

What is YOUR LIFE?

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Introduction

1. James 4:13-15
2. James is discussing those who leave God out of their schemes
3. He is trying to get their attention as we might a referee on a call we doubt
4. Many people plan to go to the city (New York or Atlanta) seeking fame and fortune , but they leave God out Luke 12:16-21
5. Please consider what is YOUR life (not someone else's)?

II Discussion of life

1. The origin of life
 - a. It is from God Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7
 - b. The difference between man and animal is man has a soul.
 - c. Man sins Romans 3:23 and is in need of salvation James 1:21; 5:20
 - d. God has provided a way for man to be saved
 - i. The Love of God John 3:16
 - ii. The mercy of God Titus 3:5
 - iii. The Grace of God Ephesians 2:8
 - e. The body dies when the soul leaves James 1:26
2. The purpose of your life
 - a. The purpose of life is not found in the promises of men
 - i. We cannot find happiness with the idea what can the church do for me, but what can I do for the church to find happiness
 - ii. We were made into the image of God, not God into our image
 - b. Our purpose is not eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die 1 Corinthians 15:32
 - c. Our purpose is to be found in the purpose God has for each of us Matthew 22:37
 - d. Our purpose is to fear God and keep His commandments Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - e. All other purposes are under this purpose 1 Timothy 5:8

3. The duration of your life

- a. Life is like a vapor James 4:14
- b. Life is like a flower James 1:10-11; 1 Peter 1:24
- c. Life is like a shadow Job 14:1-2
- d. This issue is important because man live but one time on earth Hebrews 9:27
- e. Life's destiny is dependent upon our purpose 2 Corinthians 5:10
- f. Life's clock

*The clock of life is wound by once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth is sad, indeed,
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss,
And no man can restore.*

*The present only is our own,
Live, Love, toil with a will;
Place no faith in "Tomorrow"*

For the clock may then be still.

4. The destiny of your life
 - a. The Bible clearly declares the destiny of some
 - i. Destruction Matthew 7:13-14
 - ii. Everlasting punishment Matthew 25:46
 - iii. A lake of fire and brimstone Revelation 21:8
 - b. The Bible clearly declares the destiny of some
 - i. Life Matthew 7:13-14
 - ii. Eternal life Romans 6:23
 - iii. Immortality Romans 2:7
 - c. The direction of Your life determines the destiny Matthew 7:13-14
 - d. The destiny of your life is eternal Matthew 25:46

III Conclusion

1. Everyone here is confronted with this question, "What is YOUR life?"
2. Everyone here needs to ask what they are doing with their life.
3. If the direction of your life is wrong, only is this life can that be changed
4. If the direction is wrong then the destiny will be wrong
5. If the purpose is wrong the destiny will also be wrong

Sources: The Preacher's Goldmine Bible outlines for busy preachers; God good gifts sermon outlines from James by Tom Holland; The man who has faith, studies in James by Winfred Clark and Wayne Dunaway. Matthew Henry commentary on James;