

Certainty in Uncertain Times

I. Introduction

A. Among the trials faced during our stay on earth is the challenge of uncertainties. These uncertainties may involve health problems, financial problems, workplace problems, etc. When faced with such uncertainties, it is especially helpful to be mindful of the things God teaches us in His Word we can be *certain* of.

II. Accepting Uncertainty

- A. In a sense, life on earth will always have much uncertainty. None of us know how long we have here on earth, or how much longer the earth will even exist. **Matthew 24:36-44**
- B. We must accept the fact that life often involves much uncertainty, yet be ever mindful of that which we *can* be sure of.

III. Man's Greatest Problem is Sin

- A. One specific truth we can be certain of is that the greatest problem each of us has ever, or will ever face, is *sin*. While other hardships can be painful, none compare with the pain we bring to God when we choose to sin. **Romans 3:23**
- B. Moreover, no matter how severe of consequences trials of life bring, the problem that causes the severest of consequences is *sin*. **Romans 6:23**
- C. This spiritual disease is spiritually fatal, leading those with it to eternal torment away from God's presence in a place where the pain never ends. **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Mark 9:48**

IV. God is the Answer

- A. While we should be certain of the seriousness of sin, we should also be certain that *God* is the answer. His love and our submission to Him is the answer to our sin. More generally, He's the answer to all those looking for hope, joy, peace, purpose, and contentment. **Philippians 4:10-13; James 1:2-3**
- B. Though circumstances are often uncertain, God's character is *not*. No matter the uncertainties, we can rest assured that God is all-powerful, fully aware of what's going on, and always available to approach in prayer. His love and care does not waver like man's often does, but is *constant* and *certain*. **James 1:17**

V. The Day of the Lord Will Come

- A. A third truth that we should be certain of no matter what *uncertainties* we face is that "the Day of the Lord will come," on which Day all who have ever lived will be judged, and "the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up." **2 Peter 3:10**
- B. We can be certain that our eternal dwelling place is not here on earth. Which of the two eternal dwelling places becomes our home is contingent on whether or not we are prepared for that Day. **Matthew 24:42**

VI. Conclusion

- A. Those who *are* prepared for that Day can rest on the certainties God provides, no matter what temporal *uncertainties* we face during our time on earth.