

I Know My Redeemer Lives

“Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”
(Job 19:23-27)

Job Was Confused By Life and Ridiculed by Family and Friends

1. Job lived as a contemporary of Abraham.
2. His book is probably the oldest book of the Bible, predating the writings of Moses.
3. He wanted the *shout* to his dilemma to be etched and read forever.
 - a. To have them engraved on a rock and the letters filled with molten lead.
 - b. He received something better than a rock, which may last for years, but still be lost.
 - c. His faith-filled shout was inscribed in the eternal Word of God.
4. Job knew he had a Redeemer, a mediator between him and God. One *“Who may lay his hand on us both”* (Job 9:32-33).
5. He knew his Redeemer was alive right now and would one day stand on the earth.
 - a. How did he know he would see his Redeemer with his eyes?
 - b. Job knew he would die one day, and his flesh would decay. How did he know he would have a *new* body? How did he know he would have a resurrection body that would stand on the earth before his Redeemer?
 - c. We know these things because they have recorded in the word of God.
 - d. We also know there has already been one resurrection body handed out to Jesus Himself. Ours is next.

Paul, With the Circumstances of Life

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.” (Romans 8:28-30)

1. What things will work together for good? Verse 35 - Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword.
2. How do we handle these problems of life? We speak to them.

- a. Who authors the problems of life we speak to? Verse 33-34 – *“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”*
- b. What do we say to the things? Verse 31 – *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*
3. What do we say to ourselves? Verse 28 – *“We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”*

Paul, As a Minister of the Gospel

“For this reason, (called, appointed as a preacher vs. 11) I also suffer these things (prison, vs 8); nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing, which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.” (2 Timothy 1:12-14)

1. The answer: Hold fast to the promises of the word of God (vs. 13).
 - a. Which you have read and studied.
 - b. Which you have learned from others.
2. By the Holy Spirit in you, guard what you know (vs. 14).

Paul, With the Necessities of Life

“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:11-13)

1. Contentment is not based on circumstances.
2. Contentment is LEARNED.

There Will Always Be Things You Know and Don’t Know

1. Job did not know everything to say when he was faced with anger, opinions, and disgust from his friends and family.
2. Paul had no quick answers when faced with problems.
 - a. The wrath of Satan behind the problems of life.
 - b. Problems from friends, ministers, and government attached to his call to preach.
 - c. The problems with life’s necessities – money and food.
3. Don’t throw away what you know because of what you don’t know.
4. Fall back on what you know. God will answer what you don’t.
 - a. Job – *“I know my Redeemer lives.”*
 - b. Paul – *“I know all things work together for my good.”*
 - c. Paul – *I know in Whom I have believed and am persuaded He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day.”*

- d. Paul – I know how to be abased. I know how to abound. I am instructed. Therefore, I can do all things through Christ.”