

SEVEN CERTAINTIES OF LIFE **(John 8:32)**

I. The certainty of exposure.

- A. Everyone needs to realize that their sins will find them out.
 - 1. Numbers 32:23;
 - 2. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14;
 - 3. Hebrews 4:13;
 - 4. 2 Corinthians 5:10.
- B. We aren't getting away with anything.
- C. No doubt Achan thought he was going to get away with his sin.
 - 1. He probably said, "I'll hide these goods until we take the next city and say I found them there."
 - 2. Sounded good, but he didn't get away with it.
- D. David believed he had gotten away with murder and adultery.
- E. Jonah thought he could run from God.
- F. Ananias and Sapphira thought they could get away with lying.
- G. Our sins may not be exposed in this life, but on that great day, they will be laid out for all to see.

II. The certainty of leaving our earthly possessions.

- A. We are going to leave this life the same way we came into it (Job 1:21).
- B. Paul stated it very succinctly (1 Timothy 6:7).
 - 1. Our attitudes must be different (Colossians 3:1-4).
 - 2. We need to be laying up treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:20).
- C. People are fighting and killing for money and things every day.
- D. People are turning from God and going after possessions that aren't going to last (2 Peter 3:10).

III. The certainty of harvest time.

- A. You and I will harvest the fruit of our behavior (Galatians 6:6-9).
- B. Just as surely as there is seed time and harvest, we will reap what we have sown in this life.
 - 1. Sometimes we reap it in this life.
 - 2. If we are in sin, many of those sins bring consequences from which we cannot be removed.
 - 3. If we are leading a godly life, in this life we gain great benefits in spite of the suffering we endure as Christians.
 - 4. We most definitely will reap what we have sown at the judgment.
- C. Our character and actions may not be what they should be now, but they can change.
- D. We have two choices: sow to the Spirit and reap eternal life, or sow to the flesh and reap corruption.
- E. Which will it be for you?

IV. The certainty of death.

- A. Ecclesiastes 8:8; Hebrews 9:27.
- B. Benjamin Franklin knew the certainty of death didn't he?
- C. David knew it as well (1 Kings 2:2).

- D. The fact is God made man to live.
 - 1. God made us as living beings (Genesis 2:7).
 - 2. He gave us the tree of life so that we wouldn't ever die.
 - E. But when sin entered the world, it brought death along as well (Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23).
 - F. Because of this, man became a dying creature in need of salvation.
- V. The certainty of judgment.**
- A. You and I will stand before the judgment seat of Christ one day (Acts 17:30-31; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Timothy 4:1).
 - B. There is only one final judgment (Revelation 11:18).
 - 1. All are going to be there.
 - 2. It will involve the good and the bad, the sheep and the goats, at the same time.
 - C. The goats will be moved to the left and the sheep to the right (Matthew 25:31-33).
 - D. There will be no arguing with God where one will spend eternity.
 - 1. All the facts will be laid out that day (2 Corinthians 5:10).
 - 2. The Judge of all the earth will do right.
 - E. Each person is personally accountable to the commands of our Lord (John 12:48; Romans 14:12)
- VI. The certainty of separation of the wicked from the righteous.**
- A. On that day, there will be a public separation of the good and the bad (John 10:27-28).
 - B. In this life, we are all mixed in together.
 - 1. We are surrounded by those in sin.
 - 2. This is why we are commanded to be in the world but not of the world.
 - C. This separation is eternal (Luke 16:24-26).
- VII. The certainty of final reward.**
- A. When the judgment is rendered, the verdict is final.
 - 1. Hebrews 11:6.
 - 2. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.
 - 3. Matthew 25:34-46.
 - B. The wicked will be condemned to eternity in hell (Revelation 20:14-15).
 - C. The righteous will be rewarded with eternity in heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).
 - D. This reward for the righteous will be wonderful (1 Corinthians 2:9).

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