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A STUDY IN JAMES

James 4:13-17



The Delusion of Sin

‘A delusion is a strongly held belief that is false and not based on reality which persists even when there is clear evidence to the contrary’



① The Delusion of Control (13)



1. Our Plans **Without God**

- The **Timing** of our Lives
- The **Location** of our Lives
- The **Duration** of our Lives
- The **Activity** of our Lives
- The **Result** of our Lives



2. Our Plans **With God**

Luke 14:28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?



② The Delusion of Time (14)



1. We do not know the **Future**

Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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2. We are like a **Mist**

- The **Greedy** Fool (Luke 12)
- The **Proud** Fool (Acts 12)
- The **Presumptuous** Fool (Lev 10)
- The **Lying** Fool (Acts 5)



3 The Delusion of Independence (16)



1. This is **Practical Agnosticism**

- What we Have is from **God**

- What we Boast in is **Jesus**

2. This is **Great Evil**



④ The Delusion of Delayed Obedience (17)

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1. This is the sin of **Omission**
 2. This is the sin of **Passivity**

④ The Reality: God's Will be Done ⁽¹⁵⁾

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.



1. He has **All Authority**

Mat 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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2. He has a **Will for us**

- God's Will of **Decree**
- God's Will of **Desire**
- God's Will of **Direction**



3. He has **Given us a way to know His Will**

- Seek God in **Prayer**
- Seek God in **His Word**
- Seek God in **Counsel**
- Seek God in **your Mind**
- Do all for the **Glory of God**