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Reading: Job 33:18,24,28,30

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Subject: Deleiver from the Pit

One word occurs in each verse read, It is the word, "Pit". In Fife, the pit is the coalmine. In Job 33, Elihu is speaking about Hell. In verse 24, he tells a universal message, speaking on behalf of God.

God is gracious and comes out in mercy. He gives a warning to all mankind that they are on a road that is leading to a lost, undone eternity. The Lord Jesus speaks of two ways: "[Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it](#)", (Matt 7:13-14). Everyone is born on the broad road. Sadly, there are some who still answer the question, "Are you saved?" by saying, "I havee been saved since I was born". They do not realise that they are on a road that is leading to a lost eternity. The only answer is in the word of God, "[Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom](#)", (Job 33:24).

The Lord is gracious. He said to Moses, I "[will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy](#)", (Ex 33:19).

When the speaker realised his need, he wanted to be out of the Christian Atmosphere as quickly as possible. He went home and sat don to play the piano, he saw a Bible and found that his sister had writen in the Bible when she was saved. He threw the Bible across the room because he did not want to be reminded of others who were saved and he was not, but Gopd was gracious. Despite what we may do, in spite of the fact that we have set aside His call in the past, Heis still gracious. In Romans 5:21, we read: "[That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord](#)"

Hell is a reality. It si a place of doom and damnation, of torment, of weping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. It is undesirable, far worse than the coalmine.

The verse contains a note of triumph, "[I have found a ransom](#)" (Job 33:24). God speaks; He has found the ransom. Psalm 49 reminds us that the redemption of the sould is precious (or costly), none of us can pay the price for another. Only One person could pay the price. 1 Tim 2:5,6 states, "[For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: Who gave himself a ransom for all](#)". At Calvary, the price was paid. It is enough for all, but He said that He came "[to give his life a ransom for many](#)", (Mark 10:45). The difference is that while the price is adequate for all, not all will acctpt the payment. We need to trust Him as Saviour and Lord to be among the many who are ransomed, set free and justified. The result will be unending praise. Psalm 40:3 anticipates this, "[he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD](#)"

Have you come into the good of this? If not, then why do do it now?