

The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Our Most Precious Currency

-Renn Ferguson

We can lose it but never get back. We can throw it away and never recover it. We can use it but never gain more of it. What is it? Time. Time is our most precious currency. In fact, the scriptures place a great emphasis on the importance of our time and how we use it. For example, Paul told the saints in Ephesus to make the best use of their time (Ephesians 5:16). Time is something that we often take for granted, especially those who are younger. We have a tendency to think that there will always be more time. We have a tendency to waste our time doing what is unimportant thinking that we can make up for it later. The truth is, the time we have is uncertain, and we do not have much of it.

Notice James 4:13-14, “Come now, you who say, “Today or to-morrow 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.” Here James highlights both of the points previously mentioned.

We see that our time on this earth is uncertain. James said we do not know what tomorrow will bring. One day we can be rich and the next poor. One day we can be healthy and the next sick. We do not know what the future holds. The time that we have is incredibly uncertain. Not only that, we also see that our time is very limited. James said that our life is like a mist. It is here one second, gone the next. It is the time of year where when you are outside you can see your breath. Just about as soon as you can see it, its gone. That is what James is saying. Our time on this earth may seem long, but in the grand scheme of things it is incredibly short.

This is especially true when compared with what comes after this life. Jesus after giving a description of the judgment day said, “and these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46). It is hard for us to understand eternity. Everything that we experience here has a beginning and an end. Every trial and every joy, even life itself. Yet, after this life, we will be in one of two places forever. Which is why we need to make the best use of our time here. We can either waste what little time we have in sin and be punished for all eternity. Or, we can dedicate our time to God and have eternal life.

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