

I know my Redeemer Lives

Job 19: 25-27

Job is an interesting and somewhat mysterious character in the Bible. While most Bible readers are familiar with Job and the great trials he faced in life, little is known about his background. He is believed to have lived around the time of Abraham, with the book of Job being possibly the first written portion of Scripture. The book opens with a description of Job being from the land of Uz, a man who walked upright, feared God, and sought to avoid evil. As we are introduced to Job, we immediately discover a man who was committed to the Lord.

Often when we consider Job, the emphasis is placed on his suffering. No doubt, Job has brought great comfort and hope to many down through the ages facing trials and adversity in life. His integrity and commitment during a season of great loss is to be admired and imitated by those who walk with the Lord.

While I too have received great comfort and guidance from other portions of this precious book, our text verses may be the greatest passage within the entire book. Clearly as one reads the book, Job had many questions that he was unable to answer. He was dealing with a season of loss and great uncertainty. However, in the midst of his pain, Job remained certain of the Lord he served and the relationship he shared with Him. I believe this passage is key to Job's survival during this horrific trial in life. His awareness of the Lord should serve as a reminder to every believer, bringing hope and comfort, even in the midst of our greatest trials.

As we discuss the [certainties](#) in Job's life during a difficult season, I want to consider his profound statement: [I know my Redeemer Lives](#).

I. Job knew the Redeemer (25a) – [For I know that my redeemer liveth](#). We haven't discussed the context of the passage, but this profound statement followed a long discussion Job had with friends who had supposedly come to comfort him in his trial. Unfortunately for Job, they offered little comfort. The friends sought to convince Job that there must have been sin in his life that brought the suffering and great loss he had endured. They believed God had punished Job, and surely Job needed to repent and return to God.

- By reading the book of Job, we know that God had permitted Satan to attack Job. He had lost his family, his wealth, and during a second attack, Job had lost his health. From an outside perspective, Job had lost it all – his life lay in ruins. I am sure Job wondered why all of this had come upon him. He questioned the events in his life. There was much he did not understand or know, and yet he was certain of one thing of preeminent importance – Job knew the Lord. He had

a personal relationship with God. He walked with the Lord, striving to honor and serve Him daily. Job had lost much that pertained to this physical life, but he had not lost his relationship with God.

- As I studied this passage, I came to a profound realization – not only did Job know the Redeemer, the Redeemer knew him. Consider the words of God in [Job 1:8](#) – *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?** Job was unaware of this conversation. He had no idea what was about to happen in his life, and prior to all of that, the Lord was mindful of Job and the life he lived. Those who are in Christ not only know the Lord, we are known of Him. He is aware of our lives and mindful of us! [John 10:14](#) – *I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.* [2 Tim.2:19a](#) – *Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.*

II. Job knew the Redeemer Lives (25a) – *For I know that my redeemer liveth.* This may not have meant much to the friends who questioned Job and his integrity. Their lives had not suffered such loss; they were not in such dire straits. However, this single statement sums up the commitment and focus of Job at this moment in his life. He may have lost it all, with no way of knowing where his life was headed. At this point in life, he would have to start over. Job knew very little at this moment, but he knew one thing for certain – His Redeemer lived. His hope was not in an idol made of men’s hands, one which had no power. He did not worship a monument that lacked the ability to see, hear, or move in his situation. Job knew he served the Lord God. He served the eternal, omnipotent Lord. His God was aware of his situation. He was alive and well, able to meet whatever need Job faced. Life had not been kind to Job in recent days, but his misfortune had not altered the existence or power of the God he served.

- I don’t know of anyone who has suffered as Job did, but we all face difficulty and pain. We all suffer loss from time to time, forced to deal with the uncertainty that lies ahead. We cannot know what tomorrow may bring, but we can know who holds tomorrow. We are not serving an idol made of hands; we serve the living Lord. He endured the most horrific treatment man could possibly face. He was falsely accused and condemned to death for crimes He had not committed. He was scourged and beaten beyond recognition by sinful men. He was crucified on a Roman cross where He bled and died.

- All of this was as it had to be! Jesus endured all of that for you and me. He willingly died in our place, bearing the sin and judgment we deserved. Jesus became sin and tasted death so we could escape the righteous judgment of God for our sin. He laid down His life to purchase our redemption. He was buried in a borrowed tomb, and yet death could not hold Him. Jesus came forth triumphant over death, sin, and hell. He ascended back to the Father where He is seated today making intercession for us. We have the privilege to enter the throne of grace, making our

requests known to the One who conquered death and rose again in triumphant life. When suffering and pain comes our way, we can rest in the fact our Redeemer lives! He is alive and well today, able to provide for every need we face. Because our Lord lives, those who are saved by grace have the promise of eternal life in Him. Because He lives, we too have life!

III. Job knew the Redeemer would Come (25b) – *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.* We know with certainty that Job lived many years before the first advent of Christ. He lived prior to Jesus dying on the cross to atone for our sin, rising triumphantly from the dead, and ascending back to the Father with a promise to come again. However, Job lived with certainty that the Lord would come and stand upon the earth. It is impossible for us to know if Job spoke of the first advent or the second coming of Christ, but his confidence in the Lord's appearing is evident.

- Some may consider Job and not see much significance in his faith that the Lord would come, but it reveals the perspective Job had in his trials. Life had been difficult; he had suffered and lost much; yet his hope was not confined to this life alone. He was looking ahead by faith to the time when the Lord would come in righteousness, restoring what sin had lost, and bringing peace to the earth. Job revealed the hope and assurance he had in the Lord.
- Life will have its share of hardship and pain. None who live in this life escape adversity. We face our own mortality. If our hope rested in this life alone, we would live a miserable existence. However, like Job, we can rejoice knowing our Lord will come again. He came the first time as the sacrifice for our sin. He will come again as Lord and Judge. He was taken up in the clouds as He returned to the Father, but He left the promise to come again. The trials we face may bring heartache and pain, but we have the assurance that our Lord is coming again for those who have been saved by His grace! *John 14:1-3 – Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.* ^[2] *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* ^[3] *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

IV. Job knew there was Life after Death (26-27) – *And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:* ^[27] *Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.* Although Job lived long before Christ would come and conquer death, which is the end result of sin, he had hope and assurance of life beyond the grave. He was confident that he would stand in the presence of God, and his eyes would behold the one he loved and served. Job knew this life was brief and death was certain. He knew that our bodies return to the dust of the earth, and yet he knew there was life in the Lord. He did not fear death because he knew he would enter the Lord's presence following death.

▪ This is the cornerstone upon which our faith in Christ is built. Those who are born again in Christ, forgiven of sin, and reconciled to God, are promised eternal life in Him. Unless the Lord comes again soon, we will all experience death. While death is certain, it is certainly not the end of our existence. In fact, once believers pass through the gates of death, they experience life as never before. Job was theologically correct in his thoughts regarding his existence following death. Believers will see God; we will stand in His presence throughout eternity. This body of flesh in which we dwell will return to the dust from which it was made, but we will enjoy eternity with our Lord. 2 Cor.5:1 – For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor.5:8 – We are confident, / say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 1 Cor.15:51-58 – Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ^[52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ^[53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ^[54] So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ^[55] O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? ^[56] The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. ^[57] But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ^[58] Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Conclusion: Job suffered much and yet his faith was not destroyed. In the midst of his pain, he was comforted knowing his Redeemer lived. He was confident that the Lord would come, and he would enjoy the Lord's presence beyond death. Job did not fear death because he knew he was secure within the hand of God.

This statement of Job is one of the most profound in Scripture. Can you say, "I know my Redeemer lives?" Do you know Christ as Lord and Savior? Have you responded to His gracious offer of salvation through repentance and faith? If not, come to Him today so you can rest assured of eternal life in Him. If you are saved by grace, rejoice in the hope you have and rest in His grace.