

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrd32x2019

Texts: Job 19:23-27a • Psalm 17:1-9 • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38

NATURE Smart - D2

Text: Job 19:23-27a

23 "O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
NATURE		<p>Vs. 25-26 - This is sort of like one of those Sarah McLachlan SPCA commercials (here's another) where they show all the abused and neglected animals, and then show them being rescued and cleaned up and healed. Job plays the part of the animal being rescued.</p> <p><i>(Of course, the book of Job doesn't end up quite the way the commercials do — it's complicated!)</i></p>	← Show

Text: Psalm 17

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

A Prayer of David.

1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

2 From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

4 As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

5 My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

8 Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
9 from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
NATURE		Vs. 5 - I remember a time in college going with some friends to a nearby waterfall. It was early spring, and the rocky path was wet and slick. The going was not easy, as we were all just wearing sneakers. On the return trip there was a stretch where we had to slide down, because it was just icy. We had to aim for a tree at the bottom, so as not to go hurtling off the edge and	

		<p>down a 40’ drop. (At least, this is how I remember it now.)</p> <p>If we had been traveling with the Lord, as the psalmist writes, we would have had boots with some tread, and maybe crampons, and maybe a walking pole, the kind with a point end.</p>	
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Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The Man of Lawlessness

2 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

6 And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus[d] will destroy[e] with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, 10 and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, 12 so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

Chosen for Salvation

13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
NATURE		Vs. 15 - We have, I think, used this image in past episodes, but this verse calls to mind an oak tree in a windstorm. Because it starts with a deep tap root that then develops a broad network of lateral roots , which can grow out	← Pictures

		<p>further than the leaf canopy, the tree is extremely stable.</p> <p>According to an article at deeproot.com (not specifically about oaks), "A 2009 study by Susan Day and Eric Wiseman at Virginia Tech analyzed young trees less than 8 inches in diameter growing in unobstructed soil and found that the ratio of root radius to trunk diameter was about 38 to 1. For example, a 6-inch tree could have roots out from the trunk as far as 19 feet. Studies for mature trees are fewer, but suggest that this ratio is smaller for older trees."</p>	
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Text: Luke 20:27-38

The Question about the Resurrection

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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NATURE		<p>This story has Jesus correcting the Sadducees because they assume that a resurrection life, if such a thing existed, would be like the present age. For whatever reason, they don't really believe there will be a new life in an age to come, so they don't have a lot of imagination about such a life.</p> <p>We might reimagine the story this way for NATURE Smart: Some Sadducees who say there is no such thing as butterflies came to Jesus to test him. "Teacher, a certain caterpillar laid claim to a leaf and was eating it heartily when the caterpillar <i>was plucked away by a bird</i></p>	

		<p><i>and died / suddenly stopped eating, went off, and spun itself into a cocoon.</i> One of its siblings came to the leaf and began eating where its brother had left off. But this one too <i>was carried off and died / suddenly crawled off to spin itself into a cocoon.</i> Yet another of the siblings came and started eating, and likewise <i>was killed / went into a cocoon,</i> and so on until seven sibling caterpillars had eaten on the leaf. When they become butterflies (in the resurrection), which one will get to claim that leaf and eat it?"</p> <p>Jesus answered them, "Caterpillars in this life go about eating leaves and do so voraciously. But the butterflies of the life to come do no such thing, nor can they, for they are entirely transformed so that they will have wings and only drink nectar, having no jaws or teeth for eating leaves."</p>	
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