**THE HEDGE IS RISING**

*9 “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. 10 “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.”*

Job 1:9-11

*10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. ... 12 The LORD blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. ... 16 After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. 17 And so Job died, an old man and full of years.*

Job 10,12,16,17

I. Hedges surround, enclose, encircle, confine, and protect.

A. A good heart with a hedge represents an unstoppable expansion of territory.

B. A good heart without a hedge represents a proving ground for refined purity.

II. Job’s hedge was not removed because of personal sin.

A. God allowed many of Job’s hedges to fall for his own reasons.

B. But God maintained an impregnable hedge Satan couldn’t touch.

C. Don’t misread hedges in your or anyone else’s life.

D. Is your hedge restrictive, or protective? Is it helping or hindering? Is it keeping trouble out or keeping you from where you want to go?

III. The hedge is rising!

A. Job’s hedge rose to protect him again!

B. Job lived another 140 years in domestic bliss. (Job 42:16)

C. This is a season for you to welcome the hedge rising to encircle you with destiny.

D. A season of extreme gratitude is coming upon us.