

My Redeemer Lives

Job 19:25-27

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

This is probably the best-known and most-loved passage in the book of Job, reaching a high point in Job's understanding of his own situation and of his relationship to God.

Job expresses confidence that ultimately God will vindicate his faithful servants in the face of all false accusations. – It must have been his faith in his God and Savior that kept him from collapsing under the severe sufferings and trials. As Job looked ahead in faith to his Savior, he could for the moment forget his present troubles and in faith see what lay ahead for him after his life on earth had ended.

These words can also be the confession of every believer, including you and me as surely as we trust in Jesus for our salvation.

While it is certainly true that our bodies will decay and our skin will be destroyed in death, it is equally true that each of us will be raised up with the same body and one's own skin, but in a glorified condition. This entire verse speaks of the resurrection.

Job is absolutely certain, however, that death is not the end of existence and that someday he will stand in the presence of his Redeemer and see him with his own eyes.

In the OT the internal organs were regarded as the seat of the deepest emotions. When Job says "How my heart yearns within me," he means that he has a deeply-seated confidence that he will with God in heaven.

There are many more benefits listed in the Hymn "I Know that my Redeemer Lives" LSB 461. Many are listed below:

- ✓ He pleads for me above...He lives my hungry soul to feed...He lives to help in time of need. (st. 3)
- ✓ He lives to comfort me when faint...He lives to hear my soul's complaint. (st. 4)
- ✓ He lives to silence all my fears...He lives to wipe away my tears. (st. 5)
- ✓ He lives to calm my troubled heart...He lives all blessing to impart, (st. 5)
- ✓ He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend...He lives and loves me to the end, (st. 6)
- ✓ He lives and grants me daily breath...He lives, and I shall conquer death. (st. 7)
- ✓ He lives my mansion to prepare...He lives to bring me safely there. (st. 7)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for rising from the grave and continually being at my side until I am with you in heaven. Amen