

Living with Uncertainty

James 4:13-17

Are we uncertain yet?

Life is uncertain

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Job 14:1-2

Psalms 39:4-7

Uncertainty is certain

We want to think life is far more certain than it is.

One goodness of uncertainty is that it drives us to seek that which is certain.

Overconfidence in the future is foolish (13-14)

Live as a vapor (how to thrive with an uncertain future)

Uncertainty helps us orient life properly!

But issues tug at us (13)

1. Set your time & **schedule** (*today or tomorrow*)

2. Select your **site** (*go to such and such a city*)

3. Set your **stay** (*spend a year there*)

4. Stock your **shelves** (*engage in business*)

5. Stash your **surplus** (*make a profit*)

Scenario explained

Outcome exposed

Reality: life is a vapor

It's easy to boast in our control until ...

Problem:

How do we make the most of our "vapor"?

Seek God's will (15)

Train yourself to live for the future (16)

Learn what is right and do it (17)

Take it Home – "steaming hope"