

The Christian and Tomorrow

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Introduction

1. James 4:13-17; Acts 21:14
2. We must live so as to be ready for death today.
3. Have you ever thought of the possibility of your death before morning?
4. "Life is like a vapor" the morning mist, the flower.
5. The brevity of life tests our faith and teaches us to always consider God, and therefore stay ready for death.
6. Let us learn from our text; Life without God is nothing, God has the only lease on your life, How we ought to live.

II Discussion

A. Life without God is nothing 4:13

1. James says man proposes but God disposes.
2. A man who leaves God out of his thinking is saying "There is no God." Psalm 14:1
3. This story is as old as man:
 - a. Lot, choose the fertile plain Genesis 13
 - b. The rich young man left God out. Luke 12:16-21
4. The pleasure-seeker is just as guilty, Ecclesiastes 1:17; Galatians 6:7-8
5. Edom illustrates this lesson. Obadiah 3-4

B. Only God has a lease on your life. 4:14

1. All of nature proclaims the fleetingness of life and the brevity of this world, mist grass, flowers. 1 Peter 1:22-25; James 4:14
2. Only God controls tomorrow. Proverbs 27:1; 1 Kings 20:11
3. It is folly, therefore to live and plan constantly in the future.
 - a. Obey the Gospel now 2 Corinthians 6:2
 - b. Now is the time of doing, John 9:4-5
 - c. Now is the time to build for eternity. Matthew 7:24
4. Some of God greatest men were cut down in the prime of life, Stephen Acts 7; James Acts 12
5. We must be watching are ready. Luke 12:35-48
6. Realizing these truths, do your task today. Make friends today, Seek the lost today. Make y our home today, seek good today and do not leave God out of your plans for tomorrow.

C. How we ought to live. Vs 15

1. If the Lord wills ought to be the principle that governs the Christians conduct. Proverbs 3:5-8
2. Paul is an example. Acts 18:21; 21:14; 1 Corinthians 4:19;16:7; Hebrews 6:3
3. God rules in the kingdom of man, God's providence! Daniel 4:17 Esther
4. We must put this into practice. James 4:17

III Conclusion

1. Man proposes but it is God who disposes
2. No man can leave God out of his thinking

3. Blessed is the man who trust in the Lord.
4. Will you trust in God with all your heart, then come now

Sources Great Lessons from Hebrews and James by Andrew Connally