

MY REDEEMER LIVES

Job 19:23-27

INTRODUCTION

1. The early Christians celebrated the resurrection of our Lord
Asia Minor : after the Jewish Nisan (1st calendar month of the Jews, celebrating passover)
Outside Asia Minor : the first full moon after the spring equinox of (March 21), they believed it was the tradition of Paul and Peter
Council of Nicea : agreed to adapt the western custom

It wasn't even called "easter" when Christians began celebrating Christ's resurrection.

2. word "easter" two thoughts – one highly doubtful
 - a. doubtful : "easter" for Eostre, German goddess of fertility but info only has one source (etymological scholars doubt it) – Benedictine Monk Bede. Others say it came from Babylonian Assyrian goddess named "ishtar"
 - b. The other one : came from the word "east" Oxford dictionary shows the original meaning is "new light, dawn, morning".

Whatever it is, the point is we're celebrating CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

The meaning of "resurrection" - anastasis - ana (in the midst) + histemi (to make firm, to stand unharmed, stay safe, to establish)

Difference between resuscitation and resurrection.

John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life..."

Read Text : Job 19:23-27

1. Job is said to be the oldest written book in the Bible
2. This is one of the prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament

1 Corinthians 15:4; John 20:9

(Other OT prophecy Psalm 16:10, referenced by Peter in Acts 2:27)

I. THE CERTAINTY OF HIS DECLARATION OF FAITH

a.) How he wanted his declaration remembered.

*Read Job 19:23 "Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll, 24 that they were inscribed with an
iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!"*

b.) How he worded his declaration

Job 19: 24 "I know..."

Observe : He did not say, "I hope that my Redeemer lives..."

Or "I wish that my Redeemer lives..."

But Job said, "I know that my Redeemer lives."

QUICK OVERVIEW again of proof that Jesus rose from the dead.

1. Physical evidence

a.) There was a dead body (*John 19:31-37*) and not the "swoon" theory

b.) The empty tomb

c.) The strips of linen (*John 20*) and specially the folded head cloth;
Luke 24:12 strips of linen lying by themselves...

(one theory that goes around...is that Jesus just passed through the linen (othionion) around him. But just the same, if His body was stolen 1.) why would they have to take out the linen? Or 2) why was the linen "not scattered" but lying by themselves? And the head cloth was even folded...)

Which goes to....

2. Circumstantial evidence

a.) Guarded and sealed (*Matthew 27:62-66; 28:1-4*)

3. Eyewitness accounts

a.) *1 Corinthians 15:3-8* (letter was written 55 A.D., and most of them died a crucial and painful death for a "lie"? No way!)

Because of the certainty of our Lord's resurrections, we too can say with Job.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES...

Read John 20: 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

II. THE CIRCUMSTANCE SURROUNDING HIS DECLARATION OF FAITH

1. The kind of possessions he enjoyed.

Read Job 1:1-3

a.) He was a man of great integrity.

Job 1:1 This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

It showed in his life and it was confirmed by God Himself.

Job 1:8 ...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."

b.) He was a man of great wealth

Job 1:2 He had seven sons and three daughters, 3 and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants.

b.1. Many children

b.2. Many possessions

c.) He was a man of great prestige.

Job 1:3 He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

2. The kind of loss he experienced.

a.) He lost his wealth.

Read Job 1: 13-19

b.) He lost his health.

Read Job 1:7-8

c.) He lost his prestige.

Read Job 19:9, 13,14,15,16, 17, 18, 19

In short, he lost everything!!!

Application :

1. God watches you and has a purpose for you. (*Job 1*) memorize *Rom 8:28*, Read also *Hebrews 5:8**Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered*

2. God understands what you are going through and cares for you. (*Hebrews 4:14, 15, 16*)

Even in the midst of any circumstance, we too can say with Job...

I KNOW THAT **MY REDEEMER LIVES!!!**

III. THE CENTRAL POINT OF HIS DECLARATION OF FAITH

...my REDEEMER LIVES

Note : The resurrection is the ultimate proof that what we believe in is true.

Read : 1 Corinthians 15 : 4And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.17And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

Question : If Christ hasn't risen from the dead...kawawa talaga tayo.

1. What are we doing here? Who are we worshipping, "a dead person"? NO,,, A THOUSAND TIMES NO!!! WE ARE WORSHIPPING JESUS WHO IS ALIVE AND BECAUSE WE ARE SURE HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, WE KNOW HE IS IN OUR MIDST RIGHT NOW!!!

20But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead...

Observe : Job did not say, "I know I can carry this problem, or I know I my friends can...." The focus is "I know my REDEEMER lives"

1. Jesus is an effective Redeemer

Hebrew "goel or ga'al" (has three meanings), kinsman, vindicator, redeemer

a.) Jesus is our Kinsman (brother)

1. Job's circumstance : everyone loathes him even his brothers and wife.
2. Job's confidence is that he has a "Brother" with a capital "B"

Story : Wild dog was about to attack me but I know my brothers were inside the house so I called them and they came out and "rescued" me.

Application : Satan would attack us but when we call on the Lord, he will rescue us.

b.) Jesus is our Vindicator (nagpapatunay)

1. Job was being accused by his friends of doing something wrong on why he is suffering. But sometimes we suffer kahit wala naman tayong ginagawang masama. (*make sure lang hindi talaga sa kalokohan natin... 1Peter 4:12-15*)

Application : Sometimes, we will be accused or our reputation will be besmirched but Jesus will be the one to vindicate us.

Note : Do you know that ``revenge`` itself is not a sin because you only want ``justice``. Justice is good. BUT....

Read Romans 12: 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Our job is to love our enemies (*Matthew 5:38-44*). It is God's job to avenge.

c.) **Jesus is our Redeemer**

Description : The goel's job is to pay for the mortgage of a property that was taken from someone because of a debt or someone sold into bondage because of a debt.

Remember : our inheritance is heaven kaya lang nagkautang tayo sa Dios because of sin and it has to be paid...

Greek word : Tetelestai - it is done. Paid already

Archaeology : Papers stamped `tetelestai` meaning `paid`

2. Jesus is a living Redeemer

...my Redeemer LIVES...

Significance:

1. It is not just a hope for the future (It's not my Redeemer will come

Example : It's like na di bale, darating naman yung tax refund ko e.

2. It's not a memory of the past.

Example : Nung nandito si Kuyang, nagawan na ng paraan ito...sana andito pa si kuyang.

3. It's help for the present.

IV. THE CULMINATION OF HIS DECLARATION OF FAITH

...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!

1. The return of the glorified Christ

...and that in the end he will stand upon the earth

Acts 1: ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

...and in the end he will stand upon the earth.

Etymology : Hebrew for stand “quym” kum ; one who arises to become powerful, to establish - “stand” - almost same meaning as “anastasis” “ana + histemi (to stand)”

Note : Jesus will come as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and your reward is with Him.

Illustration : A wise investor will always invest his money on two situations : if it's sure and it will yield the highest return in due time. MAKE THE WISE DECISION. Give your life to Christ. That's the reason why the Lord says in *Matthew 6, ⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

AND VERY IMPORTANT *1 Corinthians 15: ⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

2. The resurrection of our glorified bodies

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Quick Look : What does the Word of God says regarding to what happens when a person “dies”? When Christ returns?

Read in your own time *1 Corinthians 15:35-55, 2 Corinthians 4:14-18; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18; Luke 16:19-31; Revelations 20:11-15;*

To the believer :

- a.) Death in its simplest term means “separation”
- b.) Our soul and spirit will be with the Lord. No such thing as soul-sleep. (Hebrews 9:27)
Mother of Dog the bounty hunter : “When I die, don’t visit me in my grave. I’m not there.”
- c.) In the rapture, soul and spirit will be given glorified bodies. (the same as that of Christ 1 Corinthians 15:49)

To the unbeliever :

- a.) Soul and spirit are separated from the body will go to Hades or hell where it is kept in conscious torment (Luke 16:19-31)
- b.) Souls in hell awaiting the resurrection of the boy which will occur immediately before the last judgment. The ultimate place would be the lake of fire. (Revelations 20)

*That's why : Romans 10 states ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that **God raised him from the dead**, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

BROTHERS AND SISTERS : OUR REDEEMER LIVES!!!! HE IS HERE IN OUR MIDST! HIS NAME IS JESUS AND HE IS LORD!!! AND SOMEDAY WE WILL BE WITH HIM!!!

That's why Job can state : *"How my heart yearns within me!!!"*