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I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! (Job 19:23-27).

When Job was in the pit of pain and sorrow, he spoke these passionate words of loyalty and love for God. He had every reason to drown in pity, but instead of focusing on his own troubles, he focused on God.

Oh that my words were written! Job's thoughts about God were so intense, so strong, he wanted to write them in a book. Specifically, he wanted to engrave them in stone with an iron pen. *I know that my Redeemer lives.* Job had no doubt that God was living. *After my skin is destroyed...* He knew with confidence that one day he would see God face to face. Even though many may surround Job on that day, his full attention will be on God. *How my heart yearns within me!* Job was like an anxious child waiting an interminable time to see someone he loved.

Perhaps you and I should read again Job's words and ask some introspective questions. How would I describe my love for God? Is it so deep that I am moved to write about him, or *tell* a lost soul about him? Do I have confident assurance that he will transform my corruptible body into an *incorruptible* body prepared to live eternally? Finally, do I *yearn* or persistently *long* to see him, to look upon his face and behold his matchless glory?

Today's Verse: *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).*

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