

## I. INTRODUCTION.

### A. Scripture text: **Job 7:1-6.**

"Is not man forced to labor on earth, And *are not* his days like the days of a hired man? [2] "As a slave who pants for the shade, And as a hired man who eagerly waits for his wages, [3] So am I allotted months of vanity, And nights of trouble are appointed me. [4] "When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night continues, And I am continually tossing until dawn. [5] "My flesh is clothed with worms and a crust of dirt; My skin hardens and runs. [6] "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And come to an end without hope.

### B. As we grow older it seems that the years pass by faster and faster.

### C. We never seem to have time to do all the things we want. It seems that life is both very long and very, very short.

### D. It is true that life is very short (Jas. 4:14).

Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

### E. Our life is compared to a wind that passes and does not return (Psa. 78:39).

Thus He remembered that they were but flesh, A wind that passes and does not return.

## II. COMMENTS ABOUT THE JOB PASSAGE.

### A. Read the Job 7:1-10 passage and comment upon it.

#### 1. Job used several vivid pictures to describe the *futility* of life.

a. He felt like a man who had been conscripted into the army against his will (7:1a).

b. Like a laborer (7:1b) or a hired man waiting for sunset and his daily wages (7:2).

At least these men had something to look forward to, but Job's future was hopeless.

#### 2. He then focused on the *brevity* of life.

a. Job's life was like the weaver's shuttle (7:6), moving swiftly with the thread running out.

b. Job also saw his life as a breath or a cloud, here for a brief time and then gone forever, never to return (7:7-10; see Jas. 4:14).

### B. Emphasis for the lesson is on 7:6.

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## III. LIFE IS TOO SHORT FOR SOME THINGS.

### A. Life is too short to **neglect the welfare of my soul** (Eccl. 12:1; Jo. 24:15; 2Cor. 6:2).

**(Josh 24:15)** "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

**(Eccl 12:1)** Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

**(2Cor 6:2)** for He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU"; behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"--

Greg needs to take care of Greg and not everyone else.

### B. Life is too short to **live with unforgiveness in our hearts** (Mk. 11:25,26; Mt. 6:14,15; 1Jn. 4:20).

**(Mt 6:14-15)** "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

[15] "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

**(Mk 11:25-26)** "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. [26] <"But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.">

**(1Jn 4:20)** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

### C. Life is too short for **bad attitudes** (Phil. 4:8,19; 1:15,18; Rom. 9:2,3).

**(Rom 9:2-3)** that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. [3] For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

(Phil 1:15) Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;  
(Phil 1:18) What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

(Phil 4:8) Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

(Phil 4:19) And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- D. Life is too short to **neglect opportunities** (Gal. 6:10; Ti. 3:14).

(Gal 6:10) So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

(Ti 3:14) And let our *people* also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Personal example of Ethel Wilson (I went) and Oscar Hudson (I didn't follow up)?

- E. Life is too short NOT **to stop and smell the roses** (Psa. 19:1; Jn. 10:10).

(Psa 19:1) The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

(Jn 10:10) "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have *it* abundantly.

- F. Life is too short to **fail to speak to others about Jesus** (Mk. 16:15,16; Eph. 3:10).

(Mk 16:15-16) And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. [16] "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

(Eph 3:10) in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The parable of the ten virgins is a good example of women who ran out of time.  
B. The true story is told of an older man who, when he came out of the waters of baptism said, "Father forgive me for wasting my life."  
C. We only get life, one day at a time; live it with the above in mind.  
D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.