



***Job's Groping for the Cross***  
*Job 16-17*  
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**Introduction:** In chapters 16-17 we'll see an O.T. saint yearning for the spirit of Christ. But more specifically, his heart mysteriously cries out for the cross! It's amazing for his time that his soul longed for that which truly saves and satisfies. Maybe it wasn't his soul pulling him to the cross at all. Perhaps it was just the opposite. Could it be that the cross of Christ was pulling Job to look to the future? Job would understand firsthand what it meant to take up his cross and follow the Lord, 2,000 years before Christ uttered that saying and died on the cross Himself. In our text this evening, we are going to see some of the blessings that come to those who take up their cross.

**I. The Cross Leads You to Beg for Mercy (vs. 1-5)**

**II. The Cross Forces You to Pray (vs. 6-17)**

**A. Because God is All-Powerful (vs. 6-14)**

1. The mighty sun (vs. 6-8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. A ferocious beast (vs. 9-10)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. A traitor (vs. 11)

4. The warrior (vs. 12a)

5. The archer (vs. 12b-13)

6. The master swordsman (vs. 14)

**B. Because Man is weak and helpless (vs. 15-17)**

**III. The Cross Reveals Your Need for an Advocate (vs. 18-22)**

**IV. The Cross Allows You to Identify with Christ's Sufferings (chapter 17)**