

The Christmas Lift

12/7/14

1 Peter 5:6-7, Luke 2:36-38

In the Christ Child, our needs and expectations are met and our burdens can be lifted

*There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the **redemption** of Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38 NIV*

Various translations interpret Anna's word redemption as redemption, **FREEDOM**, deliverance and **RESCUE**.

(Insert picture(s) of my golf cart and jack- when I send 😊)

Redemption lifts my **SIN BURDEN!**

Christmas gets Him "under" the problem in order to "lift"!

Redemption lifts my **STUFF** burden!

*So **humble** yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will **lift** you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:6-7 NLT*

As we **HUMBLE** ourselves – He "**LIFTS**" us!

(Insert wallboard lift illustration)

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/OBO-HEAVY-DUTY-150-LB->

Any dry wall hoist will do – especially if there is a sheet on it

Thank you Father for redemption in Christ.

Thank you Father for the everyday "lift" redemption gives me

Redemption is for everyday as well as

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To Anna, the Christ child fulfilled the need for redemption, even before Calvary.

His redemption reaches every part of our life.

A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure. Proverbs 16:9 AMP

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Redemption is from sin to sonship!

[34](#) Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. [35](#) Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. [36](#) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8 NIV

an “everyday pressure” freedom.

In the Christ there is an “eternal pressure” freedom.

In the Christ there is an “everyday pressure” freedom.

Doom

In the Christ child there is an “The babe offers freedom for He gives freedom from

Redemption freedom deliverance rescue

Two songs going through my mind this morning are

He brought me out of the miry clay

Love lifted me

Can we consider them? But we also need to put some Christmas songs and I would think?

Here's an idea what about 3 hymns and one chorus this week?

David leading 3 and Rita leading one??? Can we do 2 hymns before the offering and one after. maybe not worry about all the forces?. I am just thinking out loud ????

Philippians 2:1-11 KJV

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And

being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 6

Galatians 5:1 KJV

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

The Christmas lift

1 Peter 5:6-7

Proverbs 16:9

wrong sin

woes struggles

weakness

He brought me out of the miry clay

Love lifted me

no worries. ... got covered

obsession planning

casting all care

casting cares

provide 169

Proverbs 16:9 NLT

fishing

need a lift

We can make our plans, but the lord determines our steps.

Proverbs 16:9 AMP

Christmas ... God lifts sin I nail it

A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure. [Ps. 37:23; Prov. 20:24; Jer. 10:23.

Proverbs 16:9 NIV

1 Peter 5:6-7 NLT

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. Proverbs 16:9 KJV

1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

4 12 drywall ... grunt groan maneuver people

use lift .. 1 2 people some line up and screws.

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And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise to the Lord, and spoke of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

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EXPOSITORY (ENGLISH BIBLE)

Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers

(38) Gave thanks.—The word so translated occurs here only in the New Testament, but it is found with this meaning in the LXX. version of Psalm 79:13.

That looked for redemption in Jerusalem.—The better MSS. give, “the redemption of Jerusalem,” the phrase being the counterpart of the “consolation of Israel” in Luke 2:25. Both the verbs “gave thanks” and “spake” imply continued, and not merely momentary action.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

2:36-40 There was much evil then in the church, yet God left not himself without witness. Anna always dwelt in, or at least attended at, the temple. She was always in a praying spirit; gave herself to prayer, and in all things she served God. Those to whom Christ is made known, have great reason to thank the Lord. She taught others concerning him. Let the example of the venerable saints, Simeon and Anna, give courage to those whose hoary heads are, like theirs, a crown of glory, being found in the way of righteousness. The lips soon to be silent in the grave, should be showing forth the praises of the Redeemer. In all things it became Christ to be made like unto his brethren, therefore he passed through infancy and childhood as other

children, yet without sin, and with manifest proofs of the Divine nature in him. By the Spirit of God all his faculties performed their offices in a manner not seen in any one else. Other children have foolishness bound in their hearts, which appears in what they say or do, but he was filled with wisdom, by the influence of the Holy Ghost; every thing he said and did, was wisely said and wisely done, above his years. Other children show the corruption of their nature; nothing but the grace of God was upon him.

Barnes' Notes on the Bible

And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years - That is, she was about 84 years of age. It does not mean that she had been a widow for that long time.

Fastings and prayers - Constant religious service. pending her time in prayer, and in all the ordinances of religion.

Night and day - Continually - that is, at the usual times of public worship and in private. When it is said that she departed not from the temple, it is meant that she was "constant" and "regular" in all the public services at the temple, or was never absent from those services. God blesses those who wait at his temple gates.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary

38. coming in—"presenting herself." She had been there already but now is found "standing by," as Simeon's testimony to the blessed Babe died away, ready to take it up "in turn" (as the word rendered "likewise" here means).

to all them, &c.—the sense is, "to all them in Jerusalem that were looking for redemption"—saying in effect, In that Babe are wrapt up all your expectations. If this was at the hour of prayer, when numbers flocked to the temple, it would account for her having such an audience as the words imply [Alford].