

JOB'S GREAT HOPE **(Job 19:25-27)**

I. There is a Redeemer.

- A. The word redeemer here is an interesting word.
- B. It used well over 100 times in the Old Testament and refers to a kinsman redeemer or revenger.
- C. In its general sense in the Old Testament, it refers to deliverance.
 - 1. To a Jew, which Job was not, it was one who avenged a family death or redeemed family possessions when the relative to whom it belong could not afford to do so.
 - 2. It is also used of God towards Israel (Psalm 19:14; Proverbs 23:11; Jeremiah 50:34).
- D. Who is this redeemer in Job's mind?
 - 1. Some have said that it is his family but his children are dead and the rest of his family has turned their backs on him (Job 19:13-14).
 - 2. Some believe it to be some other heavenly being but Job believed in only one God (Job 23:11-12).
 - 3. Others believe it to be the cry that he makes of his own justice, but earlier Job said his witness is in heaven (Job 16:19).
- E. There may be other ideas but all evidence points to the fact that God is the Redeemer to whom Job looked for justification.
 - 1. Job could not redeem himself, only God could do that.
 - 2. Job believed that if he could bring his case before God that God would vindicate him (Job 23:17).
- F. You and I have a Redeemer that lives today (Titus 2:14).
 - 1. The grave could not hold Him; death could not bind Him.
 - 2. Jesus paid the purchase price for our sins (Acts 20:28).
- G. Somehow, long ago, Job knew there was a Redeemer, someone that would vindicate him and avenge his suffering at the hands of those who believed him guilty.
- H. We know for sure, living now in the Christian Age, that there is a Redeemer who died for us to purchase us out of the hands of the devil so that we can have hope of eternal life with God.

II. There is a resurrection.

- A. Job's knowledge did not stop at a Redeemer for he also knew there would one day be a resurrection.
- B. Our bodies are fearfully and wonderfully made according to the Psalmist (139:14).
 - 1. God's creation of our bodies is amazing.
 - 2. The way all the systems work together to allow us to do the things we do is beyond description.
 - 3. However, at death, this beautiful creation of God begins to decay and our physical bodies are destroyed.
 - 4. This once wonderful tent is eaten away until it appears gruesome and the stuff of nightmares.

- C. Job, however, knew that one day that body would be resurrected.
- D. Living in the Twilight Age, as the Patriarchal Period has been called, there was no way that Job had a full knowledge of the resurrection but he knew that He would not end all things at death.
 - 1. He understood that one day he would be brought back to life.
 - 2. God would bring life somehow into that decayed body.
- E. The New Testament promises that there will be a resurrection of our bodies (John 5:28-29; John 11:25-26; Romans 6:5).
 - 1. The apostles taught this great doctrine (Acts 4:1-2; 17:18).
 - 2. Paul lived in hope of it (Philippians 3:11) as did our spiritual forefathers (Hebrews 11:35).
- F. It is to the resurrection that the promise of salvation through baptism is tied (1 Peter 3:21).
- G. One day of which no one is aware except God Himself, Harold Camping notwithstanding, all the dead are going to be raised from the grave (1 Corinthians 15:52).
 - 1. At that time, those that are still alive will be changed (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
 - 2. We don't know into what we will be changed (1 John 3:2).
 - 3. Whatever type of body it will be, it will be glorious and it will last for eternity.
- H. Job placed his hope in the great thought and promise of a resurrection of the dead.
 - 1. No matter how bad it got for Job on earth he knew he had a redeemer that was alive.
 - 2. He knew that he would be resurrected from the dead.

III. **There is a reward.**

- A. Job's great thought was that he would be rewarded with the opportunity to see His Redeemer with his eyes.
 - 1. Notice the personal pronouns used.
 - 2. "I shall see God.," "whom I shall see for myself," "mine eyes shall behold and not another."
- B. He believed wholeheartedly that when he saw God, Job and God would be friends and not adversaries as he felt they were at that moment (vs 13).
- C. For the one who is justified by the Redeemer the resurrection brings a great reward.
 - 1. As Jesus said, one will have the resurrection of life if he has been good, obedient to Jesus, in this life.
 - 2. We will stand before Jesus to hear the great words "enter in thou good and faithful servant."
 - 3. We will be rewarded by being in the presence of the Father and Son with our own mansion (John 14:2).
 - 4. We will be rewarded with peace and rest from our labors (Revelation 14:13).
- D. We will get the reward of seeing the Father and Son in all their heavenly glory (Revelation 21:23).

- E. Those that do not live well will receive a reward as well.
 - 1. They will be cast from the presence of the father.
 - 2. They will receive the resurrection of damnation (John 5:29).