

THERE IS MORE TO



# **LESSON ONE: NATURAL LIFE**

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**Introduction:** What is life all about? People are often pondering the meaning of life. Have you ever wondered what we are doing here? What is our purpose here on this earth? There has got to be more to this life than we realize. For the next few weeks we are going to study about life in four different aspects: natural life, carnal life, spiritual life, and eternal life. In this lesson we will focus on natural life (creation). Let's study together...

**Discussion:**

**I. *The Establishment of Life***

- A. God creates life (**Genesis 2:7, Acts 17:28**)
- B. God preserves life (**Psalms 36:6, 66:9**)
- C. God controls life (**Job 12:10, Daniel 5:23**)
- D. God blesses life (**Psalms 63:3, Ephesians 1:3**)

**II. *The Explanation of Life***

- A. A pilgrimage (**Genesis 47:9**)
- B. Water spilt on the ground (**II Samuel 14:14**)
- C. A weaver's shuttle (**Job 4:7**)
- D. The wind (**Job 7:7**)
- E. A swift runner (**Job 9:25**)
- F. An eagle swooping down (**Job 9:26**)
- G. A swift ship (**Job 9:26**)
- H. A flower (**Job 14:2**)
- I. A hand breadth/width (**Psalms 39:5**)
- J. A dream (**Psalms 73:20**)
- K. A sleep (**Psalms 90:5**)
- L. A tale/story told (**Psalms 90:9**)
- M. A shadow (**Ecclesiastes 6:12**)
- N. A tent removed (**Isaiah 38:12**)
- O. A cut thread (**Isaiah 38:12**)
- P. A mist/vapor (**James 4:14**)
- Q. The grass (**I Peter 1:24**)

**III. *The Entanglements of Life***

- A. Life is marred by sin (**Genesis 2:17, 3:16-17**)
- B. Life is lengthened by improvement (**Deuteronomy 32:39, Psalms 90:12**)
- C. Life is shortened by death (**I Samuel 2:32-33, Job 36:14**)
- D. Life is hindered by the world (**Luke 8:14, 21:34, II Timothy 2:4**)

**IV. *The Extension of Life***

- A. We can become a child of God (**Job 2:6, Acts 18:10, I Peter 3:13**)
- B. We can become obedient to God (**Deuteronomy 30:20, Acts 5:29**)
- C. We can become obedient to our parents (**Exodus 20:12, Proverbs 4:10**)
- D. We can learn wisdom and discretion to follow His ways (**Proverbs 13:3, 14:12**)
- E. We can pray and ask God for direction (**Isaiah 38:2-5, James 5:15**)

**Conclusion:** God has a plan for your life! We need to learn more about the natural life God set in motion for us. God loves you and He wants you to learn your purpose here on earth. There is more to life! How will you choose to live it?