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### Clergy Comment



## What Is Your Life?

by Rev. William R. Cairns  
Minister, Mountainview Baptist Church

If you think this is an important question, my friend, read on. But if you regard it as trivial or insignificant then you may turn this page or read something else more worthwhile. This brief article is for the serious-minded. It is for those who are all too well aware of the transitoriness of life and the inevitability of an appointment we must all keep. Now I know that few of us like to think, let alone talk, about death. It is a melancholy subject, so we change the topic as quickly as possible.

Readers of the Bible, however, know that the Apostle James was noted for both his practicality and unequivocal honesty. He was a man who faced life squarely. He was not in the habit of evading issues—however unpopular—as we so often do. He was unflinching, resolute and firm. His short epistle of five chapters can be read in a matter of minutes—very instructively for good reading!

In chapter four, in the midst of writing about a variety of subjects such as, unanswered prayer, pride, impurity of thought, double-mindedness and business life, the apostle suddenly asks the brusque question: "What is your life?" And before we have time to think, he supplies the rather picturesque and indeed graphic answer: "It is even as vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

**PROVOCATIVE AND IMPORTANT**

Now what I am suggesting here is that there are few more provocative or important questions in all of Holy Scripture than this one which is demanding our attention at this moment: "What is your life?" What is this thing called "life" all about anyway? Where have I come from? Where am I going? What is my purpose in living? All these are correlative questions arising from our present subject and which space does not permit us to deal with right now.

When we turn the pages of the Bible it is not long until we discover that our question has been answered for us. For instance the Psalmist tells us: "We spend our years as a tale that is told." Or again we read: "My days are passed away as the swift ships." Or again if we can grasp the significance of the analogy—we are reminded that Job puts it very illustratively when he says: "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle."

**IDEALLY A BRIEF PERIOD**

All this is but practical language to define the brevity of life. And none of us would dare contradict the biblical writers' on that score. It is a great fact, and an indisputable one, that though life to the young man, when viewed in the prospect appears to be long, to the old man, it is ever short, and to all men life is really but a brief period. Human life is not long. Compare it with the existence of some animals and trees, and how short is human life! Compare it with the ages of the universe, and it becomes a span; and especially measure it by eternity, and how little does it appear. It sinks like one small drop in the ocean, and becomes as insignificant as one tiny grain of sand upon the seashore.

Job asks the question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Who can recall the departed spirit, or inflate the lungs with a new breath of life? Who can put vitality into the heart and restore the loved one to those who mourn his passing? If all this sounds hopeless and despondent take hope my friend. For it is precisely at the darkest hour that the message of the Gospel shines forth in all its glory and radiance. It was in the midst of gloom and sadness that Jesus could say: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

Jesus was saying in effect: "Wherever I am there is resurrection and there is life!"

**SIMPLY THE MESSENGER**

That is the great Christian declaration. There is no death to those who believe in Christ. We still talk like pagans! We say that so and so is dead. But in effect it is so and so was a Christian and death was simply the messenger that ushered him into the presence of a Friend.

The famous D. L. Moody once said to his hearers: "One day you shall read in the newspapers that D. L. Moody is dead. Don't believe it my friends. D. L. Moody will be more alive then than he ever was." No doubt many will laugh at such absurdity. But Moody was right. For behind that "absurdity" stand the eternal, immutable Word of God which every believer can make his own. It was Paul's confidence—and it can be yours and mine—'Absent from the body, present with the Lord'.

"What is your life?" Give it a thought—today.



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9:45 a.m. Sunday School (all classes)  
11 a.m.: Morning Worship  
7 p.m.: Evening Service

**Mountainview Baptist Church**  
Minister: Rev. W. R. Cairns  
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11 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Midweek Lenten Service  
March 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist and film "Day of Good Tidings"  
Nursery, Kindergarten, Jr. & Sr. Church School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## Band Places Third in Kiwanis Music Festival

Georgetown-Bramalea concert band, in its first entry into the Kiwanis Music Festival, won third place in competition Friday at Lawrence Park Collegiate, Toronto.

The band is led by Ray Ellis, Brampton. Adjudicator Kenneth Bray said that, considering the difficult numbers played the bands turned in good performances. He said the local band showed great ambition on the part of the performers.

Participating were:  
Soprano clarinet - Dave Forster.  
Clarinets - Ian Cuthbertson, John Browne, Linda Davison, Mike Bebbington, Lynn Ellis, Ian Slitman, Liz Lea, Steve Rutledge, Elizabeth Hanson, Ralph Hornig, Fred Anthony, Diane Emerson.  
Oboe - Laurie Young.  
Flutes - Nancy Perrin, Lyn Hewson.  
French Horns - Roy Ellis.



### CHORALLERS HIT GENEROUS NOTE

Mrs. Vivian Mills, left, of the Georgetown Choral Society presents a donation to Georgetown Auxiliary for the Mentally Retarded president Mrs. Peggy Treahy at a recent Auxiliary meeting at the home of Mrs. Lorraine Pollock. During the meeting final plans were made for the Auxiliary's idea of March dance to be held March 10.

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