

The Glorious Hope
Job 19:25-27
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Introduction

I. Sufferer (Background) (Job 1-2)

- Job lived in the time either at the time of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) or before
 - He lived 140 years after the suffering (Abraham lived to be 175 years old)

Job 42:16 After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation.

- He performed as a priest for family (before Mosaic Law)

Job 1:5 *When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning, he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.*

Job 42:8 *So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to My servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.*

- Job was a saved man

Job 1:8 *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."*

- He feared God and was blameless
- Faithful man in submission to God
- Satan was upset and wanted Job curse God
 - He put Job to the test—sifting Job like wheat (as with Peter)
 - First day
 - Wave after wave of devastating news
 - Job's oxen and donkeys were stolen
 - Job's flock and herds and herdsmen perished in volcanic eruption
 - Camels stolen
 - House destroyed by a strong wind (tornado) killing all his children
- Job's response

Job 1:20-22 *At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship **21** and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." **22** In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

- Satan's second attempt to turn Job against God
 - Physical sickness

Job 2:7-8 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. **8** Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

- Severe trial
 - His wife urged him to forget God and just die

Job 2:9 His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

- Disaster and disease has Job looking like skin and bones

Job 19:20 I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped with only the skin of my teeth.

- His three friends has hurt him so much (accusing him of sinning)

Job 19:21-22 Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me. **22** Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh?

Note: Verse 22—his friends were trying to destroy his reputation (at least that was how Job felt).

Job 19:25-27 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. **26** And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; **27** I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Transition: In spite of all the severe trials he was facing and his plea for pity, he utters an amazing expression of assurance! He clings to a living hope! It is the hope of bodily resurrection. This is true faith. At this point of Job's life—he is at the lowest point. Job has rejected his friends' counsel, and he maintains his innocence before them. He has pretty much given up all hope for this life (on earth). Yet, he longs to be vindicated (justified), and his faith is that he knows he WILL be justified before God!

How did Job get this information? He did not have the Bible. He was not part of the Mosaic Law. He was not part of the Abrahamic Covenant. How did he persevere in such extreme trial? This is not human will! This is not human intelligence! This is God. God revealed this to Job and through the Holy Spirit he said those words! He did not figure this out himself! Also, God sustained Job. God lavished His grace on Job. God does on our behalf when we are not able to stand.

Jude 1:24 To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy-

Romans 14:4 And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

II. Redemption (25)

Job 19:25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth

- In the end
 - Literally—at the last
 - Job is speaking of the last days

- Resurrection in the Last days

John 6:54 *Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

- Day of Christ

Philippians 1:10 *so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,*

- Day of the Lord

1 Corinthians 5:5 *deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.*

- I know that my Redeemer lives
 - I know—total and full confidence
 - Even though Job is looking to the future, he acknowledges that his Redeemer is present
 - Redeemer
 - Hebrew—*go'e/* = kinsman-redeemer
 - If person sold land or sold himself as indentured servant
 - By end of 50th year (Jubilee) all land and person back to family
 - Keeping inheritance in family was important in Mosaic Law
 - Suppose want to buy back the land or person before Jubilee
 - Ask in family who has money to act as *go'e/*
 - They will buy back into family
 - Can be bought (Boaz-Ruth picture)
 - Can be taken by force to rescue (Abraham-Lot)
 - Job's perspective
 - He knows that God has appointed a Redeemer to pay for his forgiveness
 - He is looking in faith to the object—namely Christ who has not been revealed!
 - This is a Messianic hope!
- Stand on the earth
 - Messianic hope!

Zechariah 14:3-4 *Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. 4 On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.*

III. Resurrection (26-27)

Job 19:26-27 *And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!*

- Clear and obvious statement of the bodily resurrection
- Bible teaches a physical resurrection
- Our body will be changed to a glorified body like Christ's
- Job remarkably understood that!
- My skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God and will see Him with my own eyes
 - It was the only hope he had left!
 - His body was destroyed

- His friends thought him a sinner
- He wanted to be delivered from this suffering
- But he wanted to be fully vindicated by God
- Resurrection was his one and only hope
- Jesus hung on the cross between two thieves, making Him look like a criminal
- God raised Him from the dead—full vindication of His whole earthly life which was perfect

Romans 8:18 *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

Romans 8:19-21 *The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.*

IV. Reward (27)

Job 19:27 *I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!*

- The very desire of every redeemed believer!
- To see God's glory with their very own eyes
- God alone is our reward, nothing else

Psalms 16:11 *You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Psalms 17:14-15 *O LORD, by Your hand save me from such men, from men of this world whose reward is in this life. 15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.*

Psalms 65:4 *Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple.*

Psalms 84:10 *For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Conclusion