

**I Have Found a
Ransom**

Ten days ago, I showed you
the word ransom from
Elihu's help to Job.

If there be a messenger with him,
an interpreter, one among a thousand,
to shew unto man his uprightness:
Then he is gracious unto him, and saith,
Deliver him from going down to the pit:

I have found a ransom.

Job 33:23-24

Ransom and ransomed are in the Bible 16 times, and I will teach you all of them tonight.

What is a ransom?

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a person from captivity.

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But if the ox were wont
to push with his horn in time past,
and it hath been testified to his owner,
and he hath not kept him in,
but that he hath killed a man or a woman;
the ox shall be stoned,
and his owner also shall be put to death.
If there be laid on him a sum of money,
then he shall give for the ransom of his life
whatsoever is laid upon him.

Exodus 21:29-30

Ransom

The price a man had to pay to not be killed for neglecting his dangerous ox.

When thou takest the sum
of the children of Israel after their number,
then shall they give every man
a ransom for his soul unto the LORD,
when thou numberest them;
that there be no plague among them,
when thou numberest them.

Exodus 30:12

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Men over 20 had to pay a tax to repair the tabernacle or die by the plague.

Because there is wrath,
beware lest he take thee away with his stroke:
then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold,
nor all the forces of strength.

Job 36:18

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No amount of gold Job might pay
could save his life unless he repented.

They that trust in their wealth,
and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
None of them can by any means redeem his brother,
nor give to God a ransom for him:
(For the redemption of their soul is precious,
and it ceaseth for ever:)
That he should still live for ever,
and not see corruption.

Psalm 49:6-9

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All men die and rot in the ground, and
no amount of money can save them.

For jealousy is the rage of a man:
therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

He will not regard any ransom;

neither will he rest content,
though thou givest many gifts.

Proverbs 6:34-35

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No amount of money an adulterer can pay will appease a jealous husband.

The ransom of a man's life are his riches:
but the poor heareth not rebuke.

Proverbs 13:8

Ransom

Chasing riches becomes the expensive price men pay for wasting their lives.

The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous,
and the transgressor for the upright.

Proverbs 21:18

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To save His own children, our God
will kill wicked men in their place.

Egypt, Achan, Saul's sons, Assyria, Babylon, Haman, one-talent man

For I am the LORD thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:

I gave Egypt for thy ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Since thou wast precious in my sight,
thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee:
therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Isaiah 43:3-4

Ransom

To bless His beloved Israel, Jehovah
destroyed other nations for them.

<https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2019/i-gave-egypt-for-thy-ransom/>

Art thou not it which hath dried the sea,
the waters of the great deep;
that hath made the depths of the sea
a way for the ransomed to pass over?

Isaiah 51:10

Ransom

After God destroyed Egypt for Israel,
He led them through the Red Sea.

Hear the word of the LORD,
O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off,
and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him,
and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob,
and ransomed him from the hand
of him that was stronger than he.

Jeremiah 31:10-11

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God paid a ransom to free Israel from
Babylon by Cyrus to destroy them.

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The price a father pays to kidnappers to get his child back after they steal the child and hold him/her captive.

The worst kidnapping story in American history:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tq6- miGVe8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tq6-miGVe8)

Lindbergh Kidnapping Facts

A ransom note demanded \$50,000.
Worth today \$972k or \$2.4 million.
A rich father paid the full amount.
But the baby was killed that night.
Lindberghs lost baby and money.

What about you?

**You have been kidnapped
from your Creator God!**

**The devil crept into the Garden of
Eden and took you away
from God.**

**Your kidnappers intend to kill you
three different ways, one of
which has happened.**

And the serpent said unto the woman,
Ye shall not surely die:
For God doth know that
in the day ye eat thereof,
then your eyes shall be opened,
and ye shall be as gods,
knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:4-5

And this is the condemnation,
that light is come into the world,
and men loved darkness rather than light,
because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19

Wherein in time past ye walked
according to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power of the air,
the spirit that now worketh
in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:1-2

When a strong man armed keepeth his palace,
his goods are in peace:

Luke 11:21

**He lied to you, and you believed
him, so now you sin like him;
God must kill him and you.**

**God gave a legal opening to
get away from Satan, but it
only made things worse.**

Now we know that what things soever the law saith,
it saith to them who are under the law:
that every mouth may be stopped,
and all the world may become
guilty before God.

Therefore by the deeds of the law
there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:
for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19-20

Wherefore the law is holy,
and the commandment holy,
and just, and good.

But sin, that it might appear sin,
working death in me by that which is good;
that sin by the commandment
might become exceeding sinful.

Romans 7:12-13

**A ransom note
demands your death!**

**You are chained on death row
until execution by Almighty
God in the lake of fire.**

Behold, all souls are mine;
as the soul of the father,
so also the soul of the son is mine:
the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Ezekiel 18:4

Then said Jesus again unto them,
I go my way, and ye shall seek me,
and shall die in your sins:
whither I go, ye cannot come.

John 8:21

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses,
even over them that had not sinned
after the similitude of Adam's transgression,
who is the figure of him that was to come.

Romans 5:14

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life
was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14-15

**The ransom price is so high no
one in heaven or earth can pay!**

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers,
how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Matthew 23:33

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
Who is worthy to open the book,
and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth,
neither under the earth,
was able to open the book,
neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to
open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Revelation 5:2-4

**For a ransom to rescue you ...
there must be a Father able
to pay and willing to pay.**

**God is just and righteous, so
He CANNOT pay the ransom.**

... and that will by no means clear the guilty;
visiting the iniquity of the fathers
upon the children,
and upon the children's children,
unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Exodus 34:7

What is man, that he should be clean?
and he which is born of a woman,
that he should be righteous?

Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints;
yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

How much more abominable and filthy is man,
which drinketh iniquity like water?

Job 15:14-16

How then can man be justified with God?
or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?
Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not;
yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.
How much less man, that is a worm?
and the son of man, which is a worm?

Job 25:4-6

If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?

Psalm 130:3

**God is holy and hates sinners, so
He WILL NOT pay the ransom.**

For thou art not a God
that hath pleasure in wickedness:
neither shall evil dwell with thee.
The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:
thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:
the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

Psalm 5:4-6

The LORD is in his holy temple,
the LORD'S throne is in heaven:
his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

The LORD trieth the righteous:
but the wicked and him that
loveth violence his soul hateth.

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares,
fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest:
this shall be the portion of their cup.

Psalm 11:4-6

**What was the price needed to
be paid for you to be set free?**

**Should we calculate by the
number of your sins and the
vile nature of each of them?**

**Or should we calculate by the
three-fold death you deserve,
especially eternity in hellfire?**

**Or should we calculate by the
incomparable sufferings Jesus
endured four ways on the cross?**

How about all three ways!

There is no hope for you!

**None can or will pay the
ransom for you to be freed.**

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Hath not the potter power over the clay,
of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour,
and another unto dishonour?

Romans 9:21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings
in heavenly places in Christ:

According as he hath chosen us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and without blame before him in love:

Ephesians 1:3-4

Having predestinated us unto the adoption
of children by Jesus Christ to himself,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
To the praise of the glory of his grace,
wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:5-6

For when we were yet without strength,
in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
For scarcely for a righteous man will one die:
yet peradventure for a good man
some would even dare to die.
But God commendeth his love toward us,
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.
Much more then, being now justified by his blood,
we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 5:6-9

But God, who is rich in mercy,
for his great love wherewith he loved us,
Even when we were dead in sins,
hath quickened us together with Christ,
(by grace ye are saved;)
And hath raised us up together,
and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding
riches of his grace in his kindness
toward us through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

**One was found to open the
ransom book in heaven!**

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not:
behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda,
the Root of David,
hath prevailed to open the book,
and to loose the seven seals thereof.
And he came and took the book
out of the right hand of him
that sat upon the throne.

Revelation 5:5-7

This is a faithful saying,
and worthy of all acceptation,
that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

I Timothy 1:15

But when the fulness of the time was come,
God sent forth his Son,
made of a woman,
made under the law,
To redeem them that were under the law,
that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

Forasmuch then as the children
are partakers of flesh and blood,
he also himself likewise took part of the same;
that through death he might destroy him
that had the power of death,
that is, the devil;
And deliver them
who through fear of death
were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:14-15

What was the ransom for you?

The perfect life, death, and burial of
Jesus of Nazareth in your place.

Who paid this great ransom?

Almighty God for the glory of His
grace and wisdom sent His Son.

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Herein is love,
not that we loved God,
but that he loved us,
and sent his Son to be
the propitiation for our sins.

I John 4:10

He that spared not his own Son,
but delivered him up for us all,
how shall he not with him
also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Who paid this great ransom?

Jesus of Nazareth Himself was willing
to come to be killed in our place.

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.
By the which will we are sanctified
through the offering of the body
of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 2:9-10

And he was withdrawn from them
about a stone's cast,
and kneeled down, and prayed,
Saying, Father, if thou be willing,
remove this cup from me:
nevertheless not my will,
but thine, be done.

Luke 22:41-42

Who in the days of his flesh,
when he had offered up prayers and supplications
with strong crying and tears unto him
that was able to save him from death,
and was heard in that he feared;
Though he were a Son,
yet learned he obedience
by the things which he suffered....

Hebrews 5:7-8

To whom was it paid?

To Almighty God our Judge, not to the devil, and it was not offered to the kidnapped sinners.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,
and hath given himself for us
an offering and a sacrifice to God
for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:1-2

How much more shall the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit offered
Himself without spot to God,
purge your conscience from dead works
to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:14

Was it accepted?

Yes, indeed, God Almighty accepted the substitutionary death of His Son.

He shall see of the travail of his soul,
and shall be satisfied....

Isaiah 53:11

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of children by Jesus Christ to himself,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
To the praise of the glory of his grace,
wherein he hath made us accepted
in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:5-6

Were the captives released?

Oh, yes! All claims against them were paid in full and totally expunged.

When a strong man armed keepeth his palace,
his goods are in peace:

But when a stronger than he shall
come upon him, and overcome him,
he taketh from him all his armour
wherein he trusted,
and divideth his spoils.

Luke 11:21-22

There is therefore now no condemnation
to them which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth.

Romans 8:33

Has the kidnapper been killed?

Oh, yes! He was thrown out of heaven
and can do us no further real harm.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,
Now is come salvation, and strength,
and the kingdom of our God,
and the power of his Christ:
for the accuser of our brethren is cast down,
which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10

For this purpose
the Son of God was manifested,
that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I John 3:8

Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Did the kidnapped children help?

No, not at all, not in the slightest way, for the price was out of reach, and the kidnapped do not participate.

For when we were yet without strength,
in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

For as by one man's disobedience
many were made sinners,
so by the obedience of one
shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:19

So then it is not of him that willeth,
nor of him that runneth,
but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 9:16

Even so then at this present time also
there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

And if by grace, then is it no more of works:
otherwise grace is no more grace.

But if it be of works, then is it no more grace:
otherwise work is no more work.

Romans 11:5-6

Did God pay a ransom for all?

No, he only paid the ransom price of His Son's life for the elect He chose, and they are all saved without loss.

For I came down from heaven,
not to do mine own will,
but the will of him that sent me.
And this is the Father's will which hath sent me,
that of all which he hath given me
I should lose nothing,
but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6:38-39

But ye believe not,
because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
And I give unto them eternal life;
and they shall never perish,
neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
My Father, which gave them me,
is greater than all;
and no man is able to pluck them
out of my Father's hand.

John 10:26-29

These words spake Jesus,
and lifted up his eyes to heaven,
and said, Father, the hour is come;
glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
As thou hast given him power over all flesh,
that he should give eternal life
to as many as thou hast given him.

John 17:2

Many will say to me in that day,
Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?
and in thy name have cast out devils?
and in thy name done many wonderful works?
And then will I profess unto them,
I never knew you:
depart from me,
ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:22-23

**What about the other 5 uses
of ransom or ransomed
in the Bible?**

Even as the Son of man came not to be
ministered unto,
but to minister,
and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

For even the Son of man came not to be
ministered unto,
but to minister,
and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Who gave himself a ransom for all,
to be testified in due time.

I Timothy 2:6

Was Jesus a ransom for all?

Yes, for all kinds of men, just like ...

The love of money is the root of all evil (6:10).

Giving thanks is to be made for all men (2:1).

Who will have all men come to the truth (2:4).

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with songs
and everlasting joy upon their heads:
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35:10

I will ransom them from the power of the grave;

I will redeem them from death:

O death, I will be thy plagues;

O grave, I will be thy destruction....

Hosea 13:14

**Paul quoted this jewel
in I Corinthians 15:55.**

O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?

I Corinthians 15:55

A final thought to help you:

Most fathers give only part of their money to get kidnapped children back, but God gave His only Son to tortuous death for enemies!

Another thought to help you:

God in great love gave His Son as our ransom, but it cost Him His life, so in wisdom He raised Him from the dead!

**What should you do because
of this ransom paid for you?**

For the love of Christ constraineth us;
because we thus judge,
that if one died for all,
then were all dead:
And that he died for all,
that they which live
should not henceforth live unto themselves,
but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

II Corinthians 5:14-15

I speak not by commandment,
but by occasion of the forwardness of others,
and to prove the sincerity of your love.
For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that, though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor,
that ye through his poverty might be rich.

II Corinthians 8:8-9

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For an emotional sermon
preached on this topic
without slides but
with links:

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