

A Seeing the Redeemer. Job 19:25-27.

- ❖ 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)

B Rescued from the grave. Psalm 49.

- ❖ 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).

C Supported in life, arisen from death. Psalm 71.

- ❖ 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.

D Eternal life and second death. Isaiah 26:14, 19.

- ❖ Everyone will be resurrected, but not everyone will live forever (John 5:29).
- ❖ Some will be resurrected to live at the Second Coming. They will be made immortal and will live forever.
- ❖ Some will be resurrected after the millennium to die. They will suffer the second death in the lake of fire, and they will no longer exist (“they are deceased, they will not rise”).
- ❖ We all have the chance to live forever. Everyone who accepts Jesus as their Savior will do so (John 3:16).

E The resurrection of righteous and wicked. Daniel 12.

- ❖ According to Daniel 12:2, many will be awakened... Why not everyone?
- ❖ All the righteous will be resurrected to receive immortality at the Second Coming (1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians. 4:14-16). However, the wicked who are still alive will die in that moment (2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:21). The wicked are not resurrected until the end of the millennium (Revelation 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)