

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost Sunday – June 5, 2022

*“For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”*

– Job 19:25 –

Little did the author of the Book of Job, who wrote about two thousand years before Christ, realize how his words would one day describe the risen Christ. Yes, Christ is risen! Our Redeemer lives, and one day, he will come again and walk among us! The knowledge of the truth of a living Redeemer makes all the difference for us today just as it did for Job.

The fact “my Redeemer lives” brought Job peace and hope in the midst of great affliction. Job suffered the death of his children, servants, and livestock. He also lost his home and health (see Job chs. 1-2). Yet, he understood that his present anguish, no matter how painful and seemingly all-encompassing, was not the final word. He knew a greater reality that trumped all his misery: He knew “my Redeemer lives” and that he would one day “see [him] for myself” (1:27). And, for Job, that knowledge of and his faith in his Redeemer sustained him in his trials.

And, in the midst of his suffering, Job didn’t just hold onto “a Redeemer,” or “the Redeemer;” he held onto “my Redeemer.” His Redeemer with whom he had personal relationship, the one he knew would one day advocate for him and declare his innocence (see 16:18-19). Now, Job shows us how to withstand the difficult, even excruciating, trials of life by so beautifully setting his hope on his Redeemer. We, like Job, can set our hope on our Redeemer and proclaim, “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth.” We, like Job, can keep our eyes on our Redeemer with whom we have a personal relationship. We, like Job, can know that our Redeemer advocates for us and declares our innocence.

And we have an advantage over Job: We know our Redeemer’s name. We know his identity, his works, his unfathomable love revealed on the cross. We know his promises and his desires for us. And we have his precious Spirit living within us, guiding, convicting, comforting, counseling, empowering, sustaining, and walking with us every moment of every day.

We can say, “Jesus, my Redeemer lives. He remains with me and sustains me every moment. And because he lives, I will live too.”

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