

# **Boils at Christmas**

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Job 19:13-17.

B. Even with great possession, one can be filled with an inner agony with self-doubt.

II. The gloom of Job.

III. The light of hope born out of Job's anguish.

A. Several times Job is helped to see something out of the darkness.

B. Job sees that the ultimate answer of God to human suffering is the coming of the Redeemer related to him.

C. Job saw Jesus as the future one who would redeem him and who knew him.

1. The story of Christmas is the story of light and darkness—light breaking forth in the darkness of man's experience gleaming from the manger—the baby Christ is our kinsmen redeemer who shares life with us.

2. The kinsmen redeemer was the family member who would take one out of a difficult place—Job cries for this one.

D. Hand over your problems to this very kinsmen redeemer—Jesus.

**Application questions:**

1. What kind of hope did Job see in his struggle?

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2. What is a kinsmen redeemer and how is this related to Jesus?

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3. What struggles are you facing and how can the hope of a redeemer bring you comfort?

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