

CALL to PRAYER - Thank God for sending His Son to pay your debt. 2 Cor. 9:15

Job 17:3 - Jehovah Jireh - The LORD will Provide

Intro - Lord Supper SONdays are very special occasions. We gather together on the Lord's Day to observe a meal our Lord commanded us to eat. We call it an "ordinance" because Jesus has ordered us to observe it. (*"Do this in remembrance of Me."* - Lk. 22:19) This is a solemn meal as we remember Jesus' death that He willingly endured on our behalf. But it is more than a memorial; it is also a fellowship meal. It is called "*Communion*" because we fellowship with each other, and we get to fellowship with Jesus Christ. We get to *commune* with Christ around His Table. Meals can be a time of closeness as people fellowship and commune around food. Jesus told a sinful church "*Behold I stand at the door and knock...I will come in and dine with him and he with Me.*" Rev. 3:20 So, this meal is a solemn memorial, but it is also a celebration for sinners as they get to fellowship with their Savior and praise Him for all that He has done for them. This observance is a *Solemn Celebration* as we remember and commune with our living Savior. Jesus is here by His Spirit and He is represented to us by these elements. We get to be tangibly close to Him as we partake of the bread & the cup and by faith receive Him into ourselves. Today we will use Job 17:3 to help prepare us to partake. In this verse a suffering Job cries out under the weight of God's demand. Job asks God to give what He is requiring of Job. This meal is a tremendous reminder that God has provided what He has demanded...He did so in the life and death of His only begotten Son.

- Job is the oldest book in the Bible, and it deals with one of the oldest problems of mankind....the problem of human suffering.
 - The book is a look at a man who is suffering under the mighty hand of God
 - Job wrestles with God and his despair grows...(along with his faith as it is severely tried.)
- Job cries out from under God's heavy hand, and he yearns for relief (tapping out not allowed)
 - He wants an arbiter, an advocate, an umpire, a mediator...
 - Job 9:32-34 KJV - "*daysman*"
 - Someone who could stand between God and Job and put one hand on God and the other on Job and resolve the issue.
 - The issue is enormous...the burden is too much...the weight is too heavy...
 - Job cannot do it, endure it or meet God's demands
 - Job feels the enormous weight of dilemma, but he is powerless to do anything about it on his own. He cannot lift one finger to alleviate his own problem.
- If only there were and an Advocate to arbitrate...a *Daysman* to deal with God's demands
 - Job's faith can conceive of such a possibility
 - Job 19:25
 - Can you conceive of such an Advocate? (Someone great enough to deal with your great sin?)
 - This meal reminds us that our Redeemer liveth. 1 Cor. 11:26
- This burdened man wants a bargain with God
 - Job 17:3
 - Job can't pay, he can't meet God's demands, so he asks God to meet them for him
 - "*God, would you pay what You require of me?" "Give the pledge You demand"*

- God doesn't lower His standards just because we cannot meet them.
 - God requirement is "*be perfect as He is perfect*"^{Matt. 5:48} and "*holy as He is holy.*"^{Lev. 19:2}
 - Failure at this brings death....physical death & eternal death.
 - Ezekiel 18:4 Rom. 6:23a
 - God doesn't lower the cost of sin just because we cannot afford it or can't afford make the payment for engaging in it.
- **GOD IN HIS GRACE PROVIDES THE PAYMENT HE REQUIRES.**
 - In Genesis 22:2 God told Abraham to "*Take your son, you only son whom you love...*"
 - Gen. 22:8
 - Gen. 22:13-14 Jehovah-Jireh
- This meal is a reminder that God has provided Himself as our payment.
 - What God kept Abraham from doing to his son God did Himself to His Son
 - God sent His only begotten Son...whom He loved
 - Jesus is the perfect Lamb caught it the thicket....thorns
 - Jesus is the perfect arbiter because as God He can put a hand on God and as Man he can place the other hand on men. 1 Tim. 2:5 Daysman
 - Jesus is the payment that God demands
 - Jesus is Jehovah-Jireh - the God who provided Himself as our sacrifice
 - God requires a sacrifice and has given Himself for what He demands.
 - Jesus is Job's Redeemer and the Redeemer of every suffering sinner who has hope & faith in the ONE who God has provided
 - In this meal we get to live out our faith and receive Jesus Christ...
 - We get to commune with Christ and give thanks to Christ for being our pledge and providing the payment that He requires from us. Rom. 6:23
- No crucifix. No images. Just a meal to behold the *Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*
 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Open Communion

Fencing the Table

Examine yourself

A Solemn Celebration

Rev. 3:20

Man of Sorrows - #175

Bread & Cup

When I Survey - #144