

“Hanging by a Thread”

(Job 7:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:20)

INTRODUCTION: *Sometimes it feels like you're just
“hanging by a thread”*

I. JOB'S LIFE: THREE DIFFERENT THREADS

- A. Life is tough: like days of *hard labour* as a *hired man* (vv.1-2)
- B. Life is painful: like *worms* and a *crust of dirt* on flesh (v.5)
- C. Life is fleeting: like *thread in a weaver's shuttle* (v.6)
- Hebrew wordplay: *tiqua* (**thread/hope**)

II. RESPONSES TO SUFFERING: THREE DIFFERENT THREADS

- A. Job's friends' cheap advice (chapters 4:14)
- B. Job's complaint/taunt directed at God (vv. 6-8)
- C. Job's turning to God (vv. 7-8)

III. JOB SPEAKS TO ALL WHO SUFFER: HANGING BY A THREAD

- A. Job represents all sufferers
- B. In Job we see ourselves: hanging by a thread / hope running out
- C. Via Job we see Jesus:
The Suffering Servant, *hanging by a thread* for us!!!
(Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 15:20)



CONCLUSION: *Eating LIFE Cereal with a Spoon Bigger than Most*
-- Mr. Spenser Somers

My spirit has been lulled lately
By the sweet whispers of eternal rest.
My eyes burn with exhaustion,
I sleep too much but am never rested.
Going up stairs causes me to lose my breath, and,
every time I have to go to the bathroom I sit
because I don't know if I could stand up that long.
It has been a misty, tiring couple of days.
But in the midst of it all today
I could pray for the first time.
It was the strength I needed and
I rejoice for the battle has already been won.
“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!”
I am healed.
I call for health.
I call for healing.
Jesus has won.
By His stripes I am healed.