

*"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14 KJV*



The ethereal mists of early dawn give us a glimpse of the transient nature of temporal life. We live as if nothing else matters, but this life is “*even a vapour*.” Oh, yes, we make preparations for our departure, but we only provide for that which is left behind. We worry about burial plots, coffins, funerals, monies, and posterity, but do nothing to prepare for our eternity! Man is not a body with a soul and spirit, but an eternal soul with a spirit and body. God didn’t make Adam a living body, He made him a “*living soul*.” Our soul is eternal, because man is made in the image of the Eternal Creator. The span of this life is but a period in the congressional record by comparison; a “*vapour*” soon gone; a mist disappearing in the sunlight to reveal all the colors of the day. Believers spend so little time with their Master, I dare say, they will probably meet as strangers. We carefully invest wealth to insure a profitable return now, but what do we invest for eternity? “*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?*” We seldom consider the eternal consequences of temporal choices. We only have so much time, before time dissolves into forever, but we spend time as though we had an inexhaustible supply! The Word of God is quite clear “*See then that ye walk (behave) circumspectly (cautiously), not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ (God’s Word). Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones (obedience), wood, hay, stubble (disobedience); Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.*” This universe seems timeless to us now, “*but the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all Holy conversation and godliness.*” God showed John “*a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*” Are we ready for time to vanish? How many times have you said, “I don’t have enough time?” Everyone receives the same 24 hours each day. It’s how we spend it that makes the difference! The only LIFE worth vesting in is Eternal Life. Do we gather jewels for an eternal Crown above, or do we spend our time gleaning tinder; wood, hay, and stubble from the vaporous fields of temporal life?

When life is done, the vapor gone,  
The soul will be for aye alone,  
Unless the heart good treasure stores,  
In timeless vaults on Heaven’s shores. ~CGP

With what is your heart invested? What is your daily motivation and practice? Time is fast ending! The Morning Star will soon rise and the mists of time will forever vanish! Are you prepared?

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Mat. 6:19-21 KJV*