

THE OLD TESTAMENT HOPE

Lesson 4 for October 22, 2022



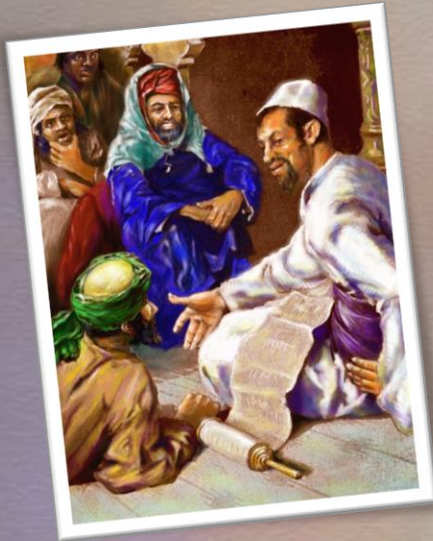


“By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son [...] He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”

Hebrews 11:17, 19 (NRSV)

In Jesus' time, the Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection (Mt. 22:23). Jesus reprimanded them: "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." (Matthew 22:29)

If God has the power to create, wouldn't He also have the power to bring us back to life? Besides, what does the Old Testament (the Scriptures) say about the resurrection?

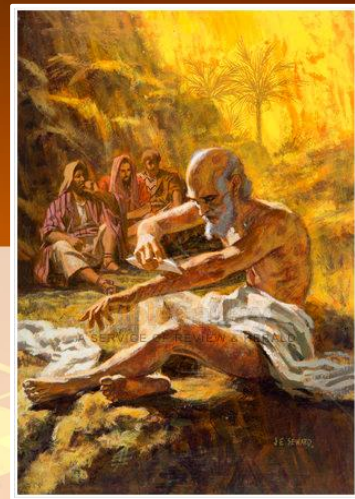


- ➡ **Seeing the Redeemer.** Job 19:25-27
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SEEING THE REDEEMER

“And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God,” (Job 19:26)

Job was living in deep pain because of the unfair sufferings he was going through. He just wanted to die (Job 3:11-13), but he knew death was not his final destination.



He still had faith in God (Job 13:15). He knew His Redeemer and he was sure that He would overcome death (Job 19:25).

He knew that although his body would fade away after death, he would be resurrected physically (Job 19:26).

He was eager to finally meet his Redeemer face to face after his resurrection: “I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19:27 NIV)

RESCUED FROM THE GRAVE

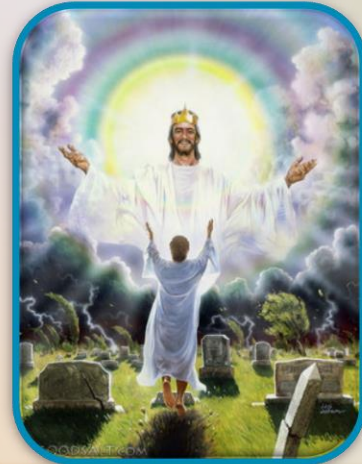
"But as for me, God will redeem my life. He will snatch me from the power of the grave." (Psalm 49:15 NLT)

The fool feel safe thanks to their possessions or fame (v. 6, 18). They think they will enjoy them forever (v. 11). However, the grave will take everything from them (v. 17).

They don't trust God, so nobody will be able to redeem them and give them life after death (v. 7-9). They're like beasts with no reasoning (v. 20).

The wise know that the grave is their destiny (v. 10). However, they also know that they have a Redeemer who will redeem them from the power of the grave (v. 15).

The assurance of a future life beyond death changes our perspective on this life. It enables us to live a fearless life, no matter the troubles around us (v. 5).



SUPPORTED IN LIFE, ARISEN FROM DEATH

"You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth." (Psalm 71:20)

How can we be fearless when troubles surround us?



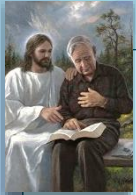
Remembering that God has supported us even before we were born (v. 6)



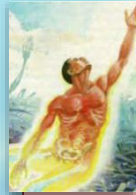
He taught us from our youth (v. 17)



God is our rock and our strength (v. 3)

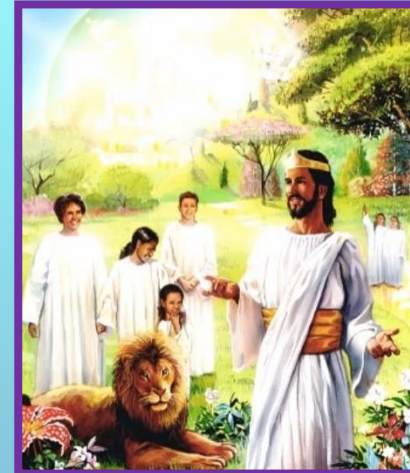


He will not cast us off in our old age (v. 9)



In troubles and death, God will give us life again and will bring us up again from the abyss (v. 20)

No matter how old we are or the issues we have to face. Our hope is not found in this life, but in the life to come. Eternal life with Jesus is assured after we are resurrected by Him.



ETERNAL LIFE AND SECOND DEATH

"They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased, they will not rise [...] Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise."

(Isaiah 26:14, 19)

Everyone will be resurrected, but not everyone will live forever (Jn. 5:29)

**Resurrected to live
At the Second Coming**

**They will be made
immortal and will live
forever**

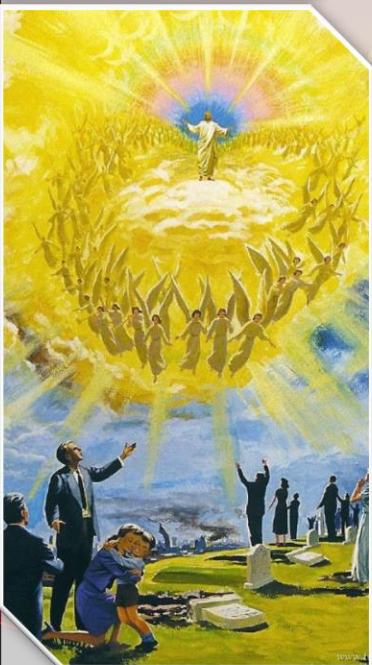
**We all have the chance to
live forever. Everyone who
accepts Jesus as their
Savior will do so (Jn. 3:16).**

**Resurrected to die
After the millennium**

**They will suffer the second
death in the lake of fire**

**They will no longer exist
("they are deceased, they
will not rise")**

**Believe in Jesus! Your
eternal life depends on it!**



THE RESURRECTION OF RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED

“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)

Many will be awakened... Why not everyone?

All the righteous will be resurrected to receive immortality at the Second Coming (1Co. 15:52; 1Ths. 4:14-16). However, the wicked who are still alive will die in that moment (2Ths. 2:8; Rev. 19:21). The wicked are not resurrected until the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:5).

Therefore, “many” refers to all the righteous, and a small group of the wicked. Who will be part of that group?

According to Revelation 1:7, those “which pierced Him” (see Zec. 12:10; Mr. 14:62): “those that mocked and derided Christ’s dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.” (GC 637)



“Christ claims all those as His who have believed in His name. The vitalizing power of the Spirit of Christ dwelling in the mortal body binds every believing soul to Jesus Christ. Those who believe in Jesus are sacred to His heart; for their life is hid with Christ in God. The command will come from the Life-giver, ‘Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead’ (Isaiah 26:19).”

E. G. W. (Selected Messages, book 2, cp. 27, p. 271)