

REDEMPTION (APOLYTROSIS)
Biblical Words
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πάντες γὰρ ἥμαρτον καὶ ὑστεροῦνται τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ²⁴ δικαιοῦμενοι δωρεὰν τῇ αὐτοῦ χάριτι διὰ τῆς ἀπολυτρώσεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ

Romans 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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0. INTRODUCTION

- past topics: ▶ Scripture; ▶ Law; ▶ Gospel; ▶ Sin; ▶ Repentance; ▶ Faith; ▶ Hope; ▶ Love; ▶ Kingdom of God; ▶ Church; ▶ Covenant; ▶ “The LORD” Yahweh; ▶ Hell; ▶ Redemption;
- [LLOYD-JONES *Great Doctrines*] “the Bible, in its essence, is the grand story of redemption”

0.1. THE WORDS

- (ἀπολύτρωσις) [HAYFORD *New Spirit-Filled Life Bible*] Rom 3:24 redemption, apolutrosis; A release secured by the payment of a ransom, deliverance, setting free. The word in secular Greek described a conqueror releasing prisoners, a master ransoming a slave, and redemption from an alien yoke. In the NT it designates deliverance through Christ from evil and the penalty of sin. The price paid to purchase that liberation was His shed blood.
- לָקַח I **redeem**; — 1. property law: buy back a house (which has been sold) Lv 25₃₃, buy freedom of

person (who has fallen into slavery for debt) LV 25_{48f}: — 2. duty of the male relative of s.one who has died leaving a childless widow to **deliver** her from childlessness by marriage Ru 4_{•6}, the man in question being called gō'ēl **deliverer** Ru 2₂₀; one who receives the restitution-payment at the relief of a wrong Nu 5₈; — 3. gō'ēl haddām avenger of bloodshed (who, by killing the murderer of one's relative, clears away the crime) 1K 16₁₁; — 4. **lay claim to**: a) subj. darkness Jb 3₅; b) subj. God, **redeem, ransom** Ex 6₆ Israel, Pr 23₁₁ widows & orphans. **nif.**: pf. נִגְאָל; impf. יִגְאָל, תִּגְאָל; **be bought back, redeemed** LV 25₃₀.

- (פְּדָה) 1. **ransom, redeem**: the first-born Ex 13₁₃; Jonathan 1S 14₄₅; God ransoms, redeems his people 2S 7₂₃; — 2. (idea of 'ransom' recedes): **redeem, deliver** (genl. theol. affirmation) 1K 1₂₉. **nif.**: pf. נִפְדָּה; impf. יִפְדָּה; — 1. **be ransomed**: female slave LV 19₂₀, cf. 27₂₉; — 2. **be redeemed**: Zion Is 1₂₇. **hif.**: pf. הִפְדָּה; **let s.one be ransomed** Ex 21₈. †**hof.**: inf. הִפְדֵּה; **be brought to ransom** LV 19_{20<}

0.2. THEOLOGY

- soteriology → salvation

1. EXAMPLES

1.1. LAND → PROPERTY

- **Lev 25:23-30** "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me. ²⁴ And in all the country you possess, you shall allow a redemption (גְּאָלָה) of the land. ²⁵ "If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer (גֹּאֵל) shall come and redeem (יִגְאָל) what his brother has sold. ²⁶ If a man has no one to redeem (יִגְאָל) it and then himself becomes prosperous and finds sufficient means to redeem (כִּדְרֵי גֹאֵלָתוֹ) it, ²⁷ let him calculate the years since he sold it and pay back the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and then return to his property (לְאַחֲזָרוֹ) (וְשָׁב). ²⁸ But if he has not sufficient means to recover it, then what he sold shall remain in the hand of the buyer until the year of jubilee. In the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his property. ²⁹ "If a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, he may redeem it within a year of its sale. For a full year he shall have the right of redemption (גֹּאֵלָתוֹ). ³⁰ If it is not redeemed within a full year, then the house in the walled city shall belong in perpetuity to the buyer, throughout his generations; it shall not be released in the jubilee
- **Ruth 4:9-10** Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.

1.2. FIRSTBORN → GOD'S PROPERTY

- **Ex 13:13** Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem (בְּכֹר אָדָם בְּבִנְיָה תִפְדָּה). ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵ For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem (אֶפְדָּה).
- **Nu 18:15** Everything that opens the womb of all flesh, whether man or beast, which they offer to the LORD, shall be yours. Nevertheless, the firstborn of man you shall redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem

1.3. SLAVERY → SERVITUDE

- **Ex 6:6** Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery (וְהִצַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מֵעֲבָדְתֶּם) to them,

and I will redeem you (וְגִאֲלֶתי אֶתְכֶם) with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment

- **Ex 34:20** The firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty-handed

1.4. SUFFERINGS → PAIN

- **Ps 72:14** From oppression and violence (מִחוּץ וּמִחֶמֶס) he redeems their life (וְגִאֲלֵם נַפְשָׁם), and precious is their blood in his sight (וַיִּיקֶר דָּמָם בְּעֵינָיו)
- **Ps 25:22** Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. (פְּדֵה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכָּל צָרוֹתָיו)
- **Ps 69:18(19)** Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies! (קְרֹבָה אֶל־נַפְשִׁי גְאֹלָה לְמַעַן אִיבֵי פְדִינִי)

1.5. DEATH → BODY

- **Ps 103:4** who redeems your life from the pit (הַגּוֹאֵל מִשְׁחַת), who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

1.6. POLITICAL → OPPRESSION

- **2Sa 7:23** And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself (פְּדִיתָ לָךְ) from Egypt, a nation and its gods (גּוֹיִם וְאֱלֹהֵיהֶם)?
- **Luke 2:36-38** And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.¹ She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem (τοῖς προσδεχομένοις λύτρωσιν Ἱερουσαλήμ)

1.7. SPIRITUAL (FROM SIN & JUDGMENT)

- **Psalm 130:1-8** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption (וְהִרְבָּה עִמּוֹ פְדוּת). ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities (וְהוּא יִפְדֶה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכָּל עֲוֹנוֹתָיו).
- **Ps 34:22(23)** The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned (פְּדוּדָה יְהוָה נַפְשׁ עַבְדָּיו וְלֹא יֵאָשְׁמוּ כָּל־הַחַסִּים בּוֹ)
- **Ps 49:15(16)** But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol (אֶדְאֶה אֱלֹהִים יִפְדֶה נַפְשִׁי מִיַּד־שְׁאוֹל) (כִּי יִקְחֵנִי). Selah

1.8. THE LAW → ADOPTION

- **Gal 4:5** to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons
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1.9. ESCHATOLOGICAL

- **Rom 8:20-23** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies (στενάζομεν υἱοθεσίαν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι, τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν τοῦ σώματος ἡμῶν)

2. THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION

2.1. THE PROPRIETOR

- **Psalm 24:1-2** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,¹ the world and those who dwell therein, ² for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers
- **Luke 4:5-7** And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.

2.2. THE FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY

- **Ps 115:16** The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man
- → the Fall in Eden
 - **Rom 5:12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-
 - ... **Rom 5:18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men

2.3. THE PROBLEM

- **Psalm 49:7-9(8-10)** Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly (וַיִּקְרַח בְּדָרְיוֹן) and can never suffice (וְחָדְרָל לְעוֹלָם), ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit ... **Psalm 49:15(16)** But God will ransom (יִפְדֶּה) my soul from the power of Sheol (בְּיַד־שְׁאוֹל), for he will receive me (כִּי יִקְחֵנִי). Selah

2.4. GRACE

- **Ps 44:26** Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love! (קוּמָה עֲזָרְתָהּ לָנוּ וּפְדֵנוּ לְמַעַן חַסְדֶּךָ)

2.5. THE MESSIAH

- **Luke 1:67-69** And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people (ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο καὶ ἐποίησεν λύτρωσιν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ) ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
- **Col 1:14** in whom we have redemption (ἀπολύτρωσιν), the forgiveness of sins
- **1Cor 1:30** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption (ὅς ἐγενήθη σοφία ἡμῖν ἀπὸ θεοῦ, δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ ἁγιασμός καὶ ἀπολύτρωσις)
- **Rom 3:23-24** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

2.6. THE BLOOD

- **Heb 9:12** he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption
- **Eph 1:7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
- **1Cor 7:23** You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men (τιμῆς ἠγοράσθητε· μὴ γίνεσθε δοῦλοι ἀνθρώπων)

2.7. THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Eph 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption
- **Psalm 19:14(15)** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer (וַיִּגְאָלֵּי)