

Theme: Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer – a close relative  
Who defends, protects, and redeems us when we fall into trouble.

## I. Intro – Powerful Cultural Tradition

- A. Each culture has unique and wonderful traditions
- B. To understand these is to gain insight on culture
- C. Goel is like this for Israel
- D. What is the Goel? Where come from?

## II. The Importance of the Goel in Ruth

- A. Noun or verb 21 times!
- B. Really a central focus (2:20; 3:9; chap 4; 4:14)

## III. God – The True Goel

- A. His Name - the Goel (Is 44:6; Ps 19:14)
- B. His motive - hesed (Ex 15:13; Ruth 2:20)
- C. His actions model for human goel
  - 1. Redeems from slavery (Ex 6:6; Lev 25:47-49, 54-55)
  - 2. Helps the weak and helpless (Is 41:14; Lev 25:35)
  - 3. Protects defenseless (Ps 106:10; Pr 23:10-11; Num 35:19)
- D. The key ideas – defense, protection, freedom
- E. Summary – restorer of the lost & hopeless

## IV. The Kinsman-Redeemer in Ruth

- A. Naomi & Ruth need defense, protection, freedom
- B. Boaz provides DPF for Ruth and Naomi
- C. Through Boaz (& Obed) hope is restored!

## V. Jesus Our Kinsman-Redeemer

- A. Jesus is our kinsman – Incarnation (Heb 2:11-14)
- B. Jesus frees us from slavery (v14-15)
- C. Jesus helps us in our weakness (Heb 2:18)
- D. Jesus protects us from enemy Satan (v14)

## VI. Conclusion & Summary

- A. Is Jesus your kinsman redeemer?
  - 1. He has been kind & gracious to all
  - 2. Have you personally responded to Him in faith?
  - 3. Be like Ruth (1:15-17; 2:12; 3:9) – ask/seek!
- B. Communion – thanksgiving for our Goel!

The Kinsman Redeemer

Ruth 2:20  
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Communion  
Numbers 6 ??

6 "This is what the LORD says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Isaiah 44:6

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

13 In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. Exodus 15:13

20 "The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers." Ruth 2:20

6 "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.'" Exodus 6:6

47 If an alien or a temporary resident among you becomes rich and one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells himself to the alien living among you or to a member of the alien's clan, 48 he retains the right of redemption after he has sold himself. One of his relatives may redeem him: 49 An uncle or a cousin or any blood relative in his clan may redeem him. Or if he prospers, he may redeem himself...54 Even if he is not redeemed in any of these ways, he and his children are to be released in the Year of Jubilee, 55 for the Israelites belong to me as servants. They are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 25:47-49; 54-55

14 "Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Is 41:14

35 If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him as you would an alien or a temporary resident, so he can continue to live among you. Leviticus 25:35

10 He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them. Psalm 106:10

10 Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless, 11 for their Defender is strong; he will take up their case against you. Proverbs 23:10-11

19 The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death. Numbers 35:19

11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil Hebrews 2:11-14

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil-- 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:14-15

18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Hebrews 2:18

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