

# But for a Moment

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**Matthew 10:21-22** (21) *"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. (22) And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.*

The question typically circulating the end of this verse is: How do we endure to the end regardless of what we face now or in the future? Like our Lord and the Apostle Paul, how can we fix our minds so that we perceive our burdens and afflictions as "light" (**Matthew 11:30**)? This is crucial because, if we view our trials too much to bear, will we endure? But if we see our tests as light, regardless of what they may be, enduring to the end almost becomes ensured.

So how do we secure this mindset to be a part of our lives? In **2Corinthians 4:17**, the Apostle Paul gives us something to consider: *"which is but for a moment. . . ."*

The simple fact is that, when linked to eternity, our existence in this life—no matter how many years—is but for a moment. Some scriptures highlight this reality:

*Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; he flees like a shadow and does not continue* Job 14:1-2

For He remembered that they were but flesh, a breath that passes away and does not come again (Psalm 78:39)

Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away James 4:14

Our lives are only a flash in time when linked to eternity. After a thousand years under our lord Christ's rule, will this moment's pains even be a thought?

A useful practice, then, is to secure in our thinking this foundational concept of just how short our lives are compared with eternity. This demands prayer and meditation to make this a living reality for each of us. For it will undoubtedly help guard against being overwhelmed by the now.

At His service,  
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