

A Few Days Full Of Trouble, But Then...

I. Introduction:

A. When Job's life fell apart he came to realize something about life in this world (**Job 14:1-2**).

1. We cannot control death (**Ecclesiastes 8:8**).
2. Man, even at his best state, is altogether vanity (**Psalms 39:5**).

B. Job's faith wasn't grounded in a future hope (**Job 14:10-14**).

1. He contradicted himself (**Job 19:25-26**).
2. Earthly woes caused him to speak foolishly (**Job 34:35-37**).
3. Aren't we, who are in Christ, in a far better place than Job (**Titus 3:7**)?

II. Body: **Hebrews 13:14**

A. We know the things we see are temporary (**II Corinthians 4:18**).

1. Our hope is in the unseen (**Romans 8:24-25**).
2. Even if man was capable of building something that would last through many generations, in the end it will be destroyed (**Isaiah 51:6**, **Mark 13:31**, and **II Peter 3:9-12**).

B. Knowing things of this world are temporary doesn't mean we should neglect our carnal responsibilities (**Proverbs 27:23-27**, **II Thessalonians 3:10-12**, and **Titus 2:3-5**).

1. We cannot use our knowledge of the vanity of things carnal to be lazy (**Proverbs 6:6-11**, **Proverbs 18:9**, **Proverbs 21:25**, **Proverbs 26:13-16**, **Romans 12:11**, and **Hebrews 6:12**).
2. If we do nothing, things will die before they should (**Proverbs 24:30-34** and **Ecclesiastes 10:18**).
3. So, with a proper balance, we cannot hold too tight to that which is temporary while we look forward to what is eternal (**Hebrews 11:13-16**).

C. Lay hold on eternal life (**I Timothy 6:12**; **6:17-19**).

1. Eternity is yours for the taking (**Jude 1:21**).
2. Continued obedience gets us there (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).
3. There has to be a worker mentality (**Proverbs 10:16**, **John 4:36**, and **I Peter 1:17**).
4. No matter how tough life here gets, we know there is an end that holds better things for us (**I Peter 1:3-9**).

III. Conclusion: God has not promised us [faithful Christians] a great life in this world (**John 16:33**). The promise is eternal life (**I John 2:25**).