

Ancient Faith: “I Know My Redeemer Lives”

Book of Job

1. Is there anything that deeply troubles you about the story of Job’s life as recorded in the Book of Job? (review the story line under Section A.2.)
2. Discuss the following quote by John Piper, as to whether or not you agree with it, and whether or not you can identify with this statement from the experience of your own life.

“Nobody is born a lover of the sovereignty of God. We are born lovers of our own sovereignty. We all come to love the sovereignty of God through crises. It’s never easy.” (J. Piper)
3. Discuss Job 19:25-27. What do you think Job believed, and how much do you think he understood about what he believed?
4. God didn’t really answer Job’s question about why he had to suffer — or did He? What do you think the point of his suffering really was?

Prayer for One Another

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A. A Brief Survey of the Book of Job

1. The setting —
 - Job likely lived around the time of Abraham
 - Land of Uz seems to have been south of the Dead Sea
2. The story line —
 - God speaks of Job as the most *godly* of all people
 - Satan accuses Job of phony faith based on prosperity
 - God grants permission to Satan to severely *test* him
 - In the midst of great misery, Job seeks *purpose* in it
 - Friends accuse him, but he insists on his innocence
 - He *contends* with God, vacillating between faith and despair
 - God ultimately speaks to Job, not to answer “why”, but to take him deeper in his *knowledge* of God
 - Job repents in humility, and worships in *deeper* faith
 - God once again lavished Job with great blessings

B. Contributions This Story Makes to Our Understanding

1. God is the *Sovereign Ruler* of the universe
2. There is a cosmic *war* being waged over good versus evil
3. Mankind is the *target* of this war
4. *Suffering* has purpose in God’s plan
5. Living by *faith* is God’s plan for His people (Hb 11:6)
6. The Gn 3:15 promise provided *hope* for the people of faith

C. Looking Through the Eyes of An Ancient Saint

1. Job understood the deceit of Adam in *hiding* his sin (31:33)
2. Job understood the necessity of *blood sacrifice* for sin (1:5)
3. Job believed in a *personal* God Who is just (16:19,20)
4. Job believed in the hope of a *Redeemer!* (19:25) Gn 3:15
5. Job had hope for the *resurrection* (19:26,27)
6. Job had faith that would hold fast even unto *death!* (13:15a)
7. Job fell way short of His *understanding* of God (13:15b)

Personal Reflection

- God’s purpose is to reveal His *glory* in us!
- In the plan of *redemption* He restores us to relationship
- Thru the process of *suffering* we come to experience more of His glory
- I Pt 4:1-2 -- Jesus understands. He suffered. He is the *Treasure!*