



Sunday March 11, 2018
Receiving Redemption Blessings (Part-2)

Let's begin by reading a few Scripture passages:
Romans 5:12; Colossians 1:12-14; 1 Corinthians 6:20

Romans 5:12

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

Colossians 1:12-14

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Last Sunday we talked about what redemption means and the fact that there are redemption blessings that we can partake of here in this life time.

Everything Adam lost through sin, the Lord Jesus Christ regained and gave as a free gift to the redeemed.

We are people who have been redeemed.

We have redemption blessings that we can (and should) walk in!

So our quest in the next few Sundays in this sermon series is to learn how to "Receive Redemption Blessings".

This morning we will look at an Old Testament 'type' (or picture) that teaches us the Church, what is required to receive redemption blessings.

Let's begin with:

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Although we are in the New Covenant, the apostle Paul teaches us that what was written in the past (the Old Testament as we know it) was for our learning. God is speaking to us through the Old Testament.

One of the big 'types' of Redemption is God dealing with the Hebrews, the nation of Israel.



Lets read a few passages of Scripture:

1 Corinthians 5:7

Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,

2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

3 all ate the same spiritual food,

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

The Passover Lamb in Exodus 12, is a type of Christ, and therefore what happened at Passover is a type of our Redemption.

Passing through the sea and the cloud is a type of baptism (water baptism or some consider this our baptism into Christ 1 Corinthians 12:13).

The manna and quails represent spiritual food.

The Rock that was struck represents Christ - first time being struck and second time spoken to.

The water represents spiritual drink coming from Christ.

All these things were written as examples - illustrations that bring a message - for us.

Now, lets go over to Hebrews and read a few passages there:

Hebrews 3:16-19

16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?

17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1-11

1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "SO I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

5 and again in this place: "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,



7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "TODAY," after such a long time, as it has been said: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

There were two reasons they could not enter the Land of Promise (a place of rest):

- Unbelief (3:19; 4:2)
- Disobedience (4:6,11 ; Joshua 5:6)

Entering the Promised Land is for us entering into a place of Rest. Rest-that is ceasing from our own works (4:10) and receiving what God has already provided for us from before the foundation of the world (4:3).

It is interesting that the Promised Land is a type of 'Rest' because we know that in order to possess the land of promise they had to fight many battles and drive out enemies bigger and stronger than themselves. There were battles. There was conflict. And yet for us, New Testament believers - one aspect of the Promised Land is entering into 'Rest'. Interesting.

The Full Picture

So lets try to get a full picture

Redemption (the Passover)

It was the blood they made Redemption possible.

They had to believe that the blood applied would protect them.

The very people who had been slaves came out triumphant. They came out with silver and gold.

They came out whole.

Psalm 105:37

He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.

Similarly the Redemption that we have in Christ, brings us out of a place of slavery into the riches that are in Christ. As **Colossians 1:12** states we partake of the inheritance of the saints.

There is spiritual and physical blessings in this redemption.

There is healing in this redemption.

The sea and the cloud (water baptism or our baptism into Christ)

The sea swallowed up Israel's enemies forever.

The captors were no longer there.

Similarly, our being brought into Christ has once for all, broken the devil's claim over our lives.



As **Colossians 1:13** says we have been delivered from the power of darkness. We are in God's kingdom.

The cloud and the fire also provided shade, protection and guidance.
God guides us in Christ by His manifest presence, with His Word and His Spirit.

Nehemiah 9:19

Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, To lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, And the way they should go.

The Manna, The Quail (spiritual food)

God feeds us spiritually with revelation knowledge that He provides for us. He sustains us. He keeps us strong.

The Rock, The Water (Christ and His provision for us)

Christ and His work on the Cross is seen in the Passover Lamb, and also in the Rock.

The Passover Lamb is for our Redemption.

The Rock out of which the water flowed, is for our refreshing - quenching our thirst, meeting our need - along the journey.

All that we need we receive through the finished work of Christ on the cross!

Nehemiah 9:20-21

20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst.

21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their clothes did not wear out And their feet did not swell.

Entering into the Land of Promise (possessing what is ours, receiving redemption blessings)

So finally we come to the whole purpose of redemption - the whole reason of redeeming us out of Egypt - so that we can come into the place of our inheritance, what God wants us to have.

Two things that kept them out, and will keep us out from receiving redemption blessings:

- unbelief - believing that I cannot take what God says is ours
- disobedience - not going up to take what God says is ours

So they spent the next nearly 40 years getting rid of unbelief and disobedience. But God in His mercy sustained them. As long as we walk in unbelief and disobedience, we will walk outside of the fullness of receiving God's redemption blessings. We will still enjoy His kindness and mercy, ofcourse. But we are still outside the Promised Land.

Nehemiah 9:17

They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But



You are God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.

How They Entered In To The Promised Land

First, Crossing river Jordan (**Joshua ch 3** - some consider this a type of the baptism of the Holy Spirit- not stated in New Testament Scripture, but inferred)

Next, Circumcision (Joshua 5:7-9, a type of consecration or sanctification - getting rid of the sins of the flesh and purifying our heart before God. Colossians 2:11; Romans 2:28-29)

Then, Fight your enemies from a place of rest - conquer your enemies based on the work God has already completed before the foundation of the world.

Once they Crossed over No manna, no quail now - you must learn to eat yourself from the land of promise. Use your faith in God, use the weapons of spiritual warfare and you personally receive from God.

Conclusion

How to receive redemption blessings - as seen in this 'type' of God's dealings with Israel:

1. Get rid of unbelief - Have faith in God and His Word. Believe that you will have what God says you will have.
2. Get rid of disobedience - Move in to the Land of Promise to receive redemption blessings
3. Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit
4. Consecrate yourself to the Lord (spirit, soul and body)
5. Fight to possess redemption blessings, but fight from a place of rest. You can conquer enemies greater than you. What are those enemies - sickness, failure, poverty, addictions, etc. etc. You can conquer them all. The work is already been completed!
6. Be an adult, a mature person. Know how to receive for yourself. Learn how to take possession of redemption blessings yourself.

Obadiah 1:17

"But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, And there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Ministry Time



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6; Hebrews 3:16-19; Hebrews 4:1-11*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Discuss these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, Review the details of God's dealing with Israel, in bringing them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, as a type of our redemption and journeying into receiving redemption blessings.

#2, How can you apply the 6 action points we have discovered to receive redemption blessings.

Pray for each other to be able to receive and enjoy redemption blessings.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.



FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

Close by thanking God together.