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Dear Friend of Light of the Word,

*“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 . . .”*
Job 19:25-26

Some 2000 years prior to the birth of Jesus Christ, Job talked about the coming Messiah and the resurrection! In the above verses, Job clearly believed that his Redeemer (the One who saves him from his sins) lives and that even after his own death, he would see God in the flesh! Job believed in his Redeemer’s power to resurrect his life after death.

After Job lost his fortune, his family, and his health—and even after he was dragged down by his own friends’ advice—he still held on to his faith in God and understood that his Redeemer lived and that he would see Him after he died. Job’s world was shaken to its core, but his faith remained intact.

Job trusted God in the midst of some horrific circumstances in his life. He didn’t understand the “why” of his situation, but he understood that the bottom line to his life was that he was SAVED (he belonged to God; he was redeemed from his sins); that God was ALIVE and in CONTROL (my Redeemer lives); and that he was ASSURED ETERNAL LIFE with God (after my skin is destroyed I will see God in the flesh).

The real Christian walk is to bring us to a place where we really BELIEVE God.

Often, we witness God’s reality when we are immersed in various trials. He uses problems, trials, and calamities in our life to bring us closer to Jesus Christ—to get us to a point where we truly believe God and understand that the most important thing in our lives is our salvation and our eternal life.

Job lost everything, but he didn’t lose what really mattered in life—his belief in God, his salvation and eternal life in Christ. Because when all is said and done, the one constant and stable element of our life is Jesus Christ.

Job was not mad; nor was he bitter. In the midst of doubt, despair, and anguish, Job took heart in his knowledge that his Redeemer lived and that he would see him one day. Despite all the heartache and calamity, Job was okay. He believed in God and held on to His promises.

What about you? Like Job, can you say in the midst of your crisis, “My Redeemer lives!”? When everything in your world is shaken to its core, like Job, can you declare, “I will see God!”? As the storms of life crash upon you, can you stand firm in your faith and BELIEVE?

In Christ,

Pastor Steve