

The Brevity of Life and the Sovereignty of God
James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" -- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. -- James 4:13-17

I. A W _____ through the Text

A. A P _____ P _____ v.13

1. W _____ -- "Today or Tomorrow"

2. W _____ - Go, Stay, Trade

3. W _____ -- Profit

B. A R _____ C _____ v.14

1. We don't k _____ the f _____

2. We don't l _____ very l _____

C. A P _____ C _____ v.15

Condition: If the Lord wills we will...

Two specific variables:

1. We will l _____

2. We will d _____

D. An Unexpectedly S _____ Charge v.16

E. The Logical C _____ v.17

1. I _____ is not b _____

2. The p _____ of k _____ brings m _____
 r _____

II. Considering the T _____ of the Text

A. The N _____ of L _____

1. It is marked by a b _____

a. Begun by God's O _____ H _____

b. Begun by O _____ M _____

2. It lasts for a l _____ w _____

3. It v _____

B. The S _____ of God

1. My L _____

2. My A _____

a. God's R _____ Will

b. God's S _____ Will

C. The D _____ Demands of D _____

1. "Unconditioned" plans come from a _____ hearts

2. Arrogant hearts are e _____ hearts

III. A _____ the Text

A. N _____ Your D _____

B. Develop Biblical I _____

1. Concerning God's view of m _____

2. In s _____ to the Sovereignty of God

C. R _____ to the C _____, O Arrogant M _____!