

# Take 5!

5 verses, 5 Questions, 5 minutes

## Hanging by a Thread!

Please ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to God's Holy Word and read Isaiah 40:27-31.

**Why do you think that the Psalmist felt that his way was hidden from the Lord and that his just claim was passed over (verse 27)?**

My guess is that the Lord hadn't acted yet or He did not act in the way the Psalmist wanted Him too. We need to keep in mind that the Lord acts according to His perfect timing which is never too late and His perfect will which is always best! Our job is to keep the faith while we are waiting.

**What three titles are used for our Heavenly Father in verse 28?**

The title *God* means one that is "mighty and divine, who has strength and power." The original word also means "hero." The word LORD transliterates to *Yahweh* (we could do a whole Bible study on this title alone) in Hebrew and is the mighty covenant name of God which means "to exist." *Yahweh* means I AM that I AM. Amongst all the false gods of the world He is the one Who Is. He is the Great I AM. The title *Creator* needs no explanation. This verse reminds us that the One who we are trusting to act for us is the mighty powerful one True God who created us and made a covenant with us for all eternity. The Great I AM has everything under His control. He is always on the job.

**In verse 29, what does God promise to the weak and helpless?**

**In what areas are you weak and helpless and need God's mighty power to hold you up?**

In verse 31 we see the word *wait*, "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." The definitions for the word *wait* are so powerful! In Hebrew the word *wait* means "to twist or *stretch*, strong...strand of rope, threads, a spider's threads" (*BDB* emphasis mine). Through our waiting times God is *stretching* us to grow in our relationship with Him. If we feel like we are "hanging by a thread" it's because we are! But don't despair—a spider's silk is one of the strongest substances on earth! Even a thread is strong enough to keep us closely bound to God.

**So while we're hangin' around by a thread waiting for God to act what is He doing for us (verse 31)?**

Today, your message from God is to "hang in there." Your Father knows. He will strengthen you and raise you up.

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