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Job was <u>one of three notable righteous men</u>.

Job's righteousness is compared to that of Noah and Daniel (Ezek. 14:14, 20).

Ezekiel 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Job's Calamity - 1:6 - 2:8

Job lost his prosperity, his loved ones, and his physical health.

***Job lost it all; yet he endured and remained faithful to God.**

James 5:11 - **"Patience"** = the ability to <u>remain under</u> pressure; to <u>withstand</u>; to endure.

Note: the relationship between faith and patience (Ja. 1:3).

Believers endure by faith alone. Faith is the victory!

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

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a. Job said: *"I am fortunate to have anything at all."*

"I came into the world with nothing and I will leave with nothing! So <u>anything</u> have is a <u>plus</u>!" (1:21a)

Wrong philosophies:
The world (and the things in it) exists for me
Everything exists for God and His glory.

I am worthy of more or better than I have
Often we are discontent (dissatisfied) because we view ourselves as being worthy of more than we have.

Everything we have (that could be considered good) is by grace and ultimately comes from God.
James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

*Everything we have is graciously on loan to us from God (we are simply stewards)

- Our Health
- Our Talents
- Our Ability to gain wealth
- Our Possessions
- Our Children

Every day we possess those things should be viewed as a day of God's grace.

b. Job said: *"I am not the owner of anything; God owns it all."*
"Since it is God who ultimately gives us what we have, He has the <u>right</u> to take what He chooses" (1:21b)

c. Job said: *"I don't expect life to be a bowl of cherries."*
"If God has given me the good things I <u>don't</u> deserve, certainly He is fair in giving me the calamity I <u>do</u> deserve." (2:10)
Don't ever ask God to give you exactly what you deserve. If we all got what we truly deserve, we would be in Hell right now!

2. Job believed: God is in <u>full control</u> over all (12:9-25, 14:5, etc.)

Job said: *"Since God is in sovereign control of everything,*

- *He holds all (v. 10),*
- *hears all (v. 11),*
- *knows all (v. 12),*
- *has power over all (v. 14-25),*
- *and He has determined all (14:5)."*

Job believed in the sovereignty of God.

What is sovereignty?

God's sovereignty is "the exercise of His supremacy" (Pink).

It describes His authority over all creation. His rulership, His authority, His throne.

God is "subject to none, influences by none, absolutely independent; God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases" (Pink).

"We are clay, He is the potter" (Jer. 18:6).

Man's personality and abilities from conception are in His hands (Ps. 139:13-16; Ex. 4:11)

Solomon observed "that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God" (Eccl. 9:1).

No one has any strength unless God allows it; no one has any wealth, fame, wisdom or power unless God allows it.

As Jesus said to Pilate, who thought he had power to either crucify or release Jesus: "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." (Jn. 19:11a)
Man's circumstances of life are in His hands

God "hath determined the times before appointed" (Acts 17:26).

Man's very breath and heart beat are in His hands

In God's "hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind." (Job 12:10).

". . . None can keep alive his own soul" (Ps. 22:29).

". . . I have the keys of death and hell" (Rev. 1:18).

Jesus has all authority (Mt. 28:19) over:

1) the timing of death, and
2. the place of the deputed death

Acts 15:18 - "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world."

"Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commanded it not?" (Lam. 3:37).

Because God is sovereign:

1. He needs no permission to do what He wants.
2. He goes to no one for advice.
   (There is no higher court of appeal than God)
3. No one changes or interrupts His plan
4. Nothing happens by accident.
5. Nothing catches God off guard.
6. Nothing surprises God.

3. Job believed: "God is worthy of my trust."

a. Job determined to trust God right up to death (13:15-16)

b. Job knew he would not be forgotten by God (14:14-15)

Example - Hymn, "It Will be Worth It All"

4. Job believed: God has a good purpose (23:10)

Job said: *"I know that God is purifying me."*

Romans 8:28
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Some would say, "If God is so compassionate and merciful, why didn't He protect Job from all the suffering to begin with?"

Answer: We don't know (with our finite minds) all the mysteries of God's workings, but we do know this:
1) God was glorified 2) Job was purified (Job 23:10)

5. Job believed that there was <u>more to life than this life!</u>
(See: Job 19:23-27)

Job's endurance was rewarded (42:10-17).

Job had a Redeemer!

Fanny Crosby's testimony about redemption:

"Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am."

Philip P. Bliss wrote this song about redemption:

"I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free."

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1. Old Testament terms

   a. "Gaal" - to free by the payment of a price (*the emphasis is on the price that is paid) [primarily used with reference to a family obligation]

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      God's redeeming of people:
      Psalm 103:4 -
      Psalm 107:2 -
      Hosea 13:14 -

      The LORD alone is our "Gaal" (Redeemer) -
      Job 19:25 -
      Is. 43:14; 44:6, 24; 47:4; 59:20 -

   b. "Padah" –Another word used elsewhere in the O.T. means - to free by the payment of a price

O.T. References to the Redeemer:

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.
Ps 78:35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.
Pr 23:11 For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.
Isa 41:14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
Isa 43:14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.
Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;
Isa 47:4 As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.
Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.
Isa 49:7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.
Isa 49:26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.
Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
Isa 54:8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
Isa 60:16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.
Jer 50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

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I have often witnessed to people who understood that Christ died for the sins of the world, but do not acknowledge that He died for <u>their</u> sins!

II. Job's Redeemer was <u>Eternal</u> (v.25b)
("Liveth (now)…Latter day (future) upon the earth")

Job believed that his Redeemer was alive in his day and that He would be alive in the future. He was not a mere mortal.

Isa 63:16 Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is **<u>from everlasting</u>**.

Isa 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

The Lord Jesus is eternal.
After His resurrection, he said:
Re 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

The Alpha and Omega; The beginning and the end!"
Re 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
Re 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
Re 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

III. Job's Redeemer would one day <u>stand upon the Earth</u> (v.25c)

("He shall stand…upon the earth (dust)")

The word "earth" literally means dust (gray powder). Referring to the dust of this earth, but also to the dust to which Job would return after death. Job in a sense is acknowledging that His Redeemer has sovereign control over the dust of his body and will resurrect it one day!

The concept of the Messiah standing on earth is as old as the book of Job. The incarnation is implied here as well as our glorified Savior's return in the last days to stand on the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14:3-5 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains;

*Isa 59:20 And the Redeemer **shall come to Zion**, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.*

IV. Job's Redeemer would be God manifested in visible form (v.26)
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Job's Redeemer was eternal and would stand upon the earth. And He would be God! God who could be seen! Visible to the sight. To Job's sight!

He had to be God in order to be the promised Redeemer! If He were a mere mortal He could not "turn away ungodliness form Jacob " (Is.49:20) or "redeem Israel from all his iniquities" (Ps. 130:8).

How can God stand on earth and be visibly seen? He was in the person of Jesus Christ!
John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father…
1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh…
Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person…

V. Job's Redeemer would bring him Resurrected Life (v.26-27)
("In my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself")

Even after his body was destroyed (by worms and natural decay), Job recognized that he would one day see his Redeemer!

This is the believer's hope!

There is life beyond death.

John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

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Redemption <u>PROVIDED</u>

Christ provided our redemption (and fulfilled the Old Testament prophetic symbols and types of animal sacrifice) by giving His life as the purchase price necessary to release man from the penalty, power, and--one day--from the presence of sin.

Jesus Christ's substitutionary death/shedding of blood was the redemption price.

Our Redeemer is Christ (Lk. 2:38, 24:21).
Luke 2:38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
Luke 24: 21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

The act of redemption was His death (Mt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45).
Mt.20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The price of redemption was His blood (I Pet. 1:18).
1 Peter 1:18-19 - Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

The result of redemption is release from the bondage of sin (Titus 2:14).
Titus 2:14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The extent of redemption is both Old and New Testament believers (Heb. 9:15).
Heb. 9:15 - And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The duration of redemption is forever (Heb. 9:12).
Heb. 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Conclusion: Song: "There is a Redeemer" (Majesty Hymnal page 190)