

Day 18, July 22nd

Bible Text: John 10:27-30

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Reflection:

The word guarantee is often thrown around loosely in our society. Companies offer money back guarantees to customers and professional athletes guarantee victories in interview. But human guarantees always come with strings attached. Companies can't always provide the money back (nor do they always want to) and athletes can be wrong. But God's guarantees can always be trusted. When Jesus says in verse 28 that he gives eternal life to those who trust in him, and that no one can snatch them out of his hand, we can take it to the bank, because he always makes good on his promises. We can live every day with assurance knowing that when our time on earth has finished, we will spend eternity with God where there is no more crying, dying or pain.

1. How does assurance of salvation in Christ help us when we are in a trial?
2. What benefits come with being a redeemed child of God in our current lives?
How can this help us persist in our faith?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your saving work on the cross and the guarantee it provides for those who believe in you, confess that you are Lord and receive your forgiveness. The words of people and institutions can't be trusted, but your promises are true. Give us the grace to trust in you during times of distress and not give into the lies of the enemy that try to turn us away from following you. Help us be bolder in living out our faith, resting on the assurance that one day we will be with you and suffering will be gone. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Recommended Song of Reflection: Living Hope

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