

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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## Acts 2 - Everything Was Right

In Acts 2, the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ, everything was in place for the Church to begin as has been prophesied for hundreds of years . . . EVERYTHING WAS RIGHT!



- **THE RIGHT MEN** } • Mark 9:1  
• Acts 1:8
- **THE RIGHT PLACE** - JERUSALEM } • Isaiah 2:2-3  
• Micah 4:1-2
- **THE RIGHT TIME** - "IN THE LAST DAYS" } • Acts 2:16-17  
• Joel 2:28-29
- **THE RIGHT POWER** - "THE HOLY SPIRIT" } • Acts 1:8
- **THE RIGHT MESSAGE** - "REPENTANCE  
AND REMISSION OF SINS" } • Luke 24:47-49
- **THE RIGHT NAME** - THE NAME OF CHRIST } • Luke 24:47  
• Acts 2:38
- **THE RIGHT AUDIENCE** - "DEVOUT MEN  
OUT OF EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN" } • Acts 2:5  
• Isaiah 2:2

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."  
Acts 2:38

**NOTE** Some years later at Caesarea (Acts 11:15), Peter would refer to the Day of Pentecost as "the beginning."

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**Times of Services:**

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am  
AM Worship:...11:00am  
PM Worship:...6:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am  
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**We Extend A  
Warm & Cordial  
Welcome  
To All Our  
Visitors!**

**I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH!**

Tim Canup

Imagine with me that you are very prosperous, you have many material possessions, a large family, and good health. You are well respected and loved among all those around you. Then one day, one by one messengers come and tell you have lost everything; your children have been killed, all your possessions are gone and even your spouse turns on you. On top of that, you are afflicted with boils from head to toe. When you think things could not get any worse, Your three friends come and accuse you of doing something terrible to have all this happen to you.

Of course we are referring to Job. Job facing difficult circumstances like few have ever seen, yet he could make the declaration: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25-26). The life of Job has been compared to a roller-coaster, up one minute and down the next. In the context of chapter 19, Job had just been verbally assaulted by his "friend." He does not understand the situation exactly; he believes God is doing this to him. He does not know why, but he knows he's innocent. Looking back on the recorded account, we know better, we know God allowed Satan to test Job. We also know in the end, God restored Job to better than his former position. In light of all that Job had gone through, he could still say, "For I know that my redeemer liveth..." Let us notice three things about this passage:

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### **A CONFIDENCE:**

Job said, “For I know that my redeemer liveth” (25a). Job had a confidence in the incarnation into this world by the Redeemer. Jesus had to become flesh in order to die (Hebrews 2:9). Centuries before His birth, God’s prophets spoke of the coming Messiah. Modern-day so-called prophets speak in general, vague words. Biblical prophecy is always with specific, minute details. There are such prophecies that speak of: His birth place (Micah 5:2); His triumphal entry (Zechariah 9:9); His betrayal price (Zechariah 11:12-13); His suffering and vicarious death and burial (Isaiah 53); many, many others, some 330+ prophecies). Some 700 years before His birth, Isaiah prophesied, “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). This was fulfilled when the Angel of Lord announced to Joseph the coming birth of Jesus (cf. Matthew 1:18-23). We must have a confidence that our Savior was born of a virgin.

There must be a confidence He came as our Redeemer. Matthew 1:21 says, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save his people from their sins.” Paul wrote, “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (I Timothy 1:15)” We should make it personal, He is MY Redeemer!” (cf. II Timothy 1:12). The sacrifice of Christ provided salvation to us, the greatest gift ever given (cf. John 3:16; Romans 5:8). A redeemer is one who pays price or ransom for another. Sin is hard taskmaster (Romans 6:16-18). But we can be freed by “that form of doctrine” (Romans 6:3-4; I Timothy 2:3-6). No matter what happens in life, we should be able to say, “I **KNOW** that my Redeemer liveth...”

### **A VICTORY**

Next, Job said, “And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth” 25b). First, we must acknowledge that there is an enemy (there cannot be a victory without opposition or an enemy. Mankind has a powerful enemy, Satan. From the very beginning in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), there has been an enemy who deceived man to sin and fall from God. When we sin, we are separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), and all have sinned (Romans 3:23). Man’s enemy has a goal; to destroy us and cause us to be lost (I Peter 5:8). Satan wants us to serve him by turning away from God (II Corinthians 11:14-15).

Now, notice the Victor. In and of ourselves, we simply CANNOT win this spiritual warfare! Our victory is in Jesus Christ (Heb 2:14-15; 4:15). After His baptism, Jesus was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). He was tempted with the lust of flesh, lust of eyes, and the pride of life, the exact same way we are. Jesus overcame temptation by using the Word of God. He is the victor because He overcame Satan with His perfect life and His powerful death and resurrection (cf. I Corinthians 15:12-26, 55-57).

We, too, can have the victory, but NOT without Christ and the Gospel. II Thessalonians 1:7-9 teaches us that those who do not obey the Gospel will face eternal

destruction. Paul said in Ephesians 2:12 that without Christ we have no hope! There can be no victory without a fight (Ephesians 6:12-13). We can and we must fight and then we can overcome through Christ! The key verse in the book of Revelation is 21:7, “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

### **A JUDGMENT:**

Job said in verse 26, “And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.” The phrase “yet in my flesh” is not the best translation in the King James Version; it is literally, “from my flesh: or “without my flesh” (cf. ASV). It points to a time when life is over and the time to give account of things done. We DO have a Redeemer, Jesus Christ! We can know for certainty, we can know that the Redeemer was victorious over death and He is no longer subject to it. By His powerful death and His resurrection, He bound Satan (Revelation 20; Ephesians 4:8), and He gave us eternal life.

There is coming a time when this life will end and we will stand before God in Judgment (Hebrews 9:27). When we do, we will stand before God who is the Righteous Judge (cf. II Timothy 4:8). Any and all false accusations will be done away with. Job knew this; he had just been accused of doing evil. II Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” For the faithful and those who are prepared, it is something to look forward to (II Peter 3:12), but for the wicked, it is a day to be feared.

Jesus Christ paid our ransom from sin; He is NOW our Redeemer. There is coming a time when He will be our judge! This judgment will not be to decide our innocent or guilty – rather a sentencing. Therefore we must be prepared for that eternal sentence.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Job suffered a great loss. However, in the end, Job was cleared. Job learned a great lesson from God. Through all his suffering, the loss of all he had, wife & friends turning on him, he still could say, “I know that my Redeemer liveth!” Perhaps you are suffering in life physically, perhaps you are suffering because of sin? Let me assure you that you can find comfort in knowing you have a Redeemer. Jesus has extended an invitation to all who suffer because of sin (Matt 11:28-30), will you come to Him?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Nov 28 – Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- Dec 5 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Dec 12 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell