



# TIME IS FLEETING

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**PSALM 39:4-7 NKJV** – (4) “Lord, make me to know my end, And what *is* the measure of my days, *that* I may know how frail I *am* (5) Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age *is* as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor. **Selah** (6) Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely, they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up *riches and* does not know who will gather them. (7) “And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You.

In **Matthew 24:22** Jesus said if those days had not been shortened no one would survive but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. In the above passage, David asks God for a reminder of man's limited lifespan and power. Life is incredibly short. All human effort is nothing compared to the power of God. Those who scabble for earthly things do so pointlessly. Rather than hoping or despairing because of other people, David places his trust in the Lord. **James 4:13–16** parallels David's thoughts about the briefness of life.

David not about knowing the exact time or nature of his death. Instead, he is asking God to help him with humility. Wicked people frustrate David, and he does not want to respond sinfully. So, he asks God to work on his own heart. Being reminded of the short, fragile, imperfect nature of all humanity would make David less concerned over his current issues.

A common English proverb is "***you can't take it with you.***" This implies that worldly wealth is left behind when someone dies. Here, David notes that someone who "heaps up wealth" is ultimately collecting it for his survivors—whoever they might be.

Time is fleeting. Most of us take life for granted. For example, when we are young, we believe we will never grow old and that we have unlimited years ahead to accomplish what we want. Sadly, that is not the case. **OUR** time is fleeting! Use your time wisely.

**SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 6:19-20**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Time is fleeting. Realize it and do something about it.