

What Is Your Life?

James 4:13-17

Introduction:

- A. What is your *life*?
 - 1. A question worthy of our reflection and meditation.
 - 2. A gift that only God can give (Acts 17:25)
- B. “What is *your* life?” – makes it personal.
- C. “*What* is your life?” – can be answered for several viewpoints:

Discussion:

I. What Is the *Length* of Your Life?

- A. “A little time” - a vapor (Jas. 4:14).
- B. “Swifter than a weaver’s shuttle” (Job. 7:6).
- C. “Few days” (Job. 14:1, 2).
- D. “As a tale that is told” -- “a sigh” - NKJ (Psa. 90:9-12)

II. What Is the *Quality* of Your Life?

- A. One that is Christ-centered or self-centered? (Gal. 2:20)
- B. One of high or low moral conduct? (Cf. Col. 3:5-10).
- C. One of peace or one of constant conflict?
 - 1. With God? (Cf. Acts 9:5; Rom. 5:1).
 - 2. With Self? (Pure conscience)
 - 3. With Others? (Cf. Rom. 12:8).
- D. One of joy or misery? (Phil. 4:4-9).

III. What Is the *Purpose* of Your Life? (Ecclesiastes)

- A. Worldly wisdom? (1:13-18; 2:13-17).
- B. Worldly Pleasure? (2:1-2)
- C. Worldly Possessions? (2:3-11; 5:10-17)
- D. Worldly power? (8:8).
- E. Worldly fame? (9:14-15)
- F. “The conclusion to the whole matter” (12:1, 13).

IV. What Is the *Destiny* of Your Life?

- A. Death and Judgment (Heb. 9:27).
- B. “Everlasting punishment” or “Life eternal” (Matt. 25-31-46).

Conclusion:

- A. What about *your* life?
- B. What are you doing with it?
- C. What are you letting the Lord do with it?