experienced temptation, ministering to us as we are tempted (Hebrews 4:14-15).

Establishing that Christ was as a legitimate Kinsman Redeemer, Paul showed the Jews that He came as a man out of Abraham's seed; that He had a common heritage with the Jews; that redemption could not have been possible otherwise; that He had to suffer to redeem sinners; that He is able to deliver all men who are tempted.

Paul was also teaching the Jews that it was never possible to be justified by keeping the law. The law was given for the purpose of sanctification, never justification. But the Jews turned God's law into a curse through their legalistic efforts for justification (Galatians 2-3).

God provided us a Kinsman Redeemer through the incarnation. Jesus came as a blood relative of all mankind by being born of the seed of God. Mary, a human mother, gave Him birth, putting flesh and blood on God's Spirit. This was the first step, but being a blood relative is not enough.

**Second**, the kinsman redeemer had to be able to pay the price of redemption. There are two New Testament words for "redeem." *Lutroo* means to release on receipt of ransom, and *exagorazo* means purchasing a slave in order to grant his freedom.



## The Kinsman Redeemer

### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

What price would justice demand to redeem man from sin's slave market? How exorbitant a demand would the Judge of the Universe demand to satisfy Satan's evil grip? How much would it cost to buy every human's freedom from sin?

Leviticus 17:11 says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul."

Hebrews 10:4-10 says, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared Me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will O God, He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

I Peter 1:18-19 says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Ephesians 1:7-8 says, "In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence."

How do we benefit from Christ acting as our Kinsman Redeemer? Colossians 1:13-14 says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Having a blood relative with the wherewithal to act as a Kinsman Redeemer means is unwilling to do so. The **third** responsibility of the kinsman redeemer is that he must have the desire to perform his act of redemption.

Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." God's gift cost Him His Son, and cost Jesus His life.

John 15:13 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

1 John 3:1 says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not."

Jesus came for one purpose: to redeem us. But as with every kinsman redeemer, He knew that in the process, He jeopardized His own inheritance. Our Kinsman Redeemer, then, not only had to have the desire to redeem us, but He had to will it to be done. This willingness fulfills the **fourth** requirement.

The book of Ruth tells us that the first blood relative with a right of redemption was unwilling to fulfill his obligation. He refused to jeopardize his own inheritance. He gave his right of redemption to Boaz, and it's a good thing Boaz followed through. Mary, Jesus' mother, several generations later, descended from this union.



## The Kinsman Redeemer

### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

It's absolutely true that Jesus came with the express purpose of being the Lamb who would shed His blood for our redemption. Yet, Scripture reports that He asked the Father three times to find another way. Still, He submitted to God's will.

Matthew 26:36-44 says, "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with Me. And He went a little farther, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt. And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done. And He came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words."

Why did Jesus pray this way? Was He unwilling to go to the cross? Hebrews 5:7-9 says, "Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him "

Did God ever ignore Jesus' prayers? No, He always answered them. If Jesus begged God to help Him avoid the cross, wouldn't He have done it? Since this did not happen, what was Jesus really asking?

He prayed to be saved from the curse of death that plagues all humans, not from His death on the cross — He did die on the cross. And God The Father heard His prayer and saved Him from death at the hands of the satanic powers that tried to kill Him in the Garden of Gethsemane before He could get to the cross. To fulfill prophecy, He needed to die on the cross and complete the atonement for sins. If Satan had killed Christ at any time from infancy to the road leading up to Golgotha, he could have defeated God's plan of redemption. Christ had to get to the cross in order to triumph over Satan (Colossians 2:14-17; I Peter 2:24).

Satan had Herod try to kill Christ as a baby. He tried to trick Christ into throwing Himself off a tall mountain. He inspired men in Nazareth to stone Him. Had Christ resisted arrest in the Garden, or if His men had fought for His freedom, He might have been slain. The Roman soldiers might have killed him by flogging.

But Christ needed to die on a cross, and He did!

There are many Scriptures that expressly tell us that Jesus was willing in obedience to go to the cross. Jesus knew that only His blood could pay for men's sins. Philippians 2:6-8 says, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."



## The Kinsman Redeemer

### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

Only a very special Kinsman Redeemer would be willing to pay such a price, to completely humble Himself, to leave His heavenly throne just to redeem undeserving people who had no other hope. But Jesus had shown His love for us from the beginning created us in His own image.

Romans 8:17 says, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."

Often life seems very unfair. Tragedies come our way, stealing our joy, peace, health and material possessions. Many of these tragedies result from our own disobedience. We either willingly or ignorantly choose to disobey God, and suffer the consequences. We live in a fallen world, inheriting Adam's infirmities. In all this, we need to remember that we have a Kinsman Redeemer who ultimately triumphs over Satan and brings him to justice for all he has done.

This brings us to the **fifth** responsibility: the kinsman redeemer had to serve as the judicial executioner on behalf of the murdered relative.

Scripture requires a heavy price to be paid for murder of another human. God instituted capital punishment. He did this because we are made in the image of God, making life very sacred. When someone kills another person, he is attacking God's sacred creation and the penalty is death to the murderer.

Genesis 9:5-6 says, "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man."

If a beast killed a man, the beast would be killed. If a man murdered another man, the murderer's life would be taken. However, the slain man's brother, his kinsman, executed the punishment.

Exodus 20:13 says, "Thou shalt not kill." The Hebrew word *ratsach*, means "to dash in pieces, to kill (a human being), especially to murder, to put to death, kill, (man) slay (-er), murder (-er)." Exodus repeats the commandment found in Genesis 9:5-6.

Deuteronomy 19:10-13 says, "That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee. But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities: Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee."

The English transliteration of the Hebrew word for "avenger" is *ga'al*, the same word used for "kinsman redeemer."

Numbers 35:15-25 says, "These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither. And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. and if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is the murderer: the murder shall surely be put to death."



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### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

Or if he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall be put to death. The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him. But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait, Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm: Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments: And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil."

Numbers 35:30-31, 33 says, "Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it."

Murder pollutes the land, and it can only be cleansed by shedding the blood of the murderer. A ransom can never replace execution, because it leaves the land polluted.

The Hebrew word *ga 'al* refers to the next of kin, as the avenger of blood for his murdered relative. These three words, "avenger of blood," are almost always linked together in Scripture. The idea is that it must be the next of kin that effects the payment and the lost life of the relative must be paid for by the equivalent life of the murderer. The kinsman is the avenger of blood.

How did Jesus fulfill this responsibility as our Blood Avenger? Satan led Adam and sin that resulted in death. When Satan successfully deceived Eve and she ate of the fruit, she gave it to Adam. Adam ate it, and thus, mankind died spiritually and physically. All future humans resided in Adam's loins, and his seed carried a sinful heritage.

Satan caused Adam's death. Jesus describes in John 8:44. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Numbers 35:17-19 states that murderers should be put to death. The blood avenger himself will participate in the execution. This will occur when the two of them meet.

when Christ, our Kinsman Redeemer, returns to earth, He will meet the destroyer face to face, bind him for a thousand years, and then loose him for a short time. Then, acting as our blood avenger, Jesus will bind Satan and cast him and his angels into the lake of fire where they will be tormented for eternity (Matthew 25:41). Satan and his minions are guilty and won't ever be set free. God is just.



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Scripture repeatedly tells us not to take vengeance on others, nor return evil for evil. Instead, we are to love our enemies, to do good to those that spitefully use us and turn the other cheek. All this is true, but we still need the protection of the Law.

1 Timothy 1:9-11 says, "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

One of the primary purposes of law is to protect us. Laws should restrain man's ungodly behavior. Still, some people commit horrible deeds, often hurting innocent people, and never get caught by the police. Will they ever be brought to justice? Yes! Our Kinsman Redeemer is a righteous judge who will execute judgment on all (Jude 15, 12:17-21).

The **sixth** responsibility of the kinsman redeemer is to redeem the land and remove all the squatters and invaders currently occupying it.

Leviticus 25:23-25 says, "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath 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."

When Adam and Eve sinned, the serpent gained dominion over mankind and rulership of the earth. Adam and Eve forfeited to Satan the power and authority that rightfully belonged to them (Genesis 1:26-28). Satan became known as the ruler of the world.

John 14:30 says, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." John 12:31 says, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." II Corinthians 4:3-4 says, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Satan's worldly throne is a temporary position. Our Kinsman Redeemer has the power and authority to remove all squatters and invaders off of the land that had once belonged to His kinsman. Jesus Christ will evict Satan and his kingdom from the world, bind him and cast him into the lake of fire forever and ever. The day of vengeance and the battle or Armageddon will be the day of His second coming.

Remember the prophecy of Genesis 3:15? The serpent bruised the heel of the woman's seed, but the woman's seed, but the woman's seed would eventually crush Satan's head. Christ crushed Satan's head at the cross when He died, becoming our Kinsman Redeemer, providing a legal remedy for our sins. Then He rose again, becoming our Redeemer Blood Avenger.



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### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

We have not yet seen all the results of the crushing of the serpent's head. But, when Christ delivered the deathblow at Calvary, He gave us a mighty weapon to use in our war with Satan. His successful frontal attack on Satan destroyed Satan's ability to maintain authority and power over us.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus repeatedly said that His time had not yet come, until six days before the final Passover. Then He said this in John 12:23-33: "And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour. Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to Him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die."

Verse 31 is written in the present tense, making it very clear that, " now is the judgment of this world, now shall the prince of this world be cast out." Now the time had arrived for the next part of God's plan to be revealed. It was time to crush the enemy's head. What our Blood Avenger began at Calvary, He will complete when He reclaims the earth, rids it of all squatters and casts Satan into the lake of fire.

Colossians 2:9-10 says, "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power."

Christ, who has authority over all principalities and powers, completed His work in us.

Colossians 2:11-15 says, "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

Wow! What do we have to fear? When Christ saved us from sin, He put off the body of sin from us, and spoiled the principalities and powers, making an open "shew" of them, triumphing over them! Now all we have to do is appropriate what Jesus has accomplished. We do this by being obedient to forgive others, as God to forgive us, and resist the devil. We are to purge ourselves from all iniquity to become vessels of honor fit for his service (II Timothy 2:20-21).





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### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

Paul's writing reveals how God's Church unites believing Jews and Gentiles into one body. God also gave Paul the awesome privilege of understanding and explaining another mystery hidden since creation: the mystery of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:26-27). With Christ in us we have authority over the old nature, the flesh, the body of sin and Satan.

As he reveals this mystery, Paul assures us that when Christ died on the cross, the price was paid for all our sins. We must do our part of this partnership and apply His blood to our sins. Matthew 6:14-15 say, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Our part of this partnership is to forgive others whether they ask our forgiveness or not.

We also must ask God to forgive us our sins. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This begins with an "if." If we confess He will cleanse us. What if we do not confess?

This is a critical truth because Satan gains power over us through sin. When we accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior, His death removes Satan's power of death. Our spirit can now be made alive to God again. We then have the power over sin. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we conquer sin in our lives. We can defeat the old nature and crucify the flesh. God gives us an abundant life while here on planet Earth, and eternal life with Him.

At the instant we die we enter eternity with God. Romans 6:22-23 says, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

When the kinsman redeemer buys back property, he gains the right to possess the property. The prior owners must vacate. Colossians 2:15 says, "And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

What does this mean? Jesus defeated the enemy publicly. He knows it, Satan knows it, and everyone knows it! Sometimes we need to remind Satan of this fact.

Throughout the Gospels, the demons recognized Jesus as the "Son of God." Whenever they came face to face with Him, they cried out saying, as in Mark 5:7-8, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure Thee by God, that Thou torment me not. For He said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." These demons were squatters holding captive those that Christ came to set free, so Jesus cast them out! Why? Matthew 12:28 says, "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you."

The Kingdom of God stepped into their presence, and those demons knew it immediately! Psalms 110:1 says, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool." Jesus is saying to the Father that He will make His enemies His footstool. I Corinthians 15:25-28: "For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith, all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted, which did put all things under Him."



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And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all." Being under someone's feet symbolized total contempt.

Satan and his demons recognize and fear God's power. When we appropriate His power, they recognize it immediately. It's ironic, but demons believe God's Word and tremble before Him, while we doubt His Word and tremble before demons. Help us Lord! Obviously, something is wrong with this picture. John 14:12 says that we will do greater works than Christ. Are greater works happening in your life?

Have you ever wondered what it will be like after our Kinsman Redeemer rids the earth of the enemy and completes His work as our Blood Avenger? Revelation 5:1-14 and 6:1 tells the story.

Revelation 5:1-14: "And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth for ever and ever."

Revelation 6:1: "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see."



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### The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (continued)

Compare this Revelation passage to Jeremiah 32:6-15. "And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open: And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

"And I charged Baruch before them, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land."

Verses 37-44 reveal that God will, one day, restore His people to their land.

What is written on the sealed scrolls? Kay Arthur says it is the deed, the title, to the earth. Jeremiah calls it the "deed of purchase." Remember, "the earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof" (Exodus 9:29; Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalms 24:1; I Corinthians 10:25-28). God may give title to the earth to whomever He pleases, just as He gave the Promised Land to the Israelites. God gave clear title to all of mankind in Genesis, but Adam lost it to Satan when he sinned. Jesus Christ has redeemed the title to the earth.

Jeremiah 32:27 says, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" No! The LORD signed the deed, put His seal on it and put it in an earthen jar to preserve it. The Lord will clean out the squatters and invaders, and punish those that had murdered His people.

The Lord Jesus Christ, our Kinsman Redeemer, will return as King of Kings and LORD of Lords. He will open and secure the deed to the earth. He is the only person who has the legal standing to do so because He was a man who never sinned, who willingly shed His blood to pay the price of Satan's claim on us. Revelation chapters 6-20 describe how Jesus will rid the earth of Satan and his demons.

John 20:21 says, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

Through Christ's resurrection, we have the power and authority to defeat and destroy the works of Satan. We are warriors in this spiritual warfare. Warriors know their enemy and they know, serve and obey their captain. Our Captain is the giver of life-abundant life in this world and eternal life with Him.



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**Study Guide Goals:**

- To understand and know Jesus as your Kinsman Redeemer.
- To know the responsibility of a Kinsman Redeemer.

**To Think About:**

How did Adam's sin continue to progress through his own family?

Why did God not create us to be obedient with no ability to sin?

Although our world is filled with wickedness, why does God work miracles in turning events of wickedness into freedoms?

What will God's plan do to the enemy?

Who is involved in this plan?

How can a person know His plan?

How did Satan's first attempt to destroy God's plan end?

How did God continue His plan after the flood?

Trace the lineage of Jesus Christ back to God.

Why was Jesus not born of an earthly father?

Did Jesus ever sin, although he was tempted by Satan?



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How did God reveal Himself to unfold His plan of forgiveness of sins and abundant life?

What was a kinsman redeemer in the Hebrew culture?

If a person was in slavery, how could he be redeemed?

What does Jesus Christ, our Kinsman Redeemer, do for us?

What were the six qualifications of becoming a Kinsman Redeemer?

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How did God provide the blood relative?

What was the price of redemption?

What was God's desire for the Kinsman Redeemer as he came to earth?

In the book of Ruth, who is a picture of the willingness necessary of the Kinsman Redeemer?

What important event resulted due to the willingness of Boaz?

Because of Jesus' willingness to die on the cross, what benefit did we receive?



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Why is it possible that Jesus Christ, our Kinsman Redeemer, will return as King of Kings and LORD of Lords?

Is it possible for us to defeat and destroy the works of Satan until our Blood Avenger returns?

**Personal Responsibility:**

Make a list of ways you can destroy the works of Satan in your life until your Blood Avenger returns to earth.

**Application:**

Write out a prayer worshipping Jesus Christ as your Kinsman Redeemer.