

MY REDEEMER JOB 19:25

INTRO:

- **Written around 1520 B.C. during the time of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**
- **No exact date of Jobs life, probably before the establishment of the Priesthood, as Job was the priest of his household and no other is mentioned.**
- **He lived in a land called "UZ" but no one knows for certain where that was.**
- **The book of Job concerns itself with the age-old question of faith.**
- **Why do bad things happen to good people?**
- **Why does a good God allow bad things to happen to His Own? Pain suffering, and sorrow. Is God good?**
- **Is God always good, can He be trusted with my life when things don't go well?**
- **How can God be good and only do good toward His children when the world and at times even His children are bombarded with pain, suffering and sorrows.**
- **Why do godly people suffer? Where is God when I hurt?**
- **The struggle here is do I hold faith in a Sovereign, good loving God.**
- **We find Jobs friends trying to answer Jobs questions, but do so inadvisably and in error, reasoning from human wisdom which fails.**
- **They decided Job must be suffering because he had sinned or was harboring some hidden sin and needed to repent. That God was punishing him in all this.**
- **And here in this book I believe we find the clearest declaration of the resurrection and life after death is in the O.T. is found in the book of**

Job, 19:25-27.

REDEEMER:

- **A Kinsman, Near Kinsman, vindicator, avenger.**
- **It comes from a root word that is used in scripture which is used at least one of two ways.**
 - **To buy again. That which one had lost or forfeited due to poverty and loss of ability to pay a debt. The near Kinsman redeems the property and returns it to the original owner.**
 - **Or by might, power to rescue and gain back of that which was taken and also of those who have been taken prisoners and led into captivity by force.**
- **As when Abraham, armed his servants delivered Lot who had been taken captive, and Abraham rescued them by force. (Gen. 16:14-16)**

- We see it clearly in the Book of Ruth regarding herself and Namoi and the near Kinsman Redeemer, Boaz, who redeemed their property and restored their name and honor.
- Jesus redeems as being our Near Kinsman. He pays our unpayable debt and redeems our souls.
 - *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Ptr. 1:18-19)*
- He redeems not only with a holy purchase but also, He redeems us from the power of death.
 - Hos. 13: 14; *"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes."*
 - 1 Cor. 15:25-26, ²⁵ *For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.*

He is not just Redeemer; He is

MY REDEEMER:

Oh, what comfort to be able to say "MY Redeemer." Mine!

- Notice; when Job had lost everything and had nothing to his name, nothing for possessions, or health,
- He had nothing in this world that he could call his own, he could call the Redeemer My.

And not just my Redeemer but a living Redeemer.

MY REDEEMER LIVES:

- A dead Redeemer would be of no value. He could not save.
- The word used here LIVES,; comes from a Hebrew word meaning "green as in living, flowing, lively and active.
- This word, "lives" is in the continuous tense in the Hebrew.
- He was, He is, He ever shall be! He is the ever living One.
- He is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.
- This Redeemer, Christ, in the N. T. is likened to many things without life.
- Water, bread, a tree, a stone, a way, yet when used of Christ our Redeemer He is not just called water, but living water, not simply bread, but living bread, not just a stone, but a living Stone, not just a way but the Living Way, not just a tree, but a Living Tree.
- Our wonderful Redeemer, Jesus, is the "Prince of Life, (Acts 3:15)
- And He alone has life in Himself. (Jn. 1:4, Jn. 5:26)

- **I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Rev. 1:18**

I KNOW:

- All of this wonderful news would be of little value to me if I do not know.
- To learn to know. To know by experience, to be instructed.
- Job was totally convinced of a Redeemer from death and a following resurrection.
- He had somehow by the gift of faith, which was in some ways an answer to his prayers, received the revelation of the resurrection and had made it his. It was real and certain within him.
- As though he had by faith reached centuries ahead and read **Eph. 1:18-19.**

CONCLUSION

- What if we did not have a Redeemer, what if He had not risen?
- I do not believe the human race would have still exist, we would have long ago destroyed each other.
- Mankind would be hopeless, no way to find peace with God.
- We would be without a Mediator. No way to approach God or be accepted with Him.
 - Job, 9:32-33
 - 1 Tim. 2:5; *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*
- No hope for a blessed and happy life after. (**1 Cor. 15:13-19**)
- Believers who had died would be just that, "dead."
- At the end of the book 38-42 the Lord speaks in His own defense, not necessarily answering directly or clearly the great questions of Job yet He declares His absolute authority, power, wisdom and might.
- In the end we see that God's wisdom and power are infinite and thus unmeasurable beyond our punny thoughts.
- He is right and just and as Job says in chapter 13:15 "Yea, though He slay me yet I will trust Him
- And as Romans teaches us; I know that all things work together to good to them who love God and are called according to His purposes.
- If Christ had not risen from the dead and is alive for evermore, He could not have fulfilled His promise or mission to send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit to us.
- He said I am going away and I will send you another Comforter.
- The Holy Spirit in us is the Spirit of the Risen Christ, He brings the resurrection life of Christ when we are born again. JN. 16:7
- Now what do I know? What will I believe? Can I say with old Job,
- **I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVES? And lives in me?**