



## The Book of Job Lesson 12 4Q 2016 Job's Redeemer

### SABBATH

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Read memory text, Isaiah 53:4 "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted" NKJV.

What is the message in this text?

Here is the NIV version: "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Any additional thoughts? What does it sound like to take up our infirmities?

What does the SDA Bible commentary say about this verse?

The enemy made it appear that the sufferings of Jesus were punishment inflicted upon Him by a vengeful God because He was a sinner (see DA 471). If that were true, He could not be the world's Redeemer.<sup>1</sup>

They reference *The Desire of Ages* page 471, which reads:

It was generally believed by the Jews that sin is punished in this life. Every affliction was regarded as the penalty of some wrongdoing, either of the sufferer himself or of his parents. It is true that all suffering results from the transgression of God's law, but this truth had become perverted. **Satan, the author of sin and all its results**, had led men to look upon disease and death as proceeding from God,—as punishment **arbitrarily inflicted on account of sin**. [Arbitrary, is an infliction of punishment that is not inherent, in other words, imposed law not design law. If someone commits murder why does one person get 10 years in prison, another 20, another life, another the death penalty? Because all these penalties are arbitrary and inflicted, the legal penalty to murder is not inherent, thus she is saying the legal penalty theory is from Satan!] Hence one upon whom some great affliction or calamity had fallen had the additional burden of being regarded as a great sinner. {DA 471.1}

Thus the way was prepared for the Jews to reject Jesus. He who "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" was looked upon by the Jews as "stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted;" and they hid their faces from Him. Isa. 53:4, 3. {DA 471.2}

God had given a lesson designed to prevent this. **The history of Job had shown that suffering is inflicted by Satan, and is overruled by God for purposes of mercy**. But Israel

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<sup>1</sup> Nichol, F. D. (Ed.). (1977). *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* (Vol. 4, p. 291). Review and Herald Publishing Association.



did not understand the lesson. The same error for which God had reproved the friends of Job was repeated by the Jews in their rejection of Christ. {DA 471.3}

Do you remember where EGW also said:

In the opening of the great controversy, **Satan had declared that the law of God could not be obeyed**, that justice was inconsistent with mercy, and that, should the law be broken, it would be impossible for the sinner to be pardoned. **Every sin must meet its punishment, urged Satan**; DA 761

and,

Rebellion was **not** to be overcome by force. **Compelling power is found only under Satan's government. The Lord's principles are not of this order.** His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of **these principles is the means to be used.** God's government is moral, and **truth and love are to be the prevailing power.** E.G. White Desire of Ages 759 [what is the prevailing power? Truth and Love—remember that because it is vital to understanding how sinners die in the end, by what power? Truth and Love!]

God could have destroyed Satan and all his sympathizers as easily as one can pick up a pebble and cast it to the earth. **But by so doing he would have given a precedent for the exercise of force. All the compelling power is found only under Satan's government. The Lord's principles are not of this order. He would not work on this line... This principle is wholly of Satan's creation.** E.G. White Review & Herald, September 7, 1897

"Whereunto," asked Christ, "shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?" Mark 4:30. **He could not** employ the kingdoms of the world as a similitude. In society He found nothing with which to compare it. **Earthly kingdoms rule by the ascendancy of physical power; but from Christ's kingdom every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion, is banished.** E.G. White Acts of the Apostles 12

So what does the text for today prophecy will happen? Jesus will come and take up our sinful condition in order to heal and save, but believers in God will instead come to believe that God punished Jesus at the Cross. The Jews believed it and thus rejected Christ—Christians believe it and while accepting Christ REJECT the truth about God that Christ revealed and instead promote a false God concept!

From 27 Fundamental Beliefs of the SDA church page 111:

For a loving God to maintain His justice and righteousness, the atoning death of Jesus Christ became 'a moral and legal necessity.' God's 'justice requires that sin be carried to judgment.



**God must therefore execute judgment** on sin and thus on the sinner. **In this execution the Son of God took our place, the sinner's place, according to God's will.**

From *The Adventist World Review*:

One of the fundamental problems of the Moral Influence Theory is that it rejects the substitutionary nature of Christ's death. The idea that **God had to kill the innocent** instead of the guilty in order to save us is considered a violation of justice. (emphasis mine) Rodriguez, A., *Adventist World Review*, December 2007; p. 40.

From *Ministry Magazine*:

Why did **God the Father choose** a cross to be the instrument of death? Why did He not choose to have Christ instantly beheaded or quickly run through with a spear or sword? **Was God unjust in executing judgment on Christ with a cross** when He could have done it by beheading, a noose, a sword, a gas chamber, a bolt of lightning, or a lethal injection? Whidden, W., *Ministry Magazine*, February 2007.

<http://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2007/February/sinners-in-the-hands-of-god.html>

Who is being taught killed Jesus? Is this not an exact fulfillment of what Isaiah warned would happen?

Why does this happen? Because those who teach this have accepted the false law construct and believe God's law is arbitrary, just as we read last week, and arbitrary laws require the infliction of punishment.

## SUNDAY

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Read Job 19:25-27:

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; <sup>27</sup> I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

“Does this suggest Job did have some knowledge of something beyond his life here and now? That a Redeemer was coming? The Hebrew for Redeemer is sometimes translated Defender, and most footnotes include Defender as an option in this text.

- So, if we use the word Redeemer, from what is Job being redeemed?

The divine mind and hand have preserved through the ages the record of creation in its purity. It is the word of God alone that gives to us an authentic account of the creation of our world. This word is to be the chief study in our schools. In it we may learn what our redemption has cost Him who



from the beginning was equal with the Father, and who sacrificed His life that a people might stand before Him **redeemed from everything earthly, renewed in the image of God.** {CT 13.2}

Jesus died for mankind, and in giving His life **He exalted humanity** in the scale of moral value with God. The Son of the infinite God clothed His divinity with humanity, and submitted to the death of the cross, **that He might become a steppingstone by which humanity might meet with divinity.** He made it possible for **man to become a partaker of the divine nature, and escape the corruptions** that are in the world through lust. Christ is continually working to uplift and ennoble man, and He requires that every soul whom **He has redeemed from hopeless misery,** shall co-operate with Him in the great work of saving the lost. We are not to lay snares and make secret plans to draw souls into temptation. {FE 291.1}

The world that Satan has claimed and has ruled over with cruel tyranny, the Son of God has, by one vast achievement, encircled in His love and connected again with the throne of Jehovah. Cherubim and seraphim, and the unnumbered hosts of all the unfallen worlds, sang anthems of praise to God and the Lamb when this triumph was assured. They rejoiced that the way of salvation had been opened to the fallen race and that **the earth would be redeemed from the curse of sin.** [note NOT redeemed from the curse, wrath, or punishment of God!] How much more should those rejoice who are the objects of such amazing love! {AG 72.4}

- If we use the word Defender, from who is Jesus defending us?

What is often taught? How many Christian's have a view of Jesus in heaven defending us in a trial before the heavenly judge?

Zechariah's description of Joshua, the high priest, is a striking representation of the sinner for whom Christ is mediating that he may be brought to repentance. **Satan is standing at the right hand of the Advocate, resisting the work of Christ,** and pleading against him that man is his property since he has chosen him as his ruler. But the defender of man, the restorer, mightier than the mightiest, hears the demands and claims of Satan, and answers him: "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by." [Zechariah 3:2-5.] {CE 159.2}

What do you hear happening? To whom is Jesus defending? Who is Satan standing beside and arguing that they are unworthy of salvation? Who is Jesus working to convince it is not so and to heal and save?



Where is the battle between Christ and Satan fought? Satan is the father of what? Lies, What is it that sets us free? Truth, Who is the source of truth? Who is pleading truth to defend our minds against the lies that we are beyond saving, beyond healing?

So, here is another place where EGW writes about the same scenario of Joshua the high priest, but with slightly different insights, listen closely:

"And he shewed me Joshua the high priest"--a representative of the people who keep the commandments of God--"standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him" [So where are the angel of the Lord and Satan standing? Does this indicate where they are making their arguments?] (Zechariah 3:1). {TMK 108.2}

Christ is our High Priest. Satan stands before Him night and day as an accuser of the brethren. **With his masterly power he presents every objectionable feature of character as sufficient reason for the withdrawal of Christ's protecting power, *thus allowing Satan to discourage and destroy those whom he has caused to sin.*** [Who is being impacted by Satan's accusation? Is Christ being discouraged? No, so who? Then where is Christ working to defend us against Satan's accusations? In our minds...] But Christ has made atonement for every sinner. **Can we by faith hear our Advocate saying,** "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; . . . is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" (verse 2). {TMK 108.3} [who needs to hear this—God? No! We do!]

"Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments" (verse 3). Thus sinners appear before the enemy who by his masterly, deceptive power has led them away from allegiance to God. With garments of sin and shame **the enemy clothes those who have been overpowered by his temptations, and then he declares that it is unfair for Christ to be their Light, their Defender. . . . *Hear the words of Jesus: . . . I will blot out his transgressions. I will cover his sins...*** [who is to hear the words of Jesus? Is it God hearing the words and saying, "Okay Son, you paid the price, I guess I can legally pardon? Or is it the sinner who hears the words and trust/believes Jesus to do what He says?"] {TMK 108.4}

## MONDAY

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Read third and fourth paragraphs, "Job's complaint..." Read Heb 4:15, 16:

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

And what does this mean? Does it mean that God in His divine self learned something He didn't already know? Or, that God revealed that He truly does know, and this convinces us, also that Jesus in



His human self did truly go through this and understand AS A HUMAN the sufferings we struggle with, because in His human sojourn He had denied Himself access to His divine prerogatives.

And why was it important for Christ to be made in the likeness of sinful flesh? So that He could pick up humanity, in the broken condition in which Adam placed it, and fix, heal, correct, restore, rebuild it. And Christ did this in His own personal human life experience!

Notice Heb 5:8-10

Although he was a son, he **learned obedience from what he suffered** <sup>9</sup> and, **once made perfect**, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him <sup>10</sup> and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

What does this mean? That as a human he grew, confronted, chose, overcome, developed and perfected His human nature into perfect harmony with God's character and design:

The law requires righteousness,--a righteous life, [why? for the same reason the law of respiration requires we breathe] a perfect character; and this man has not to give. He cannot meet the claims of God's holy law. **But Christ, coming to the earth as man, lived a holy life, and developed a perfect character. These He offers as a free gift to all who will receive them.** His life stands for the life of men. Thus they have remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. More than this, Christ imbues men with the attributes of God. He builds up the human character after the similitude of the divine character, a goodly fabric of spiritual strength and beauty. Thus the very righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer in Christ. God can "be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:26. {DA 762.2}

## TUESDAY

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Read the second paragraph, "Still, Jesus didn't..." What is true in this paragraph and what is false?

- T-Jesus had to do more than only give an example
- T-It is absolutely true that humankind could not save itself—that only through Jesus could the human species be saved.
- T-It is also true that **Jesus is our substitute**, in that Jesus took upon Himself our infirmities, our iniquities, our sinful condition, our sinful flesh, in order to develop a perfect human character, destroy the infection of selfishness and cure the human sin condition.
- T-It cost God the Father and Jesus to do this—just as we might say to a parent that donated a kidney to save their child in renal failure, "You paid a high price to save your child." But the cost was not a legal cost, it was the cost of what reality required to fix what was broken.
- T-He died so that we could live
- T-We would have died eternally if Christ had not come and completed His mission



- F-He died to pay a legal penalty—this is based on the infection of human law constructs into Christianity—i.e. sin must be punished thoughts and that God’s laws function no different than ours
- F-Someone had to pay the penalty for our sins—no penalty was required to be paid, but the condition required a remedy and Jesus and the Father paid a terrible price to procure and provide that remedy
- True and False—He died the death we deserve. It is true that without His death on the Cross we would have died eternally. It is false that Jesus died eternally—in fact, Paul specifically states that if Jesus didn’t rise again that we are without hope. This is a nail in the coffin of the legal penal substitution model, which claims that Jesus died the same death the wicked die in the end. It is the height of denial, because in one moment they say the death penalty of sin is eternal death without a resurrection, in the next they say Jesus died that penalty but rose again, which immediately denies the very meaning of the second death. It also denies reality and the Scripture itself for Scripture states:
  - “Christ Jesus, **who has destroyed death** and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” 2Tim 1:10
- What is the second death according to Scripture?
  - “Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.” Rev 20:14
  - What is the second death? The lake of fire and what is thrown into the second death? Death—wait? What does this mean? The Bible is saying that the second death is the death that kills death, that eliminates death from the universe? How does one kill death? With life! Is there any Bible texts to support this?
- “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> **When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”** Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 1Cor 15:51-55
- What is the text saying? What destroys death? When is it eliminated? When life destroys death, and where does life originate? God, and what is God’s presence described as?
  - for our “God is a consuming fire.” Heb 12:29
  - As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> **A river of fire was flowing,** coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. Daniel 7:9,10

So, what is the second death? It is the death in which all defects from God’s design are eliminated, and selfishness is destroyed, and thus those who are solidified in selfishness are gone from all existence for



all eternity. Did Jesus die deviant from God's design, or did His death perfectly **RESTORE** God's design?

So, did Christ die that same death the wicked die in the end? If you have the wrong law concept, the human imposed law concept, then you must believe that He did because if you say no, then, in that model, your penalty isn't paid and fear consumes you as you live afraid that you will have to be punished. So you cling to a lie to avoid the fear God will have to kill you for your sin.

But when we come back to worship Him who made the heavens, earth and sea, the Creator and realize God's laws are design laws, then we realize Christ didn't have to die eternally, He had to destroy the infection which causes people to die eternally. And when we compare the way the wicked die in the end, and how Christ died at the cross these differences become evident:

- Christ died trusting the Father – Luke 23:46  
The wicked die distrusting the Father – Revelation 6:16
- Christ died longing to see the Father – Mark 15:34  
The wicked die hiding from the Father – Revelation 6:16
- Christ died when the Father's presence was hidden – Mark 15:34  
The wicked die when the Father is fully revealed – 2 Thes 2:8
- Christ died less than 72 hours – Luke 24:1-8  
The wicked die eternally – Malachi 4:1-3, Romans 6:23, James 1:15, 2Pet 3:10-12
- Christ died when love overcame selfishness – John 3:16, 10:17,18, 1John 3:16
- The wicked die overcome by selfishness – Revelation 21:8

However, the Father takes the exact same action and treats both Christ and the wicked the same—the Bible uses the word wrath to describe this act, or God's strange act. And what action did the Father take with Christ at the cross? He let Him go; He surrendered Him; He abandoned Him; He set Him free to reap the consequences of what CHRIST had chosen—and Christ chose to lay down His life in order to save, heal, fix, redeem, humanity, and God surrendered Him to His choice.

The wicked in the end also receive the same action from God—the Father lets them go, surrenders, abandons, forsakes them and God stops holding at bay the results of what sin does to a sinner. God stops shielding them from His unveiled glory and thus they also reap what they have chosen, which is eternal non-existence!

## WEDNESDAY

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The first paragraph states, "It was for the sin of all humans who ever lived that Jesus died on the cross."

I thought it quite significant that the quarterly correctly used the word *sin*, rather than the word sometimes used *sins*. What is the difference?





Jesus took upon himself the sin of the world, the sinfulness, the sinful condition and overcame and cured it. There is no evidence that Jesus took upon Himself the individual acts of sin committed by every individual human person and experienced the punishment for those acts of sin—that is part of the lie of the false law construct.

The fourth paragraph points out another important accomplishment of Christ's life, death, and resurrection by quoting Heb 2:14, that by his death he destroyed him who holds the power of death that is the devil. How do you understand this? What is the power of death, how does Satan hold it, and how did Christ destroy him and his power?

Life eternal is knowing God—John 17:3, so if life eternal is knowing God, then death is not knowing God, then the power of death is the lies Satan tells about God that we believe that keep us from knowing Him, so Christ destroys Satan's power by the revelation of the truth about God which destroys the lies and wins us back to trust.

But, this can only truly be done if Jesus is fully God. If Jesus is some lesser being, then Jesus didn't provide evidence of what the Father would do, only what the Son would do and thus no truth is revealed to refute Satan's lies about God. This is the subtle danger in the theologies that try to undermine the Trinity or teach Jesus was something less than fully God. Jesus Himself said, "If you've seen me you've seen the Father."

## **THURSDAY**

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The last paragraph states, "At the cross, Jesus paid the legal penalty for sin, thus reconciling the fallen world to God. Though we are sinners condemned to death, by faith we can have the promise of eternal life."

Now, I would like you to practice analyzing these two sentences and unpacking what they mean and what is wrong with them. What is the problem here?

- First, was there a legal penalty? If so, to whom is the legal penalty paid? And if it is paid to God or God's law, then what is the barrier to our salvation in such a model?
- What law construct teaches there is a legal penalty? This is how human law models work, but Design law teaches God is working to heal and restore.
- Where did this idea that God's law functions like human law—imposed rules—come from?
- Who taught in the opening of the controversy in heaven that sin had to be punished?
- What is implied by the idea that paying the penalty reconciles the fallen world to God? What, in this construct, is keeping the world from being reconciled to God? Note—it is an unpaid penalty that is the barrier that needs removal, and that penalty, in this construct, is something the government of God requires—thus this model is teaching that Christ died to do something to God to enable God to allow us back. This is teaching that it is not sin in us that keeps us



from God, but the unpaid penalty to God that keeps us from Him. This is Satan's lie full and clear, and we must reject it and get it out of our churches, doctrines, theologies and minds!

- What is implied by the language that sinners are *condemned to death*? That it is a legal pronouncement that needs enforcement, rather than a condition of being that needs curing.
- What is implied by the language we have the *promise of eternal life*? That we don't yet have eternal life—but what does the Bible say?
  - Does the Bible say “This is the *promise* of eternal life that they might know you...” No, eternal life is knowing God John 17:3
  - Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” Jn 11:25,26

What is Jesus saying? Do we get the promise of eternal life, or do we get eternal life?

## **FRIDAY**

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Read and discuss the first two paragraphs, “Now is the judgment...”



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**January 20, 21, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at The Haven in St. Helena, California

**May 6, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Summit Northwest Ministries, Post Falls, Idaho.

**September 15,16 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Church in the Valley, Aldergrove, British Columbia, Canada.

**October 12-16, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Garden Grove SDA church in Garden Grove, CA. This will be a multi-speaker event focusing on the atonement. For more information contact:

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**October 27, 28, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will speaking at the Arlington SDA church in Arlington, TX. For more information contact: <http://www.arlingtonadventist.com/>