

Job: Sin, Death & Resurrection



JOB 13:23-14:17

- crazy busy vs. reflection

SIN IS REAL (13:23-27)

- ▶ how many are my sins? (13:23) ¹

- ▶ why count me as your enemy? (13:24-27) ²

LIFE IS SHORT (13:28-14:6)

- ▶ four comparisons (13:28-14:2) ³
 - ❶ something rotten (13:28a)
 - ❷ moth-eaten garment (13:28b)
 - ❸ withering flowers (14:2a)
 - ❹ fleeting shadows (14:2b)

- ▶ one Judge (14:3-6)

DEATH IS FINAL (14:7-12)

- ▶ a tree with hope (14:7-9)

- ▶ a person without hope (14:10-12) ⁴

RESURRECTION IS NEEDED (14:7-17)

- ▶ longing for life ⁵

¹ Although God characterized Job as “blameless and upright” (1:1), he was not sinlessly perfect even by his own admission (7:20-21; 13:26).

² Psalm 35:6; 86:15

³ James 4:14

⁴ Ecclesiastes 7:2

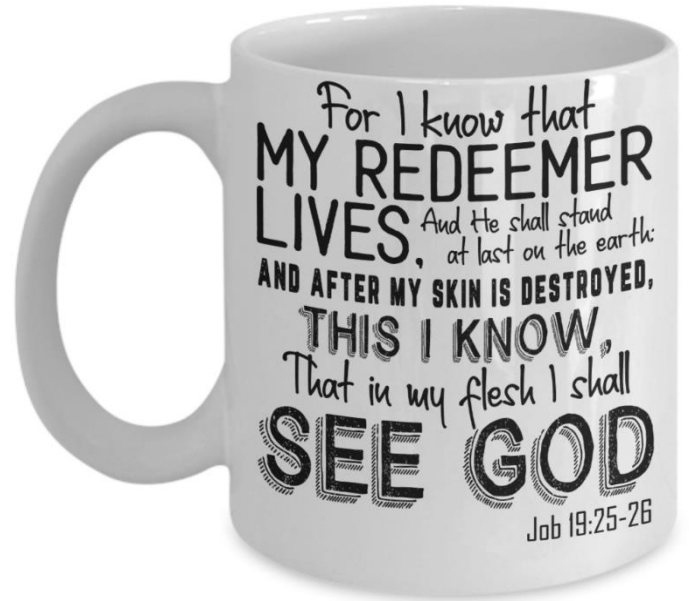
⁵ Students of the Bible observe that some teachings are *progressively* revealed with increasing content and clarity throughout the duration of the Bible. Like the gradual brightening of a dimmer switch, Job’s hope in renewal from the dead (14:13-14; 19:25-27) gradually turned brighter in the Old Testament (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2) until it climaxed with the full brightness of Jesus who claimed to be the resurrection and eternal life (John 11:25-26).

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- 13²³ How many wrongs and sins have I committed?
 Show me my offense and my sin.
- 24 Why do you hide your face
 and consider me your enemy?
- 25 Will you torment a windblown leaf?
 Will you chase after dry chaff?
- 26 For you write down bitter things against me
 and make me reap the sins of my youth.
- 27 You fasten my feet in shackles;
 you keep close watch on all my paths
 by putting marks on the soles of my feet.
- 28 "So man wastes away like something rotten,
 like a garment eaten by moths.
- 14 "Mortals, born of woman,
 are of few days and full of trouble.
- 2 They spring up like flowers and wither away;
 like fleeting shadows, they do not endure.
- 3 Do you fix your eye on them?
 Will you bring them before you for judgment?
- 4 Who can bring what is pure from the impure?
 No one!
- 5 A person's days are determined;
 you have decreed the number of his months
 and have set limits he cannot exceed.
- 6 So look away from him and let him alone,
 till he has put in his time like a hired laborer.
- 7 "At least there is hope for a tree:
 If it is cut down, it will sprout again,
 and its new shoots will not fail.
- 8 Its roots may grow old in the ground
 and its stump die in the soil,
- 9 yet at the scent of water it will bud
 and put forth shoots like a plant.
- 10 But a man dies and is laid low;
 he breathes his last and is no more.
- 11 As the water of a lake dries up
 or a riverbed becomes parched and dry,
- 12 so he lies down and does not rise;
 till the heavens are no more, people will not
 awake or be roused from their sleep.
- 13 "If only you would hide me in the grave

- and conceal me till your anger has passed!
 If only you would set me a time
 and then remember me!
- 14 If someone dies, will they live again?
 All the days of my hard service
 I will wait for my renewal to come.
- 15 You will call and I will answer you;
 you will long for the creature your hands have
 made.
- 16 Surely then you will count my steps
 but not keep track of my sin.
- 17 My offenses will be sealed up in a bag;
 you will cover over my sin.

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The Structure of Job 3-27: Three Cycles of Conversations between Job & his Friends

