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**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation


**Lesson:** 20\_8 - Redeemer, Refiner, Sovereign God

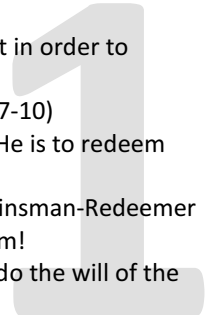
**Passage:** Job 19-23

**For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.**

(Romans 15:4)

**Job's Kinsman-Redeemer** (Job 19:23-28)

- (vv. 23-24) Contrast Job's words here with Bildad's in 18:17.
- (v. 25) **Job's kinsman-redeemer lives!**
  - ★ Job **knows!** Do you **know?** See 1 John 5:13, 20
  - ★ Job knows that his Redeemer **lives!** See Hebrews 7:25; Romans 5:10-11!
  - ★ **KINSMAN-REDEEMER:**  ga'al {gaw-al'}
    - A kinsman-redeemer was one who avenged his brother's blood. (Deuteronomy 19:6-12)
    - A kinsman-redeemer was one who reclaimed and restored his brother's property (Lev. 25:23-24)
    - A kinsman-redeemer was one who freed his brother from slavery. (Leviticus 25:25)
    - A kinsman-redeemer could also go to court on behalf of a wronged relative. (Proverbs 23:10-11)
- Four requirements a kinsman-redeemer had to meet in order to redeem:
  - ① He must be a **close blood relative**. (Deut 25:5, 7-10)
    - ★ **MEDITATE:** Christ must be your relative if He is to redeem you!
  - ② He must be **able** to pay the price. Christ, our Kinsman-Redeemer is God and man and is **ABLE** to pay our ransom!
  - ③ He must be **willing** to redeem. Christ, came to do the will of the Father - see John 6:38-40.



- ④ He must be **free** himself. Christ was sinless and not in bondage to sin. (1 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5; 2:1; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26)
- In Ruth, Boaz (“in him is strength”) is Ruth’s kinsman-redeemer and is a picture of Christ.

### **Zophar’s Second Argument** (Job 20)

- (vv. 4-29) Zophar’s argument is that God punishes the wicked. He makes his argument with three points.
  - ★ (v. 5) His argument with NO support.
    - ① (vv. 4-11) The wicked only live briefly. (Consider pre-flood people (Genesis 6:3) and the Canaanites (Genesis 15:13-16). **TRUTH: Godless people live long and lives and godly people die early and some live long.**
    - ② (vv. 12-19) The wicked’s pleasure is temporary.
    - ③ (vv. 20-29) The wicked’s death is painful.
  - ★ Zophar’s advice: Job needs to get right with God.

### **Job’s Response to Zophar** (Job 21)

- ★ Job refutes ALL of Zophar’s arguments by looking at reality!
- (vv. 7-16) “Why do the wicked live and become old? Yes, become mighty in power!”
  - Jeremiah 12; Psalm 73
- (v. 30) The wicked are reserved for the DAY of doom! (Proverbs 16:4; Psalm 73:17-20; Romans 9:22; 1 Peter 2:8; 2 Peter 2:9)

### **Eliphaz’s Final Argument** (Job 22)

- Eliphaz turns the debate into a trial. He fires off three charges against Job:
  - ① Job is a sinner. (vv. 1-11)
  - ② Job is a hypocrite (“godless person”). (vv. 12-20)
  - ③ Job needs to repent before things will get better. (vv. 21-30)

### **Job’s Response to Eliphaz** (Job 23)

- Job does not seem to answer Eliphaz’s charges.
- (v. 5) “Look at me and be astonished!”
- (vv. 1-25) Job expresses his frustration.
  - ① God is hiding from me. (vv. 1-12)
  - ② God is frightening me. (vv. 13-17)
  - ③ God perplexes me. (vv. 18-25)
- (v. 10) God knows where Job is! (Psalm 139:7-12; Isaiah 41:10; 43:1-3a; 57:15; Joshua 1:5-9; Hebrews 13:5-6)



→ Job is in God's furnace! We must remember three things:

- ❶ God is the REFINER!
- ❷ God controls the CLOCK!
- ❸ God controls the THERMOSTAT!

→ See Romans 5:1-3

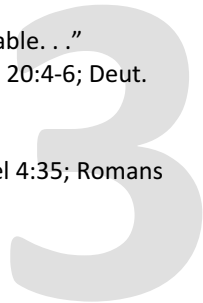
★ (v. 10) **MEDITATE: Job trusts God despite his circumstances!**

## Real Food and Light (Job 23:11-12)

- (v. 12) Job has tried his best to **stay** on God's **way**.
- He used God's Word to light his way. (Psalm 119:105; 19:8; 43:3)
- We are called to **walk** the **narrow** way. (See Matthew 7:13-14; 16:24-25; **Proverbs 4:27; Jeremiah 6:16**)
- **THERE IS NOT ONLY A NARROW GATE TO ENTER, BUT A PATH TO WALK THAT LEADS TO LIFE!**
- (v. 12) Job **treasures** God's Word more than his **necessary** food.
  - Meditate on Jeremiah's words in Jeremiah 15:16.
  - Consider what Christ thought of God's Word – Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; John 4:31-34.
  - Meditate on Psalm 1:1-3; 119:103; 1 Peter 2:1-3.
- TWO REACTIONS TO THE FURNACE OF GOD:
  - ❶ One gets BURNED!
  - ❷ One gets PURIFIED!
- ★ **THE DIFFERENCE:** One's attitude toward the Word and will of God.
- ★ (1 Peter 4:19) "Let those who suffer **according to the will of God** commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."

## The Sovereignty of God (Job 23:13-14)

- (v. 13) God is UNIQUE ("**one of a kind**"). We can compare God with NOTHING and NO ONE. There is NO OTHER!
  - There are no degrees of uniqueness. One cannot be more or less unique.
- READ Isaiah 40:25-26.
- Other versions render this phrase: "He is unchangeable. . ."
- We are forbidden to liken God to anything! (Exodus 20:4-6; Deut. 4:23-24)
- (vv. 13-14) **GOD DOES WHATEVER HE PLEASES!**
  - Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 45:9-10; 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Romans 9:19; Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 19:21.



- These verses should be taken into consideration when *properly* interpreting verses such as 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4.
- (Job 23:14 )**My life (my whole life) is in God hand. (Daniel 4:23; 5:23; Psalm 31:15; Psalm 139:3; Proverbs 20:24; Jeremiah 10:23)**