

James 4:13-17
"If the LORD Wills"*

Introduction: The LORD determining our steps

- **A great truth that we are so prone to forget:** The LORD determines our steps.
- **Stephen Charnock (*The Existence and Attributes of God*):** "To make ourselves our own rule and the object of our chief love is atheism. If self-denial be the greatest part of godliness, the great letter in the alphabet of religion; self-love is the great letter in the alphabet of practical atheism."

We must live with the recognition that in our _____ we plan our _____, but the LORD determines our _____.

- **What the problem is not:** Making plans.
- **What the problem is:** Losing sight of the sovereignty of God over your plans
- **The Christians James was writing to:** apparently lost sight of the chief end of their work.

- **A good reminder for all of us:** We don't know when our God-appointed time on earth is up.
- **Arrogant boasting:** A sure sign that one has lost sight of the sovereignty of God
- **A great example in the Apostle Paul:** An example of one who repeatedly spoke of the sovereignty of God over his travel plans
- **Why Satan would love to get the sovereignty of God out of the minds of God's people:** So he can promote worries, doubts, fears, and anxieties
- **The context in which verse 17 appears:** indicates that a failure to acknowledge the sovereignty of God is a sin of omission.
- **One prayer request for all of us:** The request for growth in the area of living out our theology of the sovereignty of God
- **Personal Application:**

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