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"ASSURANCE IN UNCERTAIN DAYS"

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JAMES 4:13-17; Psalm 23:1-6 (NASB)

TRUTH: Many never enjoy today because of worry about tomorrow.

I. TWO MISTAKES TO AVOID

MISTAKE #1: Planning without God (James 4:13)

***TRUTH:** Often our greatest failure regarding tomorrow is not what we do but what we fail to do... we forget God.

TRUTH: To formulate a business plan and face the days of our lives without prayer is presumption and practical atheism.

SOLUTION: Include God in your goal setting and your daily life.

INSIGHT: Life is "iffy"!

TRUTH: We face the future without fear by praying, "God what do You want me to do or not to do?" (Proverbs 16:1, 9)

MISTAKE #2: Presuming about tomorrow

Two reasons not to presume about tomorrow:

1. Life is uncertain.

TRUTH: There is no guarantee of perpetual success, health, or longevity.

2. Life is brief.

II. THREE ASSURANCES FOR BELIEVERS TO NOT FEAR THE FUTURE

1. God guards me.

TRUTH: God is in the details of the lives of all His children.

GOD'S PROMISE: I will charge My angels to protect you wherever you go.

From the book *Angels Among Us*:

- Angels guard us against harm and injury (Daniel 6).
- Angels restrain evil around us (2 Kings 6).
- Angels protect us in dangerous circumstances (Acts 27).

Clearing up misnomers about angels:

- Neither children nor adults become angels at death.
- Angels are spirit beings.
- Many angels watch over individual children of God (Psalm 91:11).

2. God gives me what I need not what I deserve.

TRUTH: We'll never face a day without God's goodness and mercy if we belong to Christ.

TRUTH: God's goodness takes care of the good days, and His mercy takes care of the bad days.

3. He guarantees heaven is waiting (Psalm 23:6).

INVITATION TRUTH: Everyone was created by God but not everyone is a child of God.