

Job #17 (Chapters 18 & 19)

I. First, Let us Look at Job's Cry of Despair in Chapter 19

- A. We find some themes often repeated—but Christians struggle with these
- B. Job's cry v. 2 – “How Long” is cry of afflicted Christians (Ps. 4:2; 13:1)
 - 1. Rev. 6:9,10-Worst thing about affliction is not severity, but length of it
- C. Verse 2- “Break me in pieces with words’ – Destructive power of tongue
- D. Verse 3- Reproached 10 times- they had spoken 5 times- Job 5 times
 - 1. Some think that Job is doubling their speeches because of severity
 - 2. Others think the number 10 is a number used to indicate many times
 - a. Genesis 31:7; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Leviticus 26:26; Zechariah 8:23
- E. V. 3- Word “reproached” is strong - means “made ashamed” -Ruth 2:15
 - 1. In this Job is a type of Christ – Rom. 15:3; Ps. 22:6; Is. 50:6
 - 2. Still Job must follow counsel of Christ- and forgive – Luke 17:4
 - 3. We see that even Christians can reproach other Christians – Is. 11:13
 - 4. They even made themselves “strange to Job” –
 - a. This happened to Christ and Paul- Matt. 26:56; 2 Tim. 4:16
 - b. 2 Tim. 1:16- That is why Onesiphorus was such a blessing to Paul
 - 5. In dealing with reproaches with each other our Christianity is tested
- F. V. 4- Job recognizing possibility of error- or saying he will persist
 - 1. Acts 24:14; 2 Samuel 6:21, 22
- G. V. 5- If a believer errs, it is not our place to magnify ourself against them
 - 1. Do opposite–Gal.6:1, 2; Rom.11:17-20; Even enemies-Pro. 24:17, 18;
- H. Verses 6-20- Job makes clear that he knows it is God's providence
- I. God doesn't always answer as quickly or how we think that He should
 - 1. Sometimes we are not ready to receive the deliverance
 - 2. Sometimes our oppressors have not sinned enough – Gen. 15:16
 - 3. Sometimes God wants to hear us cry more unto Him- Lu. 18:7, 8
 - 4. Sometimes God wants us to learn more about prayer
 - 5. Sometimes in waiting we appreciate the answer more
 - 6. Sometimes in waiting we grow in other graces – Gal. 5:22, 23
 - 7. In waiting we understand how God waits for us to hear- Ps. 81:11
- J. Verse 10, 12- can refer back to chapter 1 (V. 10-1:10; V. 12- 1:15, 17)

II. Then Let Us Look at Job's Cry of Hope in Chapter 19 (vs 23-27)

- A. These verses one of greatest cries of hope in all of Old testament
- B. Verse 23, 24- Job's petition answered by this book being in Bible
- C. In verse 25 – Job expresses faith in a redeemer (I John 5:4)
 - 1. People should not only know our troubles- but our faith
 - 2. Hebrew “Ga-al” – Means to redeem either by purchase or power
 - a. God redeemed Israel out of Egypt by power – Deut. 7:8
 - b. Boaz redeemed Ruth by purchase (Ruth 4:1 – 12)
 - c. Christ redeemed us by price(I Pet. 1:18, 19) and power (Eph. 3:7)
 - d. Blood indicates price (I Cor. 6:20) and Christ's Kinship (Heb. 2:14)
 - 3. Job says “**My Redeemer**” - has personal assurance – 2 Tim. 1:12
 - 4. “**My Redeemer lives**”–Christ is living then (Jn. 14:6; Rev. 1:18)
 - a. Christ as God has life in Himself and can give life –John 5:21, 26
- D. V. 26-Job expresses faith God will vindicate him (maybe resurrection)