

I Know that my Redeemer Lives (Job #3)

Opening Prayer: Almighty Father, we confess our faith in Jesus, our Redeemer. We flee to no other refuge, wash in no other fountain, build on no other foundation, or listen to any other voice. Enable us in our pain and disappointment to find joy in our Savior who is too wise to err and too tender to crush. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Topic for Sharing/Ice Breaker: When was a time, perhaps as child, when you were all alone and needed the comfort of another person? What was your "long, dark hallway"?

Question: Read Job 9:32–35. What does this teach us about the Redeemer, who here functions as a Mediator?

Job 9:32-35 ESV For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him, that we should come to trial together. ³³ There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both. ³⁴ Let him take his rod away from me, and let not dread of him terrify me. ³⁵ Then I would speak without fear of him, for I am not so in myself.

Question: Read Job 13:15. What do you think Job means?

Job 13:15 ESV Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

Question: What does Job say about the afterlife in chapter 14?

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Question: Read Job 16:16–22. What does Job say about his Mediator/Redeemer in these verses?

Job 16:16-22 ESV My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is deep darkness,¹⁷ although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.¹⁸ "O earth, cover not my blood, and let my cry find no resting place.¹⁹ Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and he who testifies for me is on high.²⁰ My friends scorn me; my eye pours out tears to God,²¹ that he would argue the case of a man with God, as a son of man does with his neighbor.²² For when a few years have come I shall go the way from which I shall not return.

Question: Job's beliefs in chapters 9, 14 and 16 find their fullest expression in chapter 19 which means that this chapter is more like a peak in a range of mountains rather than an isolated summit. What does he say about his Redeemer in Job 19:23–27?

Job 19:23-27 ESV "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me

Question: How would you describe Job's faith?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray: "Be patient and await His leisure, In cheerful hope, with heart content, To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure, And His discerning love hath sent, Nor doubt our inmost wants are known. To Him who chose us for His own." In Jesus' most holy name. Amen.

Assignment: Read Job 32–37 and answer these questions:

- 1) What does Elihu say that is different from the three friends?
- 2) Who needs you to share Elihu's compassion with them?
- 3) When will you help?