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James 4:13-17^{*}

That God would have a plan for each of our lives is an obvious truth from the Bible. He is a God of *wisdom* and knows what ought to happen and when it should occur. And, as a God of *love*, He must desire the very best for His children.

Also, we must recognize that we do not control what will happen tomorrow and that our very lives are nothing more than “a mist,” or smoke, that quickly vanishes (v. 14). When we recognize who we are before God, we will see the need to consider the Lord’s will in everything we do.²

Speech of presumption (13)

Statement of reality (14)

Solution to remember (15)

Serious warning (16-17)

* These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God’s Word.

² Douglas Moo, “James,” in *Evangelical Commentary on the Bible*, vol. 3, Baker Reference Library (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1995), 1160.