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Foreword

There are truths in the Kingdom that must never be lost. Across generations, God has raised fathers who dug wells of revelation—deep wells from which life, power, and transformation flowed. But as time passes, many of those wells become covered by tradition, distraction, and diluted doctrine. One of the greatest of those wells is the well of **redemption**.

In this timely and weighty teaching, **Dr David Ogbueli** takes us back to the very foundation of the Christian faith: the Cross.

Redigging the Wells of the Fathers (Case Study — Redemption) is not merely another sermon on salvation; it is a prophetic call to return to the centrality of Christ's finished work. With clarity, conviction, and deep spiritual insight, Dr Ogbueli unfolds the legal, sacrificial, and eternal dimensions of redemption—revealing that our salvation was not secured by sentiment, but by divine justice fully satisfied through the blood of Jesus Christ.

This book reminds us that before healing, deliverance, and manifestation, there must first be a proper understanding of redemption. Before enforcement, there must be legal grounds. Before victory in experience, there must be victory in revelation.

What makes this message especially powerful is its ability to make profound spiritual truths accessible without losing their depth. Through vivid illustrations and scriptural precision, the preacher brings the reader face-to-face with the cost of salvation and the immensity of God's love.

This is more than a message. It is a return to the ancient well. Drink deeply.

— ***Wisdom Epsi***
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

Billy Graham once gave a very powerful illustration. He said if you want to understand where man fell, where man deviated, and how man was heading towards destruction, you must understand the heart of redemption.

God was looking for a way to reach man. Imagine God shouting from His dimension as God, trying to reach man—but man could not understand Him. It is like seeing an ant crawling towards fire.

You watch a line of ants moving forward. The ones in front have already been burnt and destroyed, yet the ones behind continue moving. They keep advancing.

That is what is happening to human beings. Many have already plunged into hell, yet others are still following the same path. It is like there is a ditch ahead, and those behind keep pushing those in front until they all fall in. The same sin that destroyed many before them is the same sin others are still lining up to commit.

So God was looking for a way to redeem man. But it was like a human being trying to talk to an ant. You shout, but the ant does not understand. You place your leg in front of it, and many times God creates obstacles just to save us from danger. Yet man climbs over the obstacle and keeps going.

Or he goes around it and continues.

Finally, God said: *"I have to find a way to reach these people. The only way to do it is to come to their level. I have to become like one of them."*

Heaven's Great Decision

Can you imagine a meeting held in heaven?

A discussion: *"We have a big problem. Our children are gone. The enemy has captured them."*

It is like one of your children or siblings being kidnapped and held in the den of kidnappers, and execution is the next thing.

What do you do?

The kidnappers ask for ransom. They say:

"Pay twenty million and we will release him—or we execute him."

The family gathers. Two decisions are made. First: *We cannot let our son die.*

The Father says: *"That is My child. I will not let him die."*

But then comes the second question: **Who will go?**

Because if you go, there is risk. The kidnappers may capture you too. And in this case, the ransom is not money. It is life.

The Price of Redemption

That is why you see the word *ransom* all over 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

Jesus became the ransom for our sins. The payment for our redemption. Kidnappers may ask for money. But in the case of Jesus, to purchase a human life, money would never be enough.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...”

— 1 Peter 1:18

Peter said we were not redeemed with silver and gold—*“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

— 1 Peter 1:19

It was His life. That was the price. If He would redeem us, He had to take our place. He would be captured in our place. Killed in our place.

So that we could go free.

The Son Who Stepped Forward

Then one Man stepped forward in heaven. He said: *“I am willing to go.”*

Think about it. On the part of God the Father—that was His only begotten Son. To let Him go was like sacrificing Isaac. And on the part of Jesus—How could He do that for ordinary men?

How could God agree to endure such humiliation at the hands of the very people He created?

But that was the only way. Someone once asked me in the US:

"This blood of Jesus thing does not make sense. Why would God need to die? Why not just redeem?"

But it does not work like that. Because redemption is not merely about power.

Redemption Is a Legal Matter

Many people think spiritual warfare is all about force.

Swords.

Bombs.

Power displays.

No.

Many battles are fought in courtrooms. They are legal battles. Even in natural warfare, there are war crimes. There are legal frameworks. You can win with weapons and still lose legally. That is why Satan constantly appears in the court of heaven as the accuser of the brethren.

There is a legal side to redemption. It is not just: *"God, come and pull me out!"*

No.

There are legal requirements. Look at Israel in Egypt. To redeem them, God did not just use power. Power was involved. Moses performed ten major miracles.

He shook Egypt. But none of those miracles brought them out. What finally brought them out?

Blood.

The Demand of Justice

Because the wages of sin is death.

“For the wages of sin is death...”

— Romans 6:23

That is the law governing the universe. The penalty for sin is death. Not just physical death—Eternal separation from God. Eternal destruction. That is the consequence. So power alone cannot settle redemption. Justice must be satisfied. The claims of justice demand death. And in Adam’s case, that consequence came upon all his descendants.

Adam sold all of us into slavery.

So if the penalty is death, then the ransom must also be death. If someone must be released, someone else must die. That is substitution. That is where the Cross comes in.

The Cross: Satan’s Greatest Mistake

Satan was happy when Jesus was captured. Happy when He was killed. His mistake was this: He thought if he killed Jesus, he would hold Him forever—just like Adam.

He thought nobody was going anywhere. But Satan himself is bound by certain laws. He cannot violate them. That is why he is the accuser. He must prove his case.

He must win legally before he acts practically. And immediately after Jesus died, paid for our sins, and rose again—He returned to the courtroom. Because the real war is fought there first. Before power is released.

Before angels move.

Sometimes angels are present but cannot act because the legal basis has not been established.

They are like an army waiting for authorisation.

The Willing Sacrifice

Today is Good Friday. This is the day Jesus offered His blood for us. Your redemption has been paid for. Your sins have been paid for. The judgment that was upon you—God laid it on Jesus. The punishment you deserved—He carried it.

And what amazes me most is this: He volunteered.

He said: *"Father, send Me. I will go."*

Jesus said: *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."*

— John 10:11

And again: *"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me..."*

— John 10:17–18

Nobody killed Him. He laid down His life willingly. And that was what Satan did not know. He thought it was over. But Jesus said: *"I will take it up again."*

The Risk of Becoming Man

Philippians 2 tells us why God highly exalted Him. Because He took the form of a servant. He humbled Himself. And became obedient unto death. That was the risk.

God became man. To save man. But the danger of becoming man is that now you can be touched. Tempted Hurt Killed, And Satan came with all temptations, trying to corrupt Him. Because if Jesus sinned, His death would only pay for Himself.

But He remained sinless. And because He was sinless—He became qualified to bail humanity. That is the mystery of redemption. That night they crucified Him, hell celebrated. It looked like their greatest victory. But it was Satan's greatest mistake.

There are kidnappers who, even after ransom has been paid, still capture the man who brought it and demand even more.

That is what Satan attempted. And Jesus was God's only begotten Son. Divinity laid aside His Godhead and took the form of a human being. Think about it. If I asked any of you here to help an ant that broke its leg, what would you do?

How would you even begin to stitch it?

You would probably kill the insect trying to save it.

Then imagine we say to you: *"Go and save the ant. We will turn you into one."*

Would you agree?

You say, *"I have compassion for ants."*

But then we tell you: *"You will be an ant for thirty-three years."*

Thirty-three whole years. Crawling on the ground. Going into holes. Living their life. How many of you would agree?

Not one. Talk is easy until it comes to doing. That is the measure of love. Test it first in your own home. Test it with your wife. Test it with the congregation you pastor. Take your pastoral ministry to where Jesus took it—To lay down your life for the people.

The way He laid down His life for us. That is love at its peak in the Christian community: That we can make any sacrifice for one another.

The Foundation of Christianity

The reason I am explaining all this is because in redigging the wells of our fathers, until we redig the well of redemption—until we return to the Cross and what Jesus did—whatever else we build is sinking sand.

This is the foundation upon which Christianity is built:

His death and resurrection. There is a lot of junk being preached today while the most important thing is being left behind. You saw how many people were healed last night.

This is what we take to nations: **The message of the Cross.**

Because at the front of the Cross, He paid to the very letter, to the last drop, every debt you owed. Because of what He did, God can now declare you **not guilty**. God can remit and wipe away all your sins. There is no punishment left for you. Because He carried the punishment.

The Front and Back of the Cross

Before people can be set free from sickness, they must first be set free from the bondage of sin. Because what hinders many when we pray for healing is that inner sense of unworthiness.

"I am not worthy."

"God will not hear me."

"I have failed here. I have done this."

That is the first thing Jesus dealt with. He destroyed the barrier between you and God. He destroyed everything that could keep you from your inheritance. The front of the Cross is salvation. The front of the Cross is redemption. But the back of the Cross is where He took your stripes.

He was beaten.

Thirty-nine stripes.

He was beaten until His appearance was marred beyond recognition. *"His visage was so marred more than any man..."*

— Isaiah 52:14

That was for your healing.

And when a man understands: *"My sickness has already been paid for."*

Then Satan has no right to demand another payment.

- My sins have been judged.
- My sickness has been judged.
- My bondage has been judged.

Nobody can hold me in captivity anymore.

Enforcement Begins with Revelation

A man in a wheelchair, when this revelation enters him, may not even need prayer. He can throw away the wheelchair and walk. A man with mental illness can suddenly realise: *"I am not meant to be like this anymore."*

Those demons no longer have rights. Because the victory is first won in the courtroom. Then comes enforcement. Once revelation comes, all that is needed to enforce it is your voice.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..."

— Revelation 12:11

The blood is the price that has been paid. But what activates it in your life is your testimony.

Your voice.

You declare:

"Jesus has paid for my sins."

"I am free from guilt."

"I am free from condemnation."

"I am free from judgment."

Then:

"Jesus has paid for my sickness."

"This blindness cannot stay."

"This disease cannot remain."

"This affliction has no legal ground in my life."

That is enforcement.

You command:

"Satan, take your hands off my body."

"Take your hands off my kidneys."

"Take your hands off my blood."

And what is the work of the angels?

Enforcement. They are waiting for your words. Because once you speak on legal ground, heaven moves.

The Holy Spirit and the Rights of the Believer

That is the work of the Holy Spirit too. To enforce what Jesus has already accomplished. To enforce what the blood has already paid for. That is why Jesus said: *"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."* — John 6:37

It would be illegal for God to reject anyone who comes through the blood. Because that person has already been paid for. The only man that goes to hell is the man who rejects the free offer of salvation.

And in the same way, no one who comes to God for healing will be turned away.

Never.

That is why in stadiums, with one simple prayer, thousands can be healed.

How?

Because of what Jesus did on the Cross.

He Had Me on His Mind

Never think:

"God will save others, but not me."

No.

When He hung on that Cross—He had you on His mind. He had me on His mind. It was me.

- It was my sin.
- It was my sickness.
- It was my bondage.
- It was my addiction.
- It was me.

Many years ago, when this revelation dawned on me, it changed my life radically.

Because I knew:

I was undone.

I was finished.

There was no hope for me outside Jesus.

I tried to free myself.

I came from a family that worshipped idols.

There were demonic activities everywhere.

I struggled with childhood sins.

I fought battles on my own.

Nothing worked.

Until I realised—

- He had died my death.
- He had paid my debt.
- He had taken my punishment.
- He had carried my judgment.
- And He did all of that to set me free.

Nobody has the right to hold me in bondage anymore. Because Jesus took my place. That is justification. To be declared **not guilty**.

The Great Exchange

It was an exchange. He took my sin and gave me His righteousness. He took my pain and gave me His health. He took my weakness and gave me the power of the Holy Spirit.

That is the mystery. It is not about too much prayer. It is not about too much screaming. It is about realising what has already happened.

The devil has been cheating people after collecting the price for their freedom.

The Advocate in Heaven

And someone asked: *"What if the captor takes the ransom and still refuses to release the captive?"*

That cannot stand. Because once the payment is made, he loses legal right. And two things happened in our case.

First: Jesus rose from the dead. So Satan could not keep Him.

Second: He ascended to the right hand of the Father. And now He sits there as our Advocate.

- Our Lawyer.
- Our Solicitor.
- Our Priest.
- Our Guarantor.

The One who died now guarantees what He died for. That is powerful.

The Authority to Enforce

And on earth, He gave us the right of enforcement. We are no longer helpless civilians. We are like the military. He gave us His Name. He gave us His authority. That is the purpose of the authority of the believer.

That is the purpose of the Name of Jesus. To enforce our rights. So I am not begging the devil to leave me.

No.

I command him in the Name of Jesus Christ. And when I do, the angels move.

They bind. They drive out. They enforce. But they are waiting for the words of your mouth.

The Scripture says:

“For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.” — Romans 10:12

God does not discriminate. He has no favourites. There is no difference between Jew and Greek. He does not love one nation more than another.

Peter said:

“Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.” — Acts 10:34

In every nation. In every tribe. In every people.

Anyone who fears Him and seeks Him is accepted.

- There is no racism with God.
- There is no tribalism with God.
- There is no favouritism with God.

This weekend—**is your weekend.**



About the Speaker

Pastor David Ogbueli is a respected Christian leader, teacher, and visionary whose ministry has impacted countless lives through sound biblical teaching, leadership development, discipleship, and humanitarian service.

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