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ASSURANCE, ASSURED, ASSURE, ASSURES, ASSURING, REASSURE

Moses told the Israelites that if they didn't obey the voice of God then they would have no **assurance** of their life, but would be constantly afraid.

- **Deuteronomy 28:66-67:** "And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see."

When Eli wanted to know what God told Samuel (who was a child at the time), he didn't try to **reassure** Samuel or encourage him. Instead he threatened him.

- **1 Samuel 3:17:** "And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee."

Job believed the reason Eliphaz accused him of sin was because he was afraid that what happened to Job might happen to him. Eliphaz wanted to find a way to blame Job to **reassure** himself that he was safe from experiencing that same type of suffering.

- **Job 6:26:** "Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?"

The immoral woman told the young man that her husband had gone on a long journey and wasn't home. She was **assuring** the young man that they wouldn't be caught and would get away with their sin. (However, God sees all and knows all. No sin is hidden from Him.)

- **Proverbs 7:19:** "For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:"

The fruit of righteousness is peace and eternal **assurance**.

- **Isaiah 32:17:** "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

The watchmen in Israel weren't doing their duty and watching over the people. Instead they were **assuring** people that tomorrow would be even more prosperous than today (instead of warning them about the coming judgment.)

- **Isaiah 56:12:** "Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant."

Our salvation is **assured**. We will *not* be lost! It's the will of God the Father that Jesus doesn't lose any of us, and Jesus will always perfectly carry out the will of His Father.

- **John 6:39:** "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."

The resurrection of Jesus **assures** us that one day Jesus will judge the world.

- **Acts 17:31:** "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

The promises that God gave Abraham are **assured**. They are certainly going to come to pass.

- **Romans 4:16:** "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,"

There's no reason for Christians to fear God's wrath. We can have full **assurance** that we're truly saved.

- **Romans 5:10:** "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

Since God has chosen to save us, and since Jesus has justified us, we can't be condemned. Our salvation is **assured**.

- **Romans 8:33-34:** "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

We've been sealed by God. The reason we remain saved is because God has sealed us. This means our salvation is **assured** and can't be lost.

- **2 Corinthians 1:21-22:** "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

Paul gave the church much **assurance** of the gospel.

- **1 Thessalonians 1:5:** "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."

Paul wrote this letter to the Thessalonian church in order to address their concerns about the rapture. The church was worried they had missed it and been left behind, and Paul was **assuring** them that hadn't happened.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:1-2:** "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand."

Since we're saved according to the purpose and grace of God, and since God gave us those things *before the world began*, our salvation is **assured** and can't be lost.

- **2 Timothy 1:9:** "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"

The reason Timothy could be **assured** that the doctrines of the gospel were true was because of the person who taught them to him. The testimony of the apostle Paul could be trusted.

- **2 Timothy 3:14:** "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"

We can be **assured** of our salvation. There's no danger that we will be lost, because God is the one who preserves us.

- **2 Timothy 4:18:** "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The reason we have **assurance** of our salvation is because God is always faithful.

- **Hebrews 6:11:** "And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:"

Our salvation is certain because God swore an oath, and He can't lie. Since God's counsel is immutable, we can have full **assurance** of our salvation.

- **Hebrews 6:18-19:** "That by two immutable things, in

which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;"

We must seek God with full **assurance** of our salvation. (In other words, we must draw near to Him from a position of faith.)

- **Hebrews 10:22:** "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

It's not a sin to have **assurance** of salvation. We ought to have that confidence! Our faith should rest in God, who's greater than us (and if it does then we can have great confidence because God can't fail).

- **1 John 3:19-21:** "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

If we love other Christians then we may have boldness in the day of judgment. We may be **assured** of our salvation, because that's one of the signs that we've truly been saved.

- **1 John 4:16-17, 20:** "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in

the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. ... If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

One of the reasons the book of 1 John was written was so that Christians could have **assurance** of their salvation, and know with certainty that they have eternal life. God wants us to have assurance of our salvation.

- **1 John 5:13:** "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

ENSURE, ENSURING

Those who accidentally killed someone and fled to a city of refuge had to stand in front of the congregation and be judged. This was to **ensure** that the death truly had been accidental and the person wasn't a murderer.

- **Numbers 35:12:** "And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment."

The reason the Israelites were required to relieve themselves outside the camp was to keep their camp holy, and to **ensure** that when God walked in the camp He didn't see any human waste.

- **Deuteronomy 23:14:** "For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee."

Once the Israelites were in the promised land, they were commanded to set up large stones and write all the words of the Mosaic Law upon them in a very plain way. (It seems this was to **ensure** the words of God were easy to read.)

- **Deuteronomy 27:8:** "And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly."

The reason Gibeon was the only nation in Canaan that made peace with Israel was because God hardened the hearts of the

other nations, to **ensure** that they fought against Israel (and were destroyed).

- **Joshua 11:20:** "For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses."

God cared about the purity of the son of Manoah's wife (Samson) while he was still in the womb. The Lord took steps to **ensure** that Samson's Nazarite vow wouldn't be broken before he was born, to make sure he remained ceremonially clean.

- **Judges 13:5:** "For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

One of the responsibilities of the porters was to **ensure** that nothing unclean entered into the temple.

- **2 Chronicles 23:19:** "And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in."

The 12 chosen priests were told that once the group reached Jerusalem, the treasure they were assigned to carry would be weighed again. This would **ensure** that all of it had arrived safely.

- **Ezra 8:29:** "Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief

of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD."

The psalmist prayed that God would **ensure** his safety.

- **Psalm 119:122:** "Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me."

In the song of the vineyard that's found in Isaiah 5, the fault was with the vineyard and not with its owner. The owner did everything possible to **ensure** a good harvest. (In other words, the reason the inhabitants of Jerusalem had become corrupt was because of them, not because of God.)

- **Isaiah 5:4:** "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?"

One of the ways God punishes the wicked is by **ensuring** they have no descendants and their family line dies out.

- **Jeremiah 29:32:** "Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD."

When Jeremiah spoke the words of God, it angered many people. Shephatiah, Gedaliah, Jucal, and Pashur viewed God as his enemy, and wanted to execute Jeremiah to **ensure** that

God's words weren't spoken or heard.

- **Jeremiah 38:4:** "Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt."

God was going to **ensure** that Gog's invasion of Israel failed.

- **Ezekiel 39:1-2:** "Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:"