

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.

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Job's conviction that his Redeemer lives gives him hope beyond suffering and confidence in vindication.

Scripture: Job 19:25, Hebrews 7:24

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the profound assurance found in the declaration 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' reflecting the unwavering faith of believers in the living Christ who triumphs over death and suffering. He explains that Job's understanding of 'Redeemer' as a kinsman avenger signifies hope and vindication amidst trials, as Job anticipated a divine figure who would ultimately restore justice and reveal the purpose behind his suffering. Meyer reassures that, like Job, believers can trust in their Redeemer's presence and power to transform pain into peace and light.

Transcript

I know that my Redeemer liveth. Job xix. 25.

THOSE words express the deepest and most radiant conviction of believing hearts. "He lives, the great Redeemer lives!" Man did his worst; the nail, the cross, the spear, were bitter; but He liveth! Death stood over Him as a vanquished foe; but He liveth! Captain Sepulchre and his henchman Corruption held earnest colloquy together about the best method of detaining Him; but He liveth! He ever liveth: and because He continueth ever, He hath an unchangeable priesthood.

But it is not probable that his words meant all this to Job. The word translated "Redeemer" is Goel — the nearest kinsman, sworn to avenge the wrongs of blood relations. This conception of the kinsman avenger has been always in vogue in the East, where the populations are scattered and migratory, and our system of law impossible. Beyond the heavens Job thought there lived a Kinsman, who saw all his sufferings, and pitied, and would one day appear on earth to vindicate his innocence and avenge his wrongs. He was content to leave the case with Him, sure that He would not fail, as his friends had done.

Beyond the sorrows and anguish of time he should yet see God; and he longed to see Him, that he might learn the secret purpose, which explained the sorrow of his lot. He had no dread of that momentous event, since his Goel would be there to stand beside him.

"Sudden the Worst turns the Best to the brave,
The black minute's at end!‑‑
And the Elements' rage, the fiend voices that rave,
Shall dwindle, shall blend,
Shall change, shall become, ‑‑ first a Peace out of Pain,
Then a Light, then thy breast."

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