What Is Our Life?

In James four we find a provoking question posed and answered. The context is further revealing, but in verse fourteen we read:

*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 vaniseth away.*

Without doubt, often in our lives we fail to realize the brevity of our sojourn on earth. Without question, we know the stated fact that we will all die (Heb. 9:27), and the uncertainty as to "when" we will die. But do we grasp the truth that life on earth is a mere vapour — here for a brief moment and then it is gone?

Death is coming to all — no exceptions. How? When? These are unknown facts (almost without fail). During our lives we have witnessed or learned of the small and strange ways in which a person dies. C. H. Spurgeon wrote of it in these words:

There are thousand gates to death and, though some seem to be narrow wickets, many souls have passed through them! Men have been choked by a grape seed; killed by a tile falling from the roof of a house; poisoned by a drop; carried off by a whiff of foul air. I know not what there is that is too little to slay the greatest king!

(www.spurgeongems.org).

Consider with me further ANSWERS to the question WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

Your Life Is A TIME OF LEARNING. Hungering for every particle of truth from our Heavenly Father, we learn, grow, mature in eternal truths.

Your Life Is A TIME OF PREPARATION. Heaven being a prepared place for prepared people, we must diligently prepare for eternity.

Your Life Is A TIME OF SERVING & WORKING. As Jesus taught for His followers, laying up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:20). As we prefer others, seeking to assist those less fortunate and our fellow-travelers in life, we work zealously — for the night cometh when work ceases.

It Is A TIME OF ANTICIPATION. This earth is NOT our home, we are just passing through (as suggested by the beautiful hymn). As strangers in this land, we anticipate a better place (Rev. 21:4) in which we will live forever with the redeemed of all ages. What joy!

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Life is like an onion: you peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.
— Carl Sandburg —

Spirited Attitudes of the Seven Dwarfs

Please imagine the following conversation in regard to the Bible School taking place in the home of the Seven Dwarfs on Sunday morning:

**Sleepy:** "Oh, I'm so tired! That party last night lasted too long. I didn't get enough rest. I might nod off in Bible class, so I think I'll stay home.

**Dopey:** "I don't know whether I'll go or not. I want to go, but I just don't know."

**Sneezy:** "I don't feel too good, and besides, I may give my hay fever to someone; worse still, I may catch something from someone. I'll stay in today."

**Bashful:** "I might not know everybody in class. I hate to meet so many people. It's just too much to expect of anyone."

**Grumpy:** "I don't like the teacher, and besides, we're studying an uninteresting subject, and some of those people in class, well ..."

**Doc:** "What a great day this is going to be! I can hardly wait to get to Bible class!"

**Happy:** "Smile, brethren, and be happy and thankful for the opportunity to go to Bible class to learn more about God and His will for us. Smile, and make someone else happier as you go to Bible class with a smile on your face."

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