

JESUS IN ALL | JOB – Jesus: Our Timeless Redeemer

Sunday, April 13, 2025

WELCOME & PRAY

INTRODUCTION

***1** Have you ever been in a place where the silence of God felt deafening, and suffering seemed unending? Job was a man of faith, who had been blessed by God, but lost everything and sat in the ashes of grief, loss, and pain—abandoned by friends, misunderstood by men, and feeling distant from God. Yet from this place of deep agony comes a profound declaration of faith and hope: *“I know that my Redeemer lives.”* This is no ordinary statement! This is a cry from the ashes that echoes across the ages, proclaiming the eternal identity and mission of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Timeless Redeemer, alive before Job, alive in Job's time, alive in ours, and reigning forevermore. Today, we will see how this ancient cry points to Christ, how Palm Sunday fulfills the heart of Job's hope, and how we can live in the truth that our Redeemer lives.

MAIN TEXT

***2** Job 19:25 (CSB) – *I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end he will stand on the dust.*

***3** 1. THE REDEEMER IN JOB – A PROPHETIC REVELATION OF JESUS

- Reread Job 19:25
- ***4** Hebrew word for *Redeemer*: גֹּאֵל (**go’el**) – meaning *kinsman-redeemer*, one who buys back or restores what is lost or enslaved. (ref Debbie’s message on Ruth). A **go’el** was not just a legal figure but a **relational redeemer**—a family member who steps in to rescue, restore, and redeem.
- Though Job lived before the Law of Moses, the concept of the go’el was embedded in Hebrew culture (Leviticus 25:25, Ruth 4).

What does this mean for us today?

- Job prophetically speaks of one who is both living and will **“stand upon the earth”** (or dust). The Hebrew phrase **עַל-עָפָר יָקוּם** (**yā-qūm ‘āpār**) implies a final victory and judgment—a bodily presence and reign.
 - ***5** יָקוּם – In ancient Hebrew culture, the act of standing or rising was often associated with taking action, assuming responsibility, or preparing for a significant event. The concept of “qum” also ties into the covenantal promises of God, where He “establishes” His word and fulfills His promises to His people.¹
 - עַל-עָפָר – The Hebrew word “aphar” primarily refers to dust or fine particles of earth. It is used in the Bible to denote the material from which humans were created, symbolizing mortality and humility. Additionally, it signifies the ground or earth, emphasizing the connection between humanity and the created world.²
- This is more than a cry for justice—it is a prophecy of **resurrection** and **incarnation**. Job's go’el is not merely a future descendant or spiritual idea—it is **Jesus**, who would one day rise from the grave and stand victorious on the earth.
- ***6** Romans 3:24 – *They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.* (λύτρωσις – *lytrosis*: redemption, ransom paid in full)
- ***7 Application:** When it seems life is crumbling around you, cling to the One who has already conquered the dust.
- Our Redeemer is not an idea; He is a person—Jesus, who is alive and victorious.

¹ <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6965.htm> - יָקוּם

² <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6083.htm> - עַל-עָפָר

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*8 2. JESUS - THE FULFILLMENT OF THE TIMELESS REDEEMER

- Job's longing finds its complete fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh (John 1:14), who came as our kinsman by putting on humanity, and as our redeemer by paying the price for our sin.
- *9 Galatians 4:4-5 – *When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem (ἐξαγοράζω – exagorazō) those under the law.*
 - The verb “exagorazō” primarily means to redeem or buy back, often with the connotation of freeing from bondage or captivity.³
 - In the New Testament, it is used metaphorically to describe Christ's redemptive work in freeing believers from the curse of the law and sin. It also conveys the idea of making the most of an opportunity, particularly in the context of time.⁴

Concerning the Timeless Nature of Christ:

- Hebrews 13:8 – *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*
- Jesus transcends time (He is transcendent), yet steps into time for our redemption. Jesus is the go'el (Redeemer) Job saw from afar, now revealed as the crucified and risen Savior.
- *10 **Application:** Jesus isn't just relevant—He's **eternally sufficient**. (exp)
 - Turn & read: 2 Corinthians 3:5 NKJV – *our sufficiency is from God!* (vv 1-6)
 - Turn & read: 2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV – *And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*
- *11 Redemption is not temporary or transactional—it's **timeless and transformational**.

*12 3. PALM SUNDAY - THE REDEEMER REVEALED AND RECEIVED (YET REJECTED)

- As Jesus entered Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11), He was greeted with “Hosanna!” – a cry that means “Save us now!” (from the Hebrew הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא – hōshī'āh nā'). *COULD JOB HAVE EXCLAIMED THIS?!*
- The people welcomed their Redeemer—but many misunderstood His mission. They expected military rescue, not eternal redemption. Yet even in their short-sighted praise, they fulfilled prophecy in Zechariah 9:9 and recognized the One Job longed for: *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Palm Sunday Parallels with Job's Declaration:

- Job declares a living Redeemer who will stand on the earth. (reiterate point 1)
- Palm Sunday reveals Jesus entering Jerusalem to stand in the place of judgment—ultimately to rise from the dust of death and redeem us.
- *13 **Anchor Your Hope** in the Living Redeemer – When suffering strikes, do not trust in circumstances but in the One who conquered death! Will you welcome the Redeemer with genuine faith or passing emotion?
- *14 **Worship with Depth**, Not Just Emotion – Like Palm Sunday's crowds, don't just wave branches—lay down your heart. Like Jerusalem, we must not miss the day of our visitation (Luke 19:44).
- *15 **Walk in Redemption** – Jesus has paid the price; walk in the freedom of the go'el who stands victorious. Palm branches fade—but surrendered hearts endure forever.

CONCLUSION: A Cry from the Ashes to the King on the Throne

Job sat in the ashes and declared hope. On Palm Sunday, crowds waved branches in praise. At Calvary, the King bore our shame. And in the empty tomb, He stood—alive, just as Job foretold. Jesus is our Go'el—the Kinsman

³ <https://biblehub.com/greek/1805.htm> - ἐξαγοράζω

⁴ Ibid.

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who came close, the Redeemer who paid it all, the King who reigns forever. ***16** Let us proclaim with Job—not in despair, but in bold, unshakable hope: ***I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end, He stands victorious in my life and on the Earth!***

PRAY/ ALTAR INVITATION

Where in your life are you crying out, “Hosanna?” Lord save me now!

BENEDICTION