

The Brevity of Life

Dust to Dust part III

Text—Job 7: 6-7; Jas. 4: 14

Introduction

I. Life is Short!

A. Definition of Life

B. Life is a breath—Job 7: 6-7

1. Weaver's shuttle—back and forth
 - a. One pass equals one day
 - b. One rug equal sum total of one's life
2. Methuselah—969 years old
 - a. Timeline his birth
 - i. Death Date—March 10, 2013
 - ii. Birth Date—March 1, 1044
 - b. Crusades—1066 (22years)
 - c. Birthed Lamech—1231 (age 187)
 - d. American Revolution War—1774 (age 730)
 - e. End of Vietnam—1972 (928)
 - f. 21st Century—2001 (age 957)
3. Still brief considering the age of the Earth
4. Sara and Erika
 - a. Picture—ages 6 and 4 (2004)
 - b. Picture—Ages 14 and 12 (2013)

C. Every Man is a Vapor—Jas. 4: 13-17

1. Labor and Sorrow—Ps. 90: 10-12
 - a. IF our life consisted of mostly work and worry, what do we gain?
 - b. More to life than this
 - c. Jesus said—Matt. 6: 25-27
2. Humbling Experience—Ps. 144: 3-4
 - a. If God takes notice of us in spite of our quick expiration date, there must be something of value to our life and to live it as best we can.
 - b. What is the reason for being here?

II. The Meaning of Life

A. Why Are We Here?

1. Worldly View

- a. Materialism, fame, power, wealth
- b. Go about life without a care in the world (Lk. 17: 26-29)
- c. Love not the world—1 Jn. 2: 15-17
- d. 2 Peter 3: 10, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

2. Unearthly View

- a. Obedience to God—Matt. 7: 24-27
- b. Security for the afterlife—2 Pet. 1: 5-8
- c. Bottom Line--Eccl. 12: 9-14

B. Redeem The Time

1. Stop Wasting Time!

- a. No more chances after death (Eccl. 9: 10)
- b. Work while it is Day—Jn. 9: 4

2. Do Not Delay!

- a. Start as a youth—Eccl. 12: 1
- b. Start NOW not tomorrow—2 Cor. 6: 2
- c. Life is a vapor—Jas. 4: 14

III. Daily Renewal

A. Better perspective—2 Cor. 4: 16-18

1. Before leaving the House of Mourning, study your own life
 - a. Change for the better?
 - b. Purpose of life clearer?
 - c. Rom. 12: 1-2

B. Be Prepared—2 Cor. 5: 1-7

1. Set Your Mind—Col. 3: 1-2
2. Treasure in Heaven—Matt. 6: 19-21

Conclusion

Ananias asked Saul of Tarsus—Acts 22: 16