

Job 19:23-27

“My Redeemer Lives!”

Text: Job 9:32-33; 16:16-21; 19:23-27

Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. Contemporary with Abraham, there lived a man named Job.
4. Through the experiences of his life and the revelation of God, Job would teach about both the character of God and the nature of human suffering.
5. In the midst of his suffering, he would provide hope for a coming Redeemer...

- I. DESIRE FOR A REDEEMER (Job 9:32-35)
 - A. Job desired a “daysman” (literally, *umpire, mediator, middleman*) to plead his innocence before God.
 - B. Job could not approach God on his own, for God is exalted far above man.
 1. This is still true, even today (Rom. 9:20-21; Isa. 45:9-10; Job 40:1-5).
 2. We need a mediator.
 - C. Jesus is the mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14-16; 2:16-18).
 - D. That which man desires is found in Christ alone.
- II. NEED FOR A REDEEMER (Job 16:17-21)
 - A. Job cried out because of his need for an advocate.
 - B. Job’s innocence and his suffering needed to be vindicated.
 1. The blood of those who suffer unjustly cries out to God for vengeance.
 2. This biblical principle is true from beginning to end (Gen. 4:8-10; Rev. 6:9-10).
 - C. Jesus is the advocate between God and man (1 John 2:1-2).
 - D. His suffering, though innocent, vindicated all that Job endured (1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18).
 - E. Because of His suffering, He can plead our innocence before God (Heb. 9:24).
 - F. That which man needs is found in Christ alone.
- III. FAITH IN THE REDEEMER (Job 19:23-27)
 - A. The mediator and the advocate are combined in one – the redeemer.
 - B. The redeemer is the “next of kin” who restores the name, fortune, or liberty of his relative.
 - C. Through faith, Job knew that he had a faithful kinsman who would vindicate him.
 - D. Though he would die, Job knew that he would see his redeemer.
 - E. Jesus is the Redeemer of man!
 1. He is our kinsman (Heb. 2:11-18).
 2. He is our hope (1 Cor. 15:20; John 5:28-29; 1 John 3:1-3).