"Boaz - a Near Kinsman" Ruth 2:1, 20

Boaz = "In him is strength."

The very heart of the Bible teaching on <u>redemption</u> is based on this **law of the goel**, the right to redeem given to the next of kin.

I. He Had to Be a Near Kinsman

If the Lord Jesus is to redeem,

He must acquire the right to do so by becoming their Kinsman – their <u>Brother</u>.

Hebrews 2:14-17

At the cross He was made, and took God's judgement for us.

"in the likeness of <u>sinful</u> flesh." Romans 8:3

The cross makes Him the sinner's **nearest** Kinsman.

II. He Had to Have the **Power** to Redeem

He is the Potter!

We are the clay, and He has the power to forgive and <u>remake</u> you.

III. He Has to Be Willing to Redeem

He had also to have the willingness.

A goel might not be willing to do it.

As in the case of the nearer kinsman mentioned in Chapter 4.

He "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us...unto Himself a people for His own possession."

Titus 2:13-14