

Text: Ex 6.6-8

Proposition: God's redemption meets the complete needs of mankind.

I am again using a message from 1997, this time with no alterations to the notes.

We have begun a series for our communion Sundays on redemption. We discussed Jacob's redeemer last month. This month I want to turn your attention to Exodus 6, when the Redeemer of Israel announces his intentions.

Read Exodus 6.6-8

We find in this passage an outline of the process of redemption. In it, I see the three great components of redemption.

In our passage today, redemption is outlined around three occurrences of the name, Jehovah, or Yahweh. It is in the phrase translated "I am the Lord." Implicit in the name, YHWH, is the idea of the "need meeting God" By this name, God is revealed in His character, He is staking His name to His promises. What He says, He will do.

More than that, we see God promising to Israel something that they sorely need. In these promises we see also something that each one of us sorely need as well.

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I. I will bring you out ... Freedom (6)

A. The need for freedom: Burdens and bondage

1. The afflictions of the children of Israel
2. The burdensome Biblical pictures of sinful humanity
 - a. Snare
 - b. Trap
 - c. Bonds
 - d. Weight
 - e. Dictator of death
 - f. Slavery

Some will deny that they are sinners. They laugh if you tell them they are captivated and bound by sin.

One such young man came to a preacher and said, "I do not think that I am a sinner!"

The preacher replied: "Come then, let us go to your mother or your sister and tell them every thought, every motive, every desire, every word you have ever spoken. They would delight to hear the thoughts of one so blessed as not to be a sinner, wouldn't they?"

All are bound by the trap of sin, and need redemption.

B. The miracle of redemption: Power and deliverance

1. Freedom is won by great acts.
2. Freedom is won by a great actor.

The act of our Lord Jesus on the cross ...

"I will bring you out..." He said. He did! He *is* the LORD

II. I will take you to me ... *Fellowship* (7)

The privileges of redemption

A. Fellowship [God's people]

1. What does it mean to be the people of God? Read Psalm 121
2. In redemption, God takes His people to Himself, to establish a personal relationship with them.
 - a. He will keep you
 - b. He will not sleep
 - c. He will protect you
 - d. He will be with you forever

I will take you to me! What a privilege!

B. Worship [exalting God]

Think of a fatherless boy, who meets a man who says, "I will take you to me to be my son, and I will be to you a father!" How will that lad think of his new father?

C. Knowledge [of the most high]

1. The fellowship and fatherhood of God cannot but produce first-hand knowledge of God as he truly is: "I am the Lord"
2. YHWH means "I am"

3. "He is" all that you or I need

His yoke is easy, his burden is light,
I've found it so, I've found it so!

God did not redeem you from sin just to allow you to escape its bondage. He redeemed you to enter into a personal relationship with Him.

III. I will bring you in ... **Future (8)**

A. The promise

1. The Exodus is the assurance to God's people that He would one day bring them to the land.
2. The Resurrection and personal Redemption are our assurance that we will see Him in the place He has gone to prepare for us.

"I will bring you in ... "

B. The inheritance

1. The inheritance Abraham looked for was not just the dirt of Canaan.
2. Abraham looked for a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
3. You and I look for that same city, if we are redeemed by His blood.
4. We will receive that inheritance: how do we know? "I am the LORD!"

Conclusion:

D. L. Moody once said in a sermon,

"Some day you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody of East Northfield is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than now. I shall have gone up higher, that is all - out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal; a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint, a body fashioned like unto His glorious body. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the spirit will live forever."

Why could Moody say that with confidence? Because "I am the Lord," Jesus says!