

Pastor's Pen

My Redeemer Lives!

"As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will rise up over the dust of this world (Job 19:25)."

Almost all believers and unbelievers alike have heard the expression, "You have the patience of Job." However, most people do not know why the saying came into being. Satan was in heaven, standing before God.

"Then Yahweh said to Satan, 'Have you set your heart upon My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.' And Satan answered Yahweh and said, 'Does Job fear God without cause? Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But send forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face.'" (Job 1:8-11)

God allowed Satan to test Job's faithfulness to Him and permitted him to do anything to him except take his life. Satan took from Job all his wealth and the lives of all ten of his children and caused Job to be covered with boils from head to toe. Even Job's wife told him to curse God and die. Three of his friends accused him of being punished for some unconfessed sin in his life.

Despite all this, Job refused to curse God and remained firm in his faith. Despite everything that transpired, the loss of his children, and everything he possessed, he never lost his love and faith in God. He declared, ***"I know my Redeemer lives."***

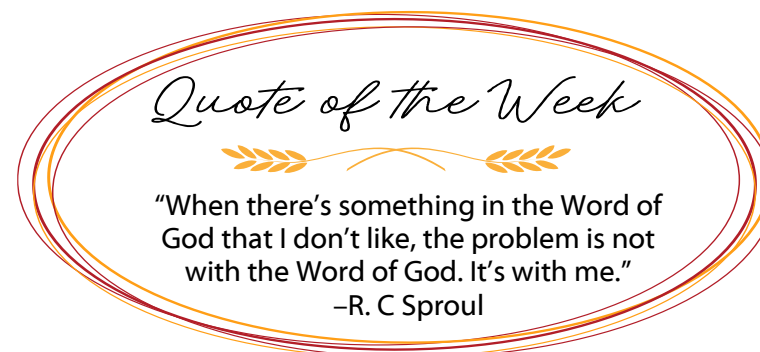
Every Christian declares that same truth: our Redeemer lives. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. The only begotten Son of God lived a sinless life so that He would be the spotless lamb that took away the sins of the elect. He suffered, died, and was buried, and on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. Every believer declares alongside of Job, "My Redeemer lives." Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Christ Is Victorious- Alistair Begg

"Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:7-8

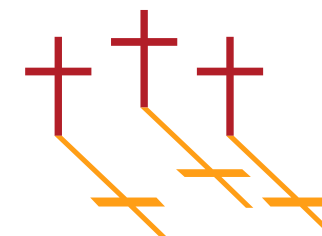
Just as the bright light of the coming Messiah is anticipated in the pages of the Old Testament, so the devil is a shadowy figure throughout it. When we reach the New Testament, we discover that Christ's coming drew Satan out from the shadows and into the open. In the Bible, the devil is revealed as the instigator of sin and sorrow. In fact, the word devil comes from a Greek root word which means "to throw," as in the sense of throwing out slanderous statements. The devil, we learn, twists the truth about Christ and the character of God. The word Satan, meanwhile, can be translated as "adversary" and can convey the sense of someone lying in ambush. Our irrational fears, doubts, and evil thoughts can be traced back to this Evil One. He is the deceiver, the accuser, the liar, and the hinderer. He blinds the minds of unbelievers and seeks to cloud the believer's mind with reminders of guilt and failure.



Satan is a powerful foe—but he is also a defeated one. The very real power of the Evil One should only ever be considered in light of the victory of the Lord Jesus. The devil has been chained by the cross of Christ. On that chain he may snarl and roar and grab for us, but nevertheless, his works will be destroyed by Christ. The apostle John assures us, "Everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him" (1 John 5:18).

In our homes, most of us have a process for the disposal of garbage: it goes from under the sink to outside the back door to the end of the driveway, and then the garbage truck comes and takes it to its final destination. In a very real sense, that is the experience of the Evil One: he has been put out the back door, awaiting final destruction on the day of Christ's revelation (Revelation 20:10). He is not yet destroyed, but he is dethroned and defeated.

In the conflicts we encounter, some of us are keenly aware that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against ... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). And those of us who are not aware of this probably should be. All of us need to remind ourselves that there is a real struggle going on and that we are part of it; and all of us need also to remember in the midst of that struggle that "the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." Take courage from the fact that Satan does not have the final say. He is beaten, and Jesus has prayed for you that you would be kept safe (John 17:15). Let that knowledge cause you to stand firm against the devil's wiles and run to Christ for forgiveness when you give in to the devil's lies. This is how we live in light of Christ's victory!



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Book Study
Fridays | 6AM Men's Book Study
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
Please see website for locations

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and need to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address on the back of this bulletin.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study; AWANA & Surge!

Service Times

Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church 10:30AM
Sunday Services 10:30AM

Giving from service on 04/06/2025

General Offering	\$14,727.55
Building Fund	\$2,009.00
Uganda	\$160.00
Benevolence	\$320.00
G3	\$120.00
Total	\$17,336.55
Attendance	322

G3 so far \$901.00 Goal is \$2,000

Build the Body Ministries

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Welcome