Day 4 Redeemer

*The Redeemer will come to Zion. Isaiah59:20*

Have you ever heard anyone called a redeemer? It’s a word people hardly ever use.

In the Bible the word ‘Redeemer’ is used a lot. And there are other words that go with it. Redeem, redeemed, redemption. These are very important words in the whole story of the Bible. But what do they mean?

We need to go back to a story in the Old Testament. God’s people were slaves in ancient Egypt for a very long time. Their lives were miserable, and they had no way to escape. As slaves they had no freedom to do anything they wanted to do. But God stepped in and rescued his people from being slaves.

To redeem people is to rescue them from slavery. The person who does the rescuing is called the redeemer. The people who are rescued are called the redeemed and the whole rescue plan is called redemption.

God’s people never forgot this great rescue by God. But more rescuing or redeeming was needed, both back then and now. Let me explain why.

Have you ever tried to do the right thing for a whole week? Pretty hard, isn’t it? We feel free, but somehow, we don’t always live the way we know we should. An even bigger problem is that no one lives the way God wants them to live.

We all need rescuing or redeeming from doing the wrong things when it comes to how God wants us to live. We can’t redeem ourselves. We need a Redeemer! Jesus came as our Redeemer. When he died on the cross, he paid the price with his own life to redeem us and secure our freedom. He freed us so we could live for God and not live in a self-centered way.

P.S. Did you notice another unusual word in today’s verse? Zion. The city of Jerusalem was built on Mount Zion. Jerusalem was a very important city for God’s people. Jesus came to that city to die on the cross as our Redeemer.