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James 4:14, “*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.*”

Tomorrow is July 1. Come midnight tonight we will begin the second half of the year. It’s hard to believe that one half of 2019 is gone. Tomorrow we will be closer to 2020 than 2018. I hear many talking about how fast time is passing.

As of June 22 the days are already getting shorter and it will be no time at all until we are into the Fall and the end of the year. Then the cycle repeats and seems to get faster each year. Then we die and go into eternity. James talks about our life as being a vapor. It’s a puff of smoke or steam rising. It’s there just for a few moments and gone.

If we live full lives we will live 70 or 80 years, and perhaps a little more. The Psalmist tells us in Psalm 90:10, “*The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*” Many people do not live but a few moments and some live to be 100 or a little longer. Regardless, we all

will pass away. We know this to be true. Even the most ardent atheist believes in death even if they do not believe in God. Everyone knows death will come.

For those in the LORD, death is a time that we anticipate. The LORD certainly expects us to stay here as long as we can to do His work and minister to others, but we have something to look forward to after this life. Paul wrote in Philippians 1:21, “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*” Just two verses later he wrote, “*For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.*” Paul truly wanted to go be with the LORD. It was far better for him to do so, but it was better for others if he were here. Verse 24 says, “*Nevertheless to abide in the flesh [is] more needful for you.*”

The LORD does not want us to leave by our own hands. We are to stay here until we naturally leave, but we know that for those of us in the LORD, our state after this life is far better.

I know that I am well into the second half of my life. There is no way I can live as many years as I’ve already lived. But, that is not a sad thought. As I grow older, the thoughts of going on to be with the LORD and the saved grow more vivid and even exciting. We know that state will never end. In talking about the second coming of the LORD, Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 4:17, “. . . *so shall we ever be with the Lord.*”

As of tomorrow, we are in the second half of 2019. Just as I know that tomorrow will begin the second half of 2019, I can help but wonder what day was the midway point of my life. It matters not. I know it’s already passed and my last day here is rapidly approaching. But I know that will be a day to go and ever be with the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

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—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher**, **Steve Seaton**, **Shirley Parson**, **Brad Terry**, and **Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin).

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Jonah 1:10, *“Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.”*

In Jonah 1 we read how Jonah was trying to flee the LORD by hiring a ship. A tempest came upon them and two verses later Jonah said he knew this came upon them because of him.

He told the mariners that he had fled the LORD. I can’t imagine overtly telling someone that you had done something purposely against the LORD. But, as I read this I can’t help but wonder how often we tell others that we have left the LORD. We might not tell others with specific words, but we do so by our actions.

If we fail to attend and let activities of the world and recreation keep us from attending, then we are telling others that we have fled from the LORD. When our study of the Bible is so little, that nearly no time per week is dedicated to study of God’s word, we are telling others that we have fled the LORD. I can’t help but wonder if we spend more time watching movies, TV shows, and consuming other media than we do the Bible. Do we spend more time looking at FaceBook than we do the Bible? We can easily make a play on words that instead of FaceBook we need to keep our face in the book—the Bible.

We might not simply tell others that we have fled the LORD the way Jonah did, but with our actions we do. We need to do what Jonah did

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Sunday, June 23, 2019		
Classes	18	James 3:1-1
Preaching	20	I Samuel 15:1-31
Contribution	\$665.00	
Evening	19	Matthew 18:1-10
Wednesday, June 26, 2019		
Classes	19	II Chronicles 19:1-11

Visitors— June 23 (AM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)
 June 26 (Wed) James, Rose, & Emma Spencer (Jasper, Arkansas); John Lay (Glasgow, KY), Jordan Strother (Uno, KY)

Bible Quiz

Jehoshaphat prepared his heart to do what?

Last Week’s Answer— All the host of Heaven standing
 (II Chronicles 18:18)

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in Jonah 2:4, *“Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.”* Have you cast yourself out of the LORD’s sight? Look again to His holy temple. Repent and return unto the LORD.

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)