



There is a Redeemer—near at hand.
RUTH 3:9

THE KINSMAN REDEEMER

GOD'S PROVISION. OUR REDEMPTION.

The Kinsman Redeemer is one who has the right and the responsibility to act on behalf of a relative in need—to redeem, restore, and deliver.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
EPHESIANS 2:13

WHAT IS A KINSMAN REDEEMER?

In the culture of ancient Israel, a kinsman redeemer (go'el) was a close relative who had the legal right and moral obligation to intervene on behalf of a family member.



Close Relative
A family member with a legal connection.



Right by Law
He had the right to act before anyone else.



Duty of Love
It was not just a right, but a responsibility.



Restorer of What Was Lost
He redeemed property, family members, and honor.



Restores & Brings Near
He brings the redeemed back into the family and community.

DUTIES OF THE KINSMAN REDEEMER

- 1 Redeem Property**
To buy back land that had been sold within the family. LEV. 25:23–25
- 2 Redeem Family Members**
To rescue a relative sold into slavery. LEV. 25:47–49
- 3 Uphold the Family Line**
To raise up offspring for a deceased relative (Levirate marriage). DEUT. 25:5–10
- 4 Avenge Wrongs**
To bring justice and defend the honor of a family member. NUM. 35:19

THE KINSMAN REDEEMER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

REDEEMING PROPERTY



When land was sold due to poverty, a kinsman could redeem it and restore it to the family.
Leviticus 25:23–25

REDEEMING PEOPLE



When a relative was sold into slavery, the kinsman had the right to pay the price and set them free.
Leviticus 25:47–49

RAISING UP OFFSPRING



If a man died childless, his brother could marry the widow and raise up an heir to keep the family line from dying out.
Deuteronomy 25:5–10

AVENGING BLOOD



The kinsman could pursue justice for the wronged and avenge the shed blood of a family member.
Numbers 35:19

A PICTURE OF REDEMPTION

The role of the kinsman redeemer points forward to the greater Redeemer who would do what we could never do for ourselves.

BOAZ: A TYPE OF THE KINSMAN REDEEMER

The story of Ruth gives us a beautiful picture.



Close Relative
Boaz was a relative of Elimelech. Ruth 2:1



Right by Law
Boaz had the right to redeem Ruth and Naomi. Ruth 3:12



Redeemed Property
He restored the land of Elimelech to the family. Ruth 4:6



Raised Up Offspring
He married Ruth and raised up Obed, continuing the line. Ruth 4:13–17



Brought Near
Ruth, a Moabite, was brought into the family and the covenant people.

Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the wife of the dead, to maintain the name of the dead in his inheritance."

RUTH 4:5

BUT OUR REDEEMER IS GREATER

Jesus Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer.



He is our Close Relative
He took on our flesh and became our brother. Hebrews 2:14–17



He has the Right by Law
As the Son of God and our Redeemer, He has the righteous claim to redeem us. Isaiah 43:1



He Redeems Us Completely
He paid the price for our redemption with His own blood. 1 Peter 1:18–19



He Restores and Brings Near
He adopts us into God's family and gives us an eternal inheritance. Ephesians 1:5–6



He Avenges and Defends
He will judge our enemies and vindicate His people. Romans 12:19

HOW CHRIST FULFILLS THE ROLE

ROLE OF THE KINSMAN REDEEMER



Close Relative



Right by Law



Redeems What Was Lost



Raises Up a People



Brings Near



Defends and Avenges

JESUS CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

He became one of us to redeem us. Hebrews 2:14–17

He had the right and the power to redeem. Isaiah 43:1; Galatians 4:4–5

He bought us back from sin and death. 1 Peter 1:18–19

He gives us new life and an eternal inheritance. 1 Peter 1:3–4; Titus 2:14

He makes us part of God's family. Ephesians 2:13; Romans 8:15–17

He will return to judge and make all things right. Romans 12:19; Revelation 19:11–16

WHY IT MATTERS



It shows God's love.
He did not leave us in our sin, but came to redeem us.



It gives us assurance.
Our Redeemer is able and willing to save to the uttermost. Hebrews 7:25



It gives us hope.
He will return to complete our redemption and bring us into glory.



It calls us to trust.
We can rest in the finished work of our Redeemer.

OUR RESPONSE

- ✓ Believe in our Redeemer. John 3:16
- ✓ Trust in His finished work. Ephesians 2:8–9
- ✓ Live for His glory. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20
- ✓ Look forward to His return. Titus 2:13

*Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,
we are His forever.*



WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN,
TO RECEIVE POWER AND RICHES AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH
AND HONOR AND GLORY AND BLESSING!
REVELATION 5:12

HE IS OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER.



He came to save.



He lives to intercede.



He will return in glory.

MARANATHA!
COME, LORD JESUS!