

# Three Certain Triumphs

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May the spirit of peace and tranquility abide in all our hearts as we open our inner souls to the Spirit of God. Turn please to Proverbs 22:20–21. There's a word here that I love, and I know you love it too.

“Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou might answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?” Proverbs 22:20–21.

You see the word shining out there like a diamond, don't you? What is it? Certainty, that's right. God has written us excellent things in counsels, in knowledge, that we might know the *certainty* of the words of truth. What for? So we can answer those that send unto us.

Notice, our answer is to be the words of truth. As Joseph said when he was brought up from the dungeon to interpret Pharaoh's dream, he said, “Pharaoh, the answer is not in me. God shall give you an answer of peace.” And each one of us can be an errand boy, carrying the good things of God to other people—certainty of the words of truth.

This doesn't mean that we know everything. We don't need to know everything. God has reserved that for Himself. He has offered us an eternity of opportunity to learn more and more. The fact that we don't know everything is not due to God's attempt to withhold things from us. It's just a matter of our capacity.

Nobody here has yet eaten all the food in the world. Nobody here has even eaten all the kinds of food in the world. Why don't you do it? Well, you haven't had the time and opportunity. And besides all that, you lack capacity. But eternity is going to give us an infinite opportunity to explore more and more of the truth of God.

Thank God that doesn't need to leave us uncertain. Praise the Lord; I'm just as certain of what I don't know as what I do know of the truth. I know it's truth because He says so. He is the truth; the Bible says He cannot lie.

So anything He's ever said, anything He's saying now, or anything He ever *will* say, is all truth, and I'm sure of it. Praise the Lord, we don't have to ask Him to prove everything He says, do we? His statement is the truth.

Our lack of ability to comprehend everything doesn't need to leave us in doubt or uncertainty. Problems arise in human thinking when men seek to explore areas where there is no light. Walking in darkness is a poor way to make progress, isn't it?

And so in our study, we should constantly seek to explore those areas where the light is the clearest.

Every now and then, somebody comes out with some new angle on something that is obscure. There are many things that people might say that I know in my own mind aren't so, but how could I prove it? Suppose that right now, somebody should say there are 44 automobiles between here and Trenton on the road. I doubt if anybody's got that information, but how would I go about to prove it wrong? Do you see what I mean?

And there are many things that people would like to know about the Bible or about Heaven or about the eternity before this world was created, or about things in the earth made new. They may have their speculations, they may have their ideas. But when they get all through, I may not be able to prove them wrong, but what they say does not ring with certainty. Do you know why? Because they have no "Thus says the Lord" for it.

You remember the apostle Paul says:

"...Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Some of those things seem to enter into the speculation of human minds, and people guess. I suppose there's a certain harmless imagination. In fact, I'm *sure* there is. We all picture the home of the saved. But when it comes to speculating about what God has not revealed, or has only revealed in faint outlines, let us rather rejoice that Heaven will be more beautiful and more wonderful than anything we can ever think of in this world. Isn't that right?

I've said all that to say that there are some things that we can be certain about. I want to give three of them tonight: three things to be certain about.

First, I'm certain that God will triumph. God and Satan have been in battle now for 6,000 years. As far as this world is concerned, the battle has been up and down, back and forth. But I *know* God is going to win. There's no question about it. Is it worth knowing? Ah, yes.

Let's turn over to Revelation 19:1-6

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God... I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" Revelation 19:1-6.

This is a picture of the grand, triumphant scene when the saints are gathered home, and God is exalted before the entire universe.

Another verse on the triumph, Revelation 17:14. This is speaking of the powers of the earth in the final war against God just before the coming of our Lord:

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful” Revelation 17:14.

God is going to win at Armageddon. God is going to win in the age-long war between truth and error, between righteousness and sin. God is going to win.

Oh, isn't it wonderful to know that this is so? Therefore what *seems* to happen before our eyes, seeming defeats in God's work, thank God these do not need to move us. We know the ultimate outcome. There is absolutely no question about it. God is going to win.

The next thing that I'm thankful that we can be certain of is that this movement will triumph. The great Second Advent movement—the message is going to triumph, and God's church which bears the message is going to triumph. Notice Revelation 14:6–12. We see this movement represented on the figure of three angels flying in mid-heaven with the everlasting Gospel. What are those angels telling us? What is the movement that these angels represent telling the world? Telling the world that the hour of God's judgment is come. When did that begin? 1844.

They are calling men back to worship the Creator, announcing the fall of Babylon, and then warning against the false worship of the beast and the image with his mark, and exalting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Now, dear friends, that's the movement that begin in 1844, and I want you to see how it finishes. The 14<sup>th</sup> verse:

“And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle”  
Revelation 14:14.

Who is that? That's Jesus. He's coming on the cloud; He's coming with a sickle to reap the harvest of the earth. And the fact that He's pictured as a harvester shows that the harvest is ripe, as the next verse says, and that means God's people are ready. Then this message will close in triumph with a perfected people, a completed work. This is the picture here. That is vividly portrayed in the 12<sup>th</sup> verse. Will you repeat it with me?

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” Revelation 14:12.

Where are they, John? They're right here just before Jesus comes in the clouds of Heaven. There has never been a time in all the history of the world when God had all His people ready at one time. This time He will. That's why He's

coming, because they're all ready. As you go on and read the rest of the chapter, you see the wicked are all ready for destruction. Each class has passed the point of no return. Each class is ready for its destination—the righteous for Heaven, the wicked for the lake of fire.

Is it true that everybody here tonight will be in one or the other of those groups? Yes. Thank God, we can be certain in the triumph of this message and this movement.

Notice the chapter [Revelation] 14:1–5. Here's another view of this triumphant throng—the 144,000, standing in the first verse on Mt. Sion with the Lamb having the harp of God. Verses 2 and 3, singing the song of victory there in the presence of God. Fourth verse, they follow the Lamb wherever He goes. And in the fifth verse, we get a view of their character: In their mouth was found no guile for they are without fault before the throne of God. God can't find any fault in them because they've accepted the righteousness of Jesus. They've accepted it to cover their past sins. They've accepted it to give them victory over every temptation.

My point is, Revelation 14 pictures from first to last the complete triumph of this message, and this movement, and this people. I want to be a part of it right straight to the end, what do you say?

Somebody says, "Brother Frazee, there's a lot I see in it that doesn't look very much like that."

Listen: How many of you have already planted a garden? What do you expect to get out of it? Well, you expect to get some peas, some potatoes, some beets, and so on. Tell me, if you were to go out in the garden tomorrow, next week, and look, how many peas have you got out there ready to pick? Does what is out there look like peas? By faith it does. And so the child of God, looking at the church today, by *faith* sees the finished harvest.

God says He's going to have a church ready to meet Him without spot or blemish or any such thing. I propose to believe what He says. What do you say?

I want to read some interesting things that the prophet to the remnant wrote to a man whose name is Canright. Canright was one of the leading ministers among us 100 years ago, but he had dreams of grandeur. He thought that he could do a more exalted work if he weren't tied down by some things in this movement. This movement is not the place for great men. This is the place for a great message. We're little people, you and I, aren't we? Like Gideon, like little David. But God can take little men and do a great work provided they know they're little and let Him have the glory. But poor Canwright had other ideas. Several times he left the movement and came back. It's hard for a person who has known this message to really leave it, isn't it? Yes. Even Lucifer had a hard time separating from Heaven. Judas almost yielded to the pleas of Divine love. I read this letter written to Elder Canright:

"Dear Brother M: I had an impressive dream last night. I thought that you were on a strong vessel, sailing on very rough waters. Sometimes the waves beat over the top, and

you were drenched with water. You said: 'I shall get off; this vessel is going down.' 'No,' said one who appeared to be the captain, 'this vessel sails into the harbor. She will never go down'" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, page 571.*

Isn't that certainty? Oh, I wish he could have accepted it and got certain. Let me give you the echo of that. The prophet writing again on the subject shortly after, a few years after the letter to Elder Canright:

"There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed..."

What are we studying about tonight? Certainty

"...God is at the head of the work, and He will set everything in order..."

What is everything? What's the only thing outside of everything?  
Nothing.

"...If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port"  
*Selected Messages, Book 2, page 390.*

Isn't there a ring of certainty about that? It makes me glad. Now, that isn't to lead us to go to sleep. No, no. It needs all hands on board to work to help bring the vessel safely into port under Jesus' command. But it makes a world of difference whether we work with certainty, or whether we work with doubt and despondency and unbelief. It's true that there are multitudes that are going to be washed overboard in the storm into which this ship, the church, is entering. But we need not be. If we have our hand in the hand of Jesus, He can take us through.

Let me read another statement on this wonderful theme of certainty as it relates to the movement of the church. Speaking of the coming crisis over the mark of the beast, when the false Sabbath is enforced by law:

"Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out the chaff separated from the precious wheat"  
*Ibid.*

Notice that the sinners in Zion, the hypocrites in the church, the rebellious are going to be sifted out.

"The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out—the

chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place" *Ibid.*, page 380.

So, dear friends, here we are together in God's church—the wheat and the tares, the wheat and the chaff mingled. God knows who is who and what is what. But there's coming a separation. The chaff is going to be sifted where? Out. Oh, I want to stay in. And I can be certain of that.

A man who I knew intimately in the ministry many years ago, he's sleeping now, was once in the providence of God, brought in contact with a family of dear people who had been for years in one of the separated movements—a group that had drawn off from the Seventh-day Adventist church. As they conversed together, these other people began to tell my friend of the grievances, the reasons why they had separated from the Adventist church. They told him of the mistakes the leaders in the church had made. They went on at some length. When they had gotten all through, he said, "Now let me tell you something. All that you have said is true, and I've known it for many years. But I never could see how you could help to clean house unless you were inside the house."

That's it, dear friend. If you and I want to have a part with God in getting His church ready for what's ahead, where do we need to be? Inside helping to clean up instead of outside denouncing, attacking, criticizing, and finding fault. Do you see? Thank God, there is certainty.

So our first proposition tonight is that God is going to win. He's going to triumph. The second is, this movement, this church, this message is going to triumph. Now let me make it very personal, and I want to tell you about it from my standpoint. I want each of you to think about this from your standpoint. Let me make it first person, singular number. By the grace of God, I am going to triumph. God's going to triumph, this movement's going to triumph, and I am going to triumph. Isn't that a wonderful triad of confidence?

You say, "Brother Frazee, how can you be so sure?"

I'm sure because God's going to win, and I intend to stay with Him, so I'm going to win with Him. I'm sure because I know His church is going to triumph, and I intend to stay with His church. It's that simple. If I stay with God, and with His church, I'll triumph. Won't I? And that's the purpose of it—is to inspire in me the hope and confidence that nothing can shake it.

Let me read to you some things the prophet of God wrote concerning her own confidence and concerning her own experience:

"I know in whom I believe. I believe the messages that God has given to His remnant church. From childhood I have had many, many experiences that have strengthened my faith in the work that God has given me to do" *Review and Herald*, June 14, 1906.

What did God give her to strengthen her faith? Experiences. Has He given you some? Thank God, He's given me experiences, friend. As I look back over 50 years of preaching this message, I rejoice for the experience that confirmed my faith in this movement and in God, the great unseen Leader

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"In the early days of the message, when our numbers were few, we diligently studied to understand the meaning of Scriptures. At times it seemed that no explanation could be given; but when our brethren who had assembled for study came to a point where they could go no further, and add recourse to earnest prayer, the Spirit of God would rest upon me, and I would be taken off in vision, and be instructed in regard to the relation of Scripture to Scripture. These experiences were repeated over and over and over again. Thus many truths of the third angel's message were established point by point" *Ibid.*

Notice that combination of earnest Bible study, fervent prayer, and the revelations of God through the prophetic gift, all blended together in making clear the great pillars of this message.

"Think you that my faith in this message will ever waver? Think you that I can remain silent, when I see an effort being made to sweep away the foundation pillars of our faith? I am as thoroughly established in these truths as it is possible for a person to be. I can never forget the experience I have passed through. God has confirmed my belief by many evidences of His power" *Selected Messages*, Book 3, page 38.

You and I don't have the prophetic gift personally like Ellen White did. But as we receive a prophet in the name of a prophet, we receive a prophet's reward. As we study the life and the teachings, the experiences that Ellen White went through from 1844 for the next 70 years, our faith, like hers, is confirmed and established in the truth of God, the message of God, and in this movement. And we see working out in our experiences the certainty of these things. As we read books such as *Ministry of Healing* and apply the health principles, we get the benefit and feel in our bodies and minds the blessings that come through following out the light. Is that right? And so it is in Christian education. So it is in where we live and how we live. So it is in every activity that we engage in. As we follow out the Lord's instructions, we become more and more confirmed.

At the center of all this, the thing that gives us real certainty, is knowing Jesus Himself. Turn to John 10. This is the same John that wrote the wonderful book of Revelation. He wrote down what he heard Jesus say, and the Holy Spirit inspired him to write down what Jesus had given him in His earthly mission:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all;

and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand"  
John 10:27–29.

Isn't that certainty, friend? So I know that Jesus is going to take me through. Nobody can pluck me out of His hand. The Devil can't. No human being can. No circumstances can.

What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Paul names a long list of things that can't do it. Then he says nor any other creation.

*Nothing* can separate me from God, except my own choice, of course, and I don't purpose to change that.

The last time I was out west I got on the plane and by and by I got off when I got here. Could I have gotten off? Well, yes, if I had insisted. But friends, I don't propose to get off the plane. The plane I bought my ticket on I propose to stay with it until it gets home to port. What do you say?

So I've enlisted with Jesus; I know He's going to win. I've enlisted with His church; I know it's going to triumph. And I know that the dear Lord, who gave His life for me, is going to finish what He started.

Let me share these lines in verse speaking of Jesus:

“For me He left His home on high,  
For me to earth He came to die;  
For me He in the manger lay,  
For me to Egypt fled away.

For me He dwelt with fishermen,  
For me He slept in cave and glen;  
For me abuse He meekly bore,  
For me a crown of thorns He wore.

For me He braved Gethsemane,  
For me He hung upon a tree;  
For me His final feast was made,  
For me by Judas was betrayed.

For me by Peter was denied,  
For me by Pilot crucified;  
For me His precious blood was shed,  
For me He slept among the dead.

For me He rose with might at last,  
For me above the skies He passed;  
For me He sits at God's right hand,  
For me He will come at God's command.”



It's all for me. That's why I'm so sure. Jesus loved me and gave Himself for me. And it's true for each of you.

Have you accepted it? Is it real for you? Are you certain? Oh, don't worry about all the things you don't know—the things that aren't clear. Focus your mind on the real things, the certain things, the settled things, the immutable things, the eternal things, the things that cannot be moved.

Anchor your soul to the Rock, my friend. Concentrate on what is settled, certain, eternal. Make Jesus happy by giving Him what He died to obtain—the consent of your will.

As you do this, all His omnipotent is united to your feeble will, and in His strength you're more than a match for the hosts of darkness.

Any of you, whether visitors or regular attendance that haven't spoken for a month, you come right up now and bear your testimony and make Jesus happy. And what are you going to talk about? The things you are uncertain about or the things you are certain? Which one? Why, talk about the certainties, of course. Oh, God is listening to hear our endorsement of His statements, our acceptance of His promises.

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