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Picture it - the city square. There is a risen platform where men and women are being held. There seems to be an auction going on. As you get closer, you realize these individuals are being sold to the highest bidder as slaves. As you are awarded the bid, you then are required to pay for your slave and he/she becomes your possession. You own that slave. You have the right to control that slave. You have the right to demand of that slave whatever you wish. You provide for him, you protect him, you discipline him, you reward him; He is yours. That is slavery.

The slave is redeemed - bought from one to another.

The motif of slavery is found throughout the word of God, as we have seen in this series of messages. But it is no stronger than in Exodus.

Look at:

- **Exodus 1:8-14**
- **Exodus 2:23-24**
- **Exodus 6:6**
- **Exodus 15:13 - "You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed."**

As they begin to build the Tabernacle in **Exodus 30**, God demands ransom money. That is redemption terminology.

Exodus 30:11-16

Not all of Israel was of the "true ones." Moses had to count the true ones.

How do you know if you are of the true ones? A ransom offering had to be presented.

- You are not part of the family of God if you don't understand ransom.
- And, you must present your own ransom offering.
- Every person must bring the same offering.
- The reason for the offering: verse 15 - "to make atonement for yourselves"
- Purpose of the offering: for the service of the tabernacle, as a memorial

So when the more permanent Tabernacle is erected in **Exodus 38**, look at the foundation of it.

The foundation of worship for Israel was the concept of the ransom, the redemption.

The dwelling place of the Lord their God was founded on atonement. All the boards of incorruptible wood and precious gold stood upon the redemption price, and the curtains of fine linen, and the veil and the whole structure rested on nothing less but the solid mass of silver which had been paid as the redemption money of the people.



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The only exception was the door of the entrance to the holy place so the priests would not tread upon the token of redemption. The same with the Passover, the blood of the Lamb was placed on the sides of the door and the top, not the bottom, because you should not step on the blood.

Hebrews 10:29 warns of the one **"who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace."**

God does not permit His son's blood to be trampled on in disgrace, but to be applied with grace.

There was another raised platform just outside the city of Jerusalem where a man was raised for auction - to the highest bidder.

But this time, the ransom price was his own blood - and it was not for his own soul, but it was for the souls of the others.

I Peter 1:18-19 - **"knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold,...but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot."**

Hebrews 9:11-12 - **"But Christ has appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come. In the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands (that is, not of this creation), he entered the most holy place once for all time, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption."**

Ephesians 1:7 - **"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace..."**

I Corinthians 6:20 - **"For you were bought at a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."**

And the song of Heaven just like the song of Moses will be, as recorded in **Revelation 5:9** - **"You have redeemed us to God by your blood..."**