

Job Believed God

Thank you for joining me today. We want to look in the Book of Job, Chapter 19 and verse 25. Job said, *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.*

Now, if you're in a place today where you can open your Bibles, I would encourage you to do that. We're going to look at a few verses, and that verse I just read comes from Job 19:25. It is a pleasure each time that I'm able to bring to you the Word of God. It's always a pleasure for me to be able to open the Scriptures and to proclaim Jesus saves. And I trust that you tune in each time that this program comes on the air and that you will pray for the program and you will pray for me that God will give me the voice and give me the strength and give me the means of proclaiming and reaching out, proclaiming the Word of God, proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Savior, and help me to proclaim constantly that Jesus is able to save anyone who will call upon His name.

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Now, in the Book of Job, we've just read verse 25. You know, Job had so-called friends who came about him and he was in trouble. Job was in trouble. He had lost

everything. The devil had afflicted him even in his body. God told the devil, He said, "You know, you can take certain liberties with Job but you cannot touch his soul. You cannot kill him. I'm in charge. You can only go as far as I will let you go."

So, we see that the devil sent around Job's so-called friends and they were not much help to Job. They ridiculed Job and they frankly accused Job of not being right with God, but Job had a true friend amid cruel friends. In verse 25, he calls this friend his Redeemer and he looks to Him in his trouble.

Now, the Hebrew word "redeemer" here will bear three renderings. First, we see that the Redeemer here is actually his kinsman. He's the nearest of kin of all. No kinsman is so near as Jesus, none so kin and none so kind. You may have a lot of kindred today and you may be very close to them, but there's none who is closer than Jesus Christ. He is the kinsman, and Job knew this.

Jesus is also a volunteer. He's not only the kinsman that we meet here in the Book of Job, and as we look to Him today in our lives, Jesus is a volunteer. He was not forced to be a kinsman. He was not forced into anything, but He did this. He became our kinsman because of His heart by His own choice of nature. Therefore, He is more than a brother. The Bible says He sticks closer than a brother, and He is not ashamed to admit this. In Hebrews 2:11, it says He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

And we look even to His crucifixion. Just as He was being led to the cross, even when everyone had forsaken Him, in Matthew 28:10, it says He called them "My brethren."

He is the nearest of kin eternally. In Romans 8:35, it says, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Verse 37 says, Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

No matter what comes into our lives, no matter when the devil throws at us, Jesus is always there. He is our kinsman. And He's not only our kinsman and Job's kinsman as we read in verse 25 of Job 19, but we also see that He is vindicator. He is a vindicator from every false charge. He does it by pleading the causes of our soul from everything, because he that believeth on Him shall not be ashamed or confounded.

We understand that Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God right now. He's making intercession for us as the children of God. He is there speaking to God the Father and saying, "Forgive them, Father. Help them. Give them strength." He is the One who is praying for us right now. He is our vindicator. He is the One who says, "Lay nothing to their charge because My blood has cleansed them from all sin." We've been vindicated from true charges. We've sinned. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Well, how does He vindicate us? He vindicated us and vindicates us by bearing our sin Himself and becoming our righteousness. Thus, He justifies us. He justifies us just as the devil went to God and he said, "You let me have Job and he'll curse You. You let me take care of Job and do things to Job and he'll curse you."

But notice, the devil not only accuses and accused Job, but he accuses us. In Zechariah 3:2, it says, *The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan.* Jesus Christ is able to rebuke the devil. Why?

Because He is God. He is stronger than the devil. In Revelation 12:10, it says, the accuser of our brethren is cast down. How is he cast down? He's cast down by the power of God. He's cast down by the power of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our Vindicator. He has vindicated us from false charges and from true charges, the charges that say, "Yes, you've sinned but I have vindicated you through My blood."

And the third rendering of the word "redeemer" here is redeemer. He's the Redeemer of the person from bondage. He has removed me from the bondage that I've been in in this world. When I trusted Him as my Savior, He removed me from the bondage of sin. It doesn't mean that I am free of sin, because all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. As long as I'm in this place, I'm not perfect, but one day, when I stand before the Lord, I'll be able to worship Him in spirit and in truth, fully, because I will be closer to Him than I can ever be in this flesh. He removes the bondage from me now, but more so when I will see Him.

We see also not only the rendering of the word "redeemer," but we see in Job's life he had real property amid absolute poverty. He speaks of "my Redeemer" as much as to say, "Everything else is gone but my Redeemer is still my very own and lives for me." Now, he means this. He means, "I accept Him as such, leaving myself in His hands."

Are you leaving yourself in God's hands today? You need to cast your cares upon Him for He cares for you. It would seem that Job was also saying "I have somewhat of His power already and I am confident that all is well with me, even now, since He is my protector."

And it seems that he was saying, "I will cling to Him forever. He is my only hope in life and

death. I may lose all else but never the redemption of my God, the kinship of my Savior. He says, "My Redeemer liveth."

Job also had, as he recognized, a living kinsman amid a dying family. Remember, he lost everything. He lost his family. He said, "My Redeemer liveth." He recognized the Great Lord as living forever.

What have we to do with the dead of the church at Rome? What have we to do with the dead popes? What have we to do with dead Mohammed? What have we to do with the dead of those pagans who worshipped something and someone who is dead? We need to be worshiping the true and living God, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can take us to glory. What have we to do with those people who say He rose from the grave spiritually and not bodily? Those people, sadly, will end up in the lake of fire if they do not trust Jesus as their Savior.

And Job had absolute certainty amid uncertain affairs. He said, "I know." He had no sort of doubt upon the matter. Everything else was questionable, but this was certain. He said, "My Redeemer liveth, I know." His faith made him certain and faith brings sure evidence. It substantiates what it receives and makes us know.

Do you have this great knowledge that Job had? Can you say, "My Redeemer liveth?" Do you act in accordance with such assurance? Do you know today that, if you died right now, you would go to Heaven as Job knew? He said, "I will see Him someday because my Redeemer liveth." Can you say that for sure? Are you a hundred percent sure that, if you died right now, you would go to Heaven? If you're not sure, you need to ask Jesus to come into your heart right now. For as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of

God or the children of God. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

You say, "I'm not worthy to go to Heaven." You're absolutely right. It's only through the blood of Christ that you're able to say, "Yes, I'm on my way to Heaven." It's all by Jesus or nothing else. It's nothing else that will take you to Heaven other than the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And I ask you at this time, won't you at this time devoutly adore your loving kinsman? Won't you ask Jesus to come into your heart? Let Him be your kinsman today. Let Him be that person who sticks closer than a brother. And as the old song says, "Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow."

He wants to save you today and take you to Heaven. Ask Him to come into your heart right now, and He'll save you. "Lord Jesus, come into my heart. I receive You as my Lord and Savior." If you'll do that, Jesus will save you right where you're at.

Until this same time next week, I'll be praying for you. May the Lord bless you richly is my prayer.

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