

Redeemed

Numbers 19

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Introduction:

What does it mean to be redeemed?

What does redemption presuppose?

Explanation of the Text

What can learn from this passage?

1. The nature of sin is pervasive and communicative
 - Romans 3.23
2. There is a relationship between rebellion and death and sin
 - Romans 6.23
3. God is faithful to His promises again
 - Exodus 3:16-17
4. The importance of rituals and ceremonies
 - To many modern people rites such as the one described here look like mumbo-jumbo, sheer magic that shows how primitive and unsophisticated the men of the Old Testament were. But it is now recognized by anthropologists that, whether the rituals are found in Africa or in ancient texts, their practitioners are not acting in ignorance. They are not doing something magical; rather, such ceremonies, just like ours, express the deepest truths about life as the society sees them.¹

5. God tells us what we need to do to be in relationship with Him
 - Acts 16.30-31
6. Holiness is not negotiable
 - Hebrews 12.14
7. Holiness is eternal
 - This is a lasting ordinance... vs. 21
 - i. long duration, antiquity, futurity, for ever, ever, everlasting, evermore, perpetual, old, ancient, world
 - ii. statute, ordinance, limit, enactment, something prescribed

Now what?

- Be aware of the effect of sin
 - 1Corinthians 15.33
- Monitor your heart
 - Proverbs 4.23
- Embrace the fact that your salvation does not rest on your character, but God's
 - Psalm 62.1
- Participate
 - Hebrews 10.24-25
- Understand the profundity of what it means to be redeemed
 - Galatians 4.4-6
- Understand the significance of having Jesus as our high priest
 - Hebrews 9.11-14
- Live with a confident humility - you have been redeemed

Amen.

¹ Wenham, G. J. (1981). [*Numbers: an introduction and commentary*](#) (Vol. 4, p. 163). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.