

Christ our Mighty Goel will certainly Out-Stand and Vanquish All Enemies. Dan. 12:2. Sleep in the dust.

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“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.” Job 19:25.

He shall stand against the dust. He shall contend against the dust, and by his mighty power conquer the dust and raise all from the dead. So the word is used: Gen. 4:8: Cain rose up and slew Abel. Jgs. 9:18: Ye are risen up against the house of my father. Psa. 54:3: For strangers are risen up against me. Christ will stand up against the earth (dust) into which all dead bodies are resolved: All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth. Jn. 5:28,29.

Caryl: It is the judgment of most interpreters, both ancient and modern, that these words are to be understood of the general Resurrection, and of the Judgment which shall follow. For when Job professeth his assurance, that his Redeemer shall stand upon the earth in the latter day, we are not to stay our thoughts in a bare posture, but are led forth to consider, what his standing there intends, or what the Scripture tells us he shall do when he appears and stands upon the earth in the latter day. Now the work of that day is plainly reduced to these two heads in Scripture, Resurrection and Judgment.

“Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” Jn.5:28,29.

Caryl: To stand, is to overcome and be victorious. He shall stand last upon the earth, that is, Christ shall conquer all his enemies, all that oppose him shall fall before him; his enemies shall lick the dust, but he shall stand upon the dust, or continue last upon the earth. This holds out a comfortable truth. Perpetual duration triumphs over all. Whatsoever Christ hath done, or doth, or is to do, is wrapt up in this, That he was, and is, and is to come; or in this, that he is Alpha and Omega, first and last. It is a grand principle; Take time, and you may do any thing. He that is first and last, may take what time he will, and therefore he may and will do whatsoever he wills. The Eternal will have the last word, and the last blow. He that stands last upon the ground, and keeps the field, carrieth the day against all, and is proclaimed Conquerer. What a mercy is it to have a friend who counts all our enemies his, and who is too hard for all his enemies. 1 Cor. 4:5: “Then shall every man (elect) have praise of God.” Rom. 2:5: “The day of wrath (reprobates) and revelation of the righteous judgment (elect) of God.”

I know that my goel (kinsman, redeemer, avenger) LIVES. Num. 35:12: Cities of refuge from the avenger of blood. Deut. 19:6,12: Into the hand of the avenger of blood. Josh. 20:3,5,9: Die by the hand of the avenger of blood.

“If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.” Job 14:14,15. “Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the

twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” 1 Cor. 15:51,52.

Another reason there must be a last judgment: Called, The day of wrath and the declaration of the righteous judgment of God. Rom. 2:5. Caryl: Job’s good name was under a cloud, his credit was exceedingly eclipsed, and he was mis-judged by his friends an hypocrite; now as the Lord will have a time to acquit himself, and to declare the righteousness of his judgment, so he will have a time to quit the integrity of his people, and to set them right in the eye of all the world. In that day as he will destroy the veils of mis-report which have been cast upon his wayes, and the veils of error which have been cast upon his Word; so also he will destroy all the veils of reproach and slander which have been cast upon the persons, speeches or endeavours of his people. He will have a day in which there shall be a fresh Edition of the works of all his Saints, with the comment of their own upright and honest meaning upon them, not rackt and wier-drawn with the malice and misconceptions, either of enemies, or mistaken friends. This is the ground of that serious and needful caution given at 1 Cor. 4:5: And then every man shall have praise of God. The Apostle’s meaning is, every man that is praise-worthy, shall have praise of God; every good and faithful man, every true believer; all sincere and honest hearts, though they have been called hypocrites, and disgraced, though they have had the dirt of a thousand scandals cast in their faces, yet there is a day coming, when as all tears, so all reproaches shall be wiped away, and every man, that was called hypocrite, and wicked, shall then again have praise of God, his old certificate or Letters of commendation shall be renewed; A man perfect and upright, fearing God and eschewing evil.

“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.” Lk. 18:1-8.

“And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” Rev. 6:10.

All these considerations laid together, show how sweet it is for Saints to remember that the Redeemer/Kinsman/Avenger/Friend shall stand upon the earth to judge them in the sense of praising them, honoring and rewarding them, refreshing and comforting them: And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21:3-5. Rev. 20:11: And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it...And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God,,and they were judged every man. Mat. 25:31: When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory... And before him shall be gathered all nations. Jude 14: Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all.