

As Job finds a path through his moment of struggle, we see his awakening recognition of exactly what he needs: a mediator to step in and advocate on his behalf.

I cannot possibly ever _____

Job is beginning to realize that the only way forward is to have a _____

Job's developing faith in a _____ on his behalf points forward to _____

(1) — faith in Christ as our redeemer _____

(2) — we all need a _____ who will _____

The God Who Is Near Us



Job 9:25–35 (NIV)

²⁵ “My days are swifter than a runner; they fly away without a glimpse of joy.

²⁶ They skim past like boats of papyrus, like eagles swooping down on their prey. ²⁷ If I say, ‘I will forget my complaint, I will change my expression, and smile,’ ²⁸ I still dread all my sufferings, for I know you will not hold me innocent. ²⁹ Since I am already found guilty, why should I struggle in vain? ³⁰ Even if I washed myself with soap and my hands with cleansing powder, ³¹ you would plunge me into a slime pit so that even my clothes would detest me. ³² “He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. ³³ If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, ³⁴ someone to remove God’s rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more. ³⁵ Then I would speak up without fear of him, but as it now stands with me, I cannot.

Job 16:15–21 (NIV)

¹⁵ “I have sewed sackcloth over my skin and buried my brow in the dust. ¹⁶ My face is red with weeping, dark shadows ring my eyes; ¹⁷ yet my hands have been free of violence and my prayer is pure. ¹⁸ “Earth, do not cover my blood; may my cry never be laid to rest! ¹⁹ Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. ²⁰ My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; ²¹ on behalf of a man he pleads with God as one pleads for a friend.

Job 19:23–27 (NIV)

²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

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Job 9:25-35; 16:15-21; 19:23-27



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What gives hope to Job in today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Job 19:23-27

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

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 L R T N G O I Y R N E
 I O H N C Y E B I O A
 V B E E N E V K E W R
 E A R T H D S L K D T
 S H S C R O L L O O L

“Oh, that my **words** were **recorded**, that they were **written** on a **scroll**, that they were **inscribed** with an **iron tool** on **lead**, or **engraved** in **rock forever**! I **know** that my **redeemer lives**, and that in the end he will **stand** on the **earth**. And after my **skin** has **been destroyed**, yet in my **flesh** I will see God; I myself will see him with my own **eyes**—I, and not **another**. How my **heart yearns** within me!