



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

October 30, 2022

“The Book of Job: Part III”

A Summary of Key Ideas in the 2nd Set of Dialogs Between Job and Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar

- Job (chs. 12-14): Job addresses his three friends, then God. To his friends: “I don’t want to hear your worthless advice anymore.”
- Eliphaz (ch. 15): Eliphaz tells Job his faults are intellectual and moral. All humans have faults, and his current fault is not bearing his current troubles with bravery and patience.
- Job (chs. 16-17): Job reiterates his major complaints but remains confident he is innocent.
- Bildad (ch. 18): Bildad does not think Job is wicked and describes what does happen to wicked people.
- Job (ch. 19): Job continues to maintain his innocence and compares his misery to being attacked by animals and warriors.
- Zophar (ch. 20): Zophar, with little empathy, describes what will happen to Job if he does not repent.

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

In Job’s speech near the end of chapter 19 we see this familiar declaration: “I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. [19.25]” Many are surprised that these words do not appear in the New Testament, but in the Old Testament in Job. Throughout the centuries, Christians have declared these words in liturgies and songs about the Redeemer. The traditional hymn lyrics are:

1 I know that my Redeemer lives, and ever prays for me.
A token of His love He gives, A pledge of liberty.
2 I find Him lifting up my head; He brings salvation near.
His presence makes me free indeed, And He will soon appear.
3 He wills that I should holy be, what can withstand His will?
The counsel of His grace in me He surely shall fulfill.
4 Jesus, I hang upon Thy word; I steadfastly believe
Thou wilt return and claim me, Lord, And to Thyself receive.
5 When God is mine and I am His, of paradise possessed,
I taste unutterable bliss and everlasting rest.

We cannot know what was going through Job’s mind at the point when he uttered these words, but we can hope that he was looking beyond the world to the ultimate truth of God’s mercy. And we can hope and pray for the same faith and wisdom and redemption given us by grace to the Ultimate Redeemer, Jesus.

“Light for the Way for a Tough Day Ahead Prayer”: *Dear Lord, I pray for some light today. You are the Source of Light. You are the very Light Giver. Please lighten my path so that I can tread rightly. I don’t want to get lost, and I don’t want to get sidetracked. Keep me on track by illuminating my every step. Shine Your light over my thoughts as You help me navigate my life and decisions in the right direction. Amen.*

Let us keep in our prayers: comfort and recovery for Keith, Mary, and Sally; for Elizabeth’s health; pray for ourselves as we continue to seek and live by Divine Wisdom. Lord, hear our prayer!