

**“My Days Are Swifter Than A Weaver’s Shuttle”**  
**Job 7:1-7**

Introduction: In the context of this passage, Job realizes the swiftness of time and the shortness of his life. He compares the moments of his life to that of a weaver’s shuttle. A weaver, by using a shuttle to cross the threads, first lays the threads in length (known as the warp) and then crosses them in the direction of the breadth (known as the woof). He does so with the shuttle, which is an instrument used by weavers for shooting the thread of the woof between the threads of the warp (weaving from one side to the other). When the weaver is completed uniting the threads, a cloth is produced. Job alludes to the rapid motion of the shuttle as it threads. His days fly by without hope like the continuous blur of the shuttle. Therefore, the Scriptures speak much of the speediness of life. Notice:

1. The Future of Your Life Proverbs 27:1- *“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”*
2. The Foundation of Your Life Psalms 90:12- *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”* (According to the Bible, our life is not measured in years, months, or weeks, but in days. Matthew 6:34- *“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself...”*)
3. The Frailty of Your Life Job 7:9- *“As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.”* Job 8:9, 14:1-2
  - a. In a twenty-four hour period, 150,000 people die. This is 6,250 every hour, 104 every minute, and two every second.
  - b. Someone once said, “Each moment is the meeting place of two eternities.”

Body: Now that we have an understanding of how quickly our life passes, let us notice what else the Bible has to say about our life. However, before we look at the Scriptures, note how important it is to invest our short life in serving God.

1. If one lives to be 70 years of age and is the average person, he spends:
  - a. 20 years sleeping
  - b. 20 years working
  - c. 6 years eating
  - d. 7 years playing
  - e. 5 years dressing
  - f. 1 year on the telephone
  - g. 2.5 years smoking
  - h. 2.5 years in the bed
  - i. 3 years waiting for somebody
  - j. 5 months tying shoes
  - k. 2.5 years for other things
  - l. 1.5 years in church
2. To spend 1 ½ years in church in a relative life span of 70, one must, on the day of his birth, begin to spend five minutes of each morning and every evening in devotions, plus three hours per week in church.
3. Robert G. Lee once said, “If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400 that carried no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and finally every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent—of course!

Well, you have such a bank and its name is 'Time.' Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off—as lost—whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries no balances. It allows no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Each day the bank named 'Time' opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits the loss is yours." (Ephesians 5:16- "*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*" Colossians 4:5- "*Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.*")

4. Edward H. Griggs once said, "Fifteen minutes a day devoted to one definite study will make one a master in a dozen years."
5. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that's the stuff life is made of."
6. Someone once said, "When you kill time, remember that it has no resurrection."
7. Someone once said, "Yesterday is a canceled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is the only cash you have—spend it wisely."
8. Life is a book of Volumes three  
The Past—the Present—and the Yet-to-be:  
The First is written and laid away,  
The Second we are writing day by day;  
The next and the last of the volumes Three—  
Is locked from sight—God holds the key

Now let us look at the Word of God concerning the swiftness of our life.

- I. The Winds of Life Psalm 78:39- "*For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.*"
  - A. The Power of our Life- "*they were but flesh*"
  - B. The Passing of our Life- "*a wind that passeth away*"
  - C. The Perishing of our Life- "*and cometh not again*"
    1. Therefore, We Must Serve Our Master Faithfully Psalm 100:2
    2. Therefore, We Must Send Our Missionaries Fervently Matt. 9:38
    3. Therefore, We Must Support Our Ministries Financially Lk. 6:38
  
- II. The Withering of Life I Peter 1:24- "*For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:*"
  - A. The Growth of Life- "*all flesh is as grass*"
  - B. The Glory of Life- "*all the glory of man as the flower of grass*"
  - C. The Grief of Life- "*grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth*"
    1. Therefore, We Must Serve In Our Youth Ecclesiastes 12:1
    2. Therefore, We Must Stay In Our Yoke Matthew 11:29
    3. Therefore, We Must Surrender In Our Yielding Romans 6:19
  
- III. The Web of Life Job 8:14- "*Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.*"
  - A. The Hope of Life- "*hope shall be cut off*"
  - B. The Holds of Life- "*a spider's web*"

1. Therefore, We Must Be Sincere Job 8:13
2. Therefore, We Must Be Settled Ephesians 4:14
3. Therefore, We Must Be Studied II Timothy 2:15

IV. The Withdraw of Life James 4:14- *“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”*

- A. The Anticipation of Life- *“what shall be on the morrow”*
- B. The Analogy of Life- *“what is your life”*
- C. The Anatomy of Life- *“a vapour”*
- D. The Appearance of Life- *“that appeareth for a little time”*
- E. The Annihilation of Life- *“vanisheth away”*
  1. Therefore, We Must Spend Time With Our Companion Ephesians 5:23
  2. Therefore, We Must Spend Time With Our Children Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Ephesians 6:4
  3. Therefore, We Must Spend Time With Our Church Heb. 10:25

V. The Warfare of Life Ecclesiastes 8:8- *“There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.”*

- A. The Decision of Death- *“no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit”*
- B. The Day of Death- *“the day of death”*
- C. The Discharge of Death- *“there is no discharge in that war”*
- D. The Deliverance of Death- *“neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it”*
  1. Therefore, We Must Be Saved John 3:5-7
  2. Therefore, We Must Be Sanctified Titus 2:11-13
  3. Therefore, We Must Be Seeking I John 2:28

Conclusion: Certainly, our days are like the weaver’s shuttle, passing so swiftly. With every throw, leaving a thread behind it, our life passes away. When the woven cloth is finished and cut, it will be taken from the loom and presented to the master to be judged. Only what is done for Christ will last! We have only one life to live for our Lord. How quickly it will end!

Not until each loom is silent  
 And the shuttles cease to fly,  
 Will God unroll the pattern  
 And explain the reason why.  
 The dark threads are as needful  
 In the Weaver’ s skillful hand  
 As the threads of gold and silver  
 For the pattern which he planned.