

**Year A #141**  
**Redeemed - Song**  
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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

It is a joy to talk to you today! I have a song that is on my heart. You are going to be blessed, because I am not going to sing it to you! But I am going to tell you the words. Perhaps some of you know it. You might have heard in the past about a wonderful woman of God, Fanny Crosby, who wrote incredible hymns. This is her hymn, which says -

*\_ Redeemed how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever I am.*

Then it goes on to say -

*\_ Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.*

*\_ I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all of the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.  
I know I shall see in His beauty  
The King in whose law I delight;*

*\_ Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps,  
And giveth me songs in the night.  
Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am. \_*

Redemption! We are thrilled, thrilled as a child of God, to know that we are *redeemed*. Yet, for some of us, it is a very old fashioned word. We really do not quite understand what it means. It is linked to something which is so incredible, right there in the area of the Old Testament, which perhaps you forget where this little Book is. I am talking about the little **Book of Ruth**. There were what we call “The Judges.” The judges did just about everything which they thought **was right in (their) own eyes. (Judges 21:25)**. Therefore, in the middle of these Books of the Judges, there is this little book, **Ruth**. Then you go on and you see **Samuel**.

So, if you want to turn to your Bible, I want to speak of this for the next few broadcasts. There is a word in the middle of it, which is a very important word. It has to do with a *kinsman redeemer*. There is that word, *redeemer*, again. There is a word that describes it, which is *jo-el*. The word *jo-el* is used to indicate both the *redemption (that is, to free by paying)* and the *redeemer (the one who pays)*. So what does that mean? Redemption is to free by paying; and the redeemer, the one who pays. Really, the beautiful story, which most people seem to

know something about, for Boaz and Ruth perfectly illustrate this beautiful type of Christ who is our Kinsman Redeemer. Redemption is effected by the redeemer paying the just demand in full.

In **Ephesians, chapter 1 and verses 7, 11 and 14** (and then over in the **1<sup>st</sup> verse of chapter 3**) ---

**7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

**11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

**14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**

So it is very important, as a child of God, to understand not only what has happened in our redemption when Christ paid the price for our sin, and freed us from our sin by paying that price on the Cross, but also what we have entered into by the One who paid this. This is an amazing fact to me. You and I might have nothing of this world's goods; we might have come from the most pathetic background in our village or in our town and as far as this world is concerned, nobody particularly even knows we are around or wants us to be. But when we come into our Lord Jesus Christ, we have, as it is described here in **Ephesians — *the earnest of our inheritance***. Do you know what

word *earnest* is? It is rather like if you are going to be married, very often the custom is you are given a ring which is a token that you will be married, as you look forward to the ring that says "I am married." In various countries, the customs change in different ways, but there is always that token of what is going to happen. ***Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.***

Do you know the Lord is so excited if you have been redeemed? He cannot wait for you to get to heaven and be with Him! He is excited, because you are His, forever and ever, and He wants to show you to all heaven with praise and glory unto His holy Name. And we love Him for it!

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*