

August 14th – My Redeemer Lives

*“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 for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”*

(Job 19:25-27)

It’s probably safe to say that the only Man who suffered more than Job is our Savior Jesus. But outside of Christ, Job suffered some of the greatest internal and external torture that a man can endure. I’m sure you recall his situation – in one moment he lost nearly everything he owned, even his children. The only thing he was left with was a wife who encouraged him to curse God and die. Job rebuked his wife’s foolish counsel, only to later be surrounded by three friends who accused him of wickedness.

Job tried to help his friends understand that he was not responsible for all the calamity that had entered into his life, but they would not listen. So there he was – stripped of nearly all he had enjoyed and surrounded by friends who thought he was an unrepentant sinner. It’s in that moment that Job had to encourage himself. He took his eyes off the present and set his gaze on the future – “I know that My Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth.” Job looked forward to Jesus!

If that were not amazing enough, Job then detailed a remarkable truth – “after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God.” The fact is that all of our bodies are going to die and decay following our passing. When Job prophesied that he would see God in his own flesh, he was affirming the bodily resurrection of the saints. Here’s the truth – if you have placed your faith in Jesus, your body will be gloriously resurrected at the end of time to spend eternity in the presence of God! Encourage yourself with that amazing truth!