



The POWER of Words

Job 19

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A. Job 19 (Job's Response to Bildad)

Job: "Your Words Have Broken My Heart"

1. Job Feels Wronged by His Comforters. (vv. 1-4)

Job 19:1-4, TLB - ¹ The reply of Job: ² "How long are you going to trouble me, and try to break me with your words? ³ Ten times [Probably a figure of speech meaning "again and again" you have used the power of your words to crush me] now you have declared I am a sinner. Why aren't you ashamed to deal with me so harshly?

2. Job Feels Wronged by God. (vv. 5-12)

Job 19:5-13, NLT - ...⁶ But it is God who has wronged me, capturing me in his net. ⁷ "I cry out, 'Help!' but no one answers me. I protest, but there is no justice. ⁸ God has blocked my... He has plunged my path into darkness. ⁹ He has stripped me of my honor and removed the crown from my head. ¹⁰ He has demolished me on every side, and I am finished. He has uprooted my hope like a fallen tree. ¹¹ His fury burns against me; he counts me as an enemy.

3. Job Feels Wronged by His Family and Friends. (vv. 13-20)

Job 19:13-20, NLT - ¹³ "My relatives stay far away, and my friends have turned against me. ¹⁴ My family is gone, and my close friends have forgotten me...¹⁷ My breath is repulsive to my wife. I am rejected by my own family...¹⁹ My close friends detest me. Those I loved have turned against me. ²⁰ I have been reduced to skin and bones and have escaped death by the skin of my teeth. [an idiom was first spoken by Job; Other quotes by Job: "The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away." (Job 1:21); "Naked I came into this world and naked I'll leave (Job 1:21)]

4. Job Knows He is Right With God. (vv. 23-27)

Job 19:23-27, NLT - ²³ "Oh, that my words could be recorded. Oh, that they could be inscribed on a monument, ²⁴ carved with an iron chisel and filled with lead, engraved forever in the rock. ²⁵ "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. ²⁶ And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! ²⁷ I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!

B. The Power of Our Words (James 3:1-12)

"The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do." – James 3:5

"Death and life and in the power of the tongue." – Proverbs 18:21

1. Our Words have the Power to Direct. (vv. 1-4)

2. Our Words have the Power to Destroy. (vv. 5-8)

3. Our Words have the Power to Deliver. (vv. 9-12)

C. Powerful Words to Encourage All of Us

Job 19:25-27, NLT - ²⁵ "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. ²⁶ And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! ²⁷ I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!

***WORD STUDY: Redeemer** - Heb. גֹּאֵל (Gaw-al) – lit., a blood avenger; This type **avenger** would not seek 'revenge,' but 'justice.' "In civil matters, the **avenger** would become a **redeemer** (ie., buying back) of what was lost.' In criminal matters, the **avenger** would become an **advocate** of one falsely accused— Seeking the acquittal of the suffering one falsely accused.'

*(Source: Morgan, G. Campbell, *The Answers of Jesus to Job* (London: Oliphants LTD, 1964, pp. 54-55.)