

Uncertain Journey, Certain Outcome - James 4:13-17

What is James trying to teach us? Do today what you can leave tomorrow to God

Do you like to be manipulated? Why do we try to manipulate God?

How do we try to manipulate God?

The intersection of God's blessing and Human determination

Micah thought he would now manipulate blessings: Priest and Idols

What is the clan of Dan seeking? Land and Blessing

Land was allotted Joshua 19:40 ff Land not taken Judges 1:34

How do they try to manipulate the uncertain to gain an advantage?

Army of 600, Persuade Micah's Priest and steal his Ephod and Idols

Self-determined good is not always God's view of what is good.

To achieve what? "Good Life"

What is the good life? How is it obtained?

Power, Manipulation: through lying, money, charms, magic gods, fate, others

How do you try to manage life's uncertainty?

What gets sacrificed?

Keep God Primary

Keep All Else Secondary

occupation, relationships, education, accomplishments etc...

These are means through which we serve a greater purpose.

These are means through which God can be seen through you

Proverbs 19:21 Many are Man's Plans, The Lord's Purpose Prevails

Would you want to know how everything turns out?

When The Certain End Arrives:

Well done good and faithful servant

Come and share your master's happiness!