

The Security of the Saints

John 10:27-29

Introduction:

- A. Everyone likes to feel secure — spend “big bucks” to strengthen security.
 - 1. Personal security: dead bolts, alarms, guards, dogs, guns.
 - 2. Public security: Police, military, etc.
- B. Three things about security that we need to understand:

Discussion:

I. We Live in an Insecure World.

- A. A world of *general* uncertainty. (Cf. Jas. 4:13-14)
- B. A world of *political* uncertainty.
 - 1. International tensions go up and down daily.
 - 2. Internal corruption with new scandals daily.
- C. A world of *economic* uncertainty (cf. Matt. 6:19-21).
 - 1. “Moths” of inflation, taxes and business failures.
 - 2. Threats to retirement systems — “Social security” and company plans.
- D. A world of *physical* uncertainty. (Jas. 4:14)
 - 1. Disease and accidents.
 - 2. Man’s inhumanity to man.
- E. A world of *spiritual* uncertainty.
 - 1. Many false prophet in world (1 John 4:1)
 - 2. Has many, like Pilate, asking, “What is truth?” (Cf. John 18:38).

II. We Can Feel Secure Without Being Secure.

- A. The rich fool apparently felt secure (Lk. 12:19-20).
- B. The Laodiceans felt secure. (Rev. 3:17).
- C. Many will feel secure when Christ returns. (1 Thess. 5:3).

III. We Can Both Feel and Be Secure Only in Christ.

- A. Because of the assurance of his Lordship. (Acts 2:30-36).
- B. Because of the nature of his priesthood.
 - 1. Merciful (Heb. 2:17-18)
 - a. Completely forgives (Heb. 10:17)
 - b. Continually forgives (1 John 1:7; 2:1).
 - c. Conditionally forgives (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:9).
 - 2. Helpful (Heb. 4:14-16; cf. 1 Cor. 10:13).
 - 3. Stable (Heb. 7:23-25).
- C. Because of the surety of his word (Matt. 24:35; 2 Pet. 3:9).
 - 1. No idle promises (cf. Mk. 16:16; Matt. 6:33; 1 Pet. 5:7; John 10:28-29).
 - 2. No bluffing threats (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 3:16).
 - 3. No needless warnings (1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 3:12-15)

Conclusion:

- A. Rom. 8:31-39
- B. Why not obey today?