

## Things That Are Sure

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**A**re you looking for a sure thing? The Bible reveals things that are sure. The word “sure” occurs 41 times in the King James Version. If a thing is sure, it is firm and you can count on it.

***Your Sin Will Find You Out.*** Moses informed the children of Gad and Reuben, “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned, against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). You can’t sin against the Lord and get off scot-free! As sin found Adam & Eve out (Genesis 3), found Achan out (Joshua 7) and found David out (2 Samuel 12), you can know for certainty that your sin, no matter what it is, will find you out! If not in this life, your sin will find you out “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ...” (Romans 2:16). “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” (Acts 3:19).

***The Word of the Lord Is Sure.*** The Lord’s word is referred to different ways in the Scriptures: His testimonies, commandments, precepts, word, law, ways, truth, judgments, righteousness, and statutes (Psalm 119). Of the Lord’s word the Psalmist declared, “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:7). What the Lord says is not just sure; it is “...very sure...” (Psalm 93:5). Again it is written, “The works

of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure” (Psalm 111:7). The Lord’s word is “For ever...settled in heaven” (Psalm 119:89), and comes from “...God, that cannot lie...” (Titus 1:2). Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” (Mark 13:31). Whatever the Bible says, that’s the way it is.

***A Sure Foundation.*** Every builder knows the importance of a sure foundation. No building can be any stronger than the foundation upon which it stands. Isaiah prophesied, “Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste” (Isaiah 28:16). This foundation is Jesus Christ, the solid rock (1 Peter 2:5-7). Paul penned, “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). Paul wrote the Ephesians, who had been “...baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:5), “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” (Ephesians 2:19-20).

***The Sepulchre of Jesus Was Made Sure.*** Concerning the tomb in which Jesus was placed, “Pilate said unto them, Ye have a

watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch” (Matthew 27:65-66). “Make it as sure as ye can” is a good principle that has applications in lots of spiritual areas.

***The Judgment of God Is According to Truth.*** Paul taught, “But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them that do such things” (Romans 2:2). The apostle is talking about those who judge another and at the same time do the same things. This is blatant hypocrisy! The fact that the Bible talks about “...the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds” (Romans 2:5-6) and “...there is no respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:11) should motivate us to “...patient continuance in well doing...” (Romans 2:7).

***A Sure Anchor.*** As the song asks, “Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, When the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift and the cables strain, Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?” For the Christian, the hope we have in Christ is described as “...an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast...” (Hebrews 6:19). There is “...one hope...” (Ephesians 4:4), it’s “...a lively hope...” (1 Peter 1:3), and it saves (Romans

8:24). This sure anchor (hope) is only available to those in Christ (Titus 1:2; 1 John 5:11). If you’ve not been “...baptized into Christ...” (Galatians 3:27), why not now? If you’ve obeyed the gospel, but quit abiding in the Lord (John 15), won’t you now return “...unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25)?

***Make Your Calling and Election Sure.*** The Bible often talks about calling and election. God calls men today by the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). Those who answer the call of the gospel, through faith, repentance and baptism, are the elect of God in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-6; 1 Peter 1:1-5). Our calling and election must be made sure, and it is up to each of us to do that! Peter penned, “...brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:10-11). Just how does a child of God make his calling and election sure? “...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2 Peter 1:5-7). Is your calling and election sure?

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