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CONFIDENCE!

1 JOHN 5:13-21

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WHAT DO WE KNOW FOR SURE?
Is there anything more sure
than the promises of God?

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*“God never made a promise that
was too good to be true!”*

D.L. Moody

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14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

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15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

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16 If anyone sees his brother or sister committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will, for him, give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death; I am not saying that he should ask about that.

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17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

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God hears our prayers 14-17

- He hears us
 - Don't mistake a slow answer for no answer!
- He answers us
 - Go – No – Whoa – Slow!

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*“God’s truths always agree
with each other.”*

God hears our prayers 14-17

- Sin unto death?
 - Communion warning – some weak, sick, dead
 - What is sin? ‘missing the mark’
 - Motivation must be ‘terror of the Lord’ 2 Cor 5:11
 - Compassion to see change NOT confrontation
 - Not my business? ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’

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*“God protects us from ourselves –
sin leading to death!”*

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We have Confidence!

- God hears our prayers – He will answer
- God protects us from sin – He will convict
- God is true to His Word – He will save!

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18 We know that no one who has been born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

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18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; NIV

18 We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, NLT

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, ESV

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19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

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God protects us from sin 18-19

- Should we fear the World? Sin? Satan? Self?
- ‘Greater is He that is in you!’ 1 John 4:4
- God allows temptation to show His strength
- God does NOT tempt! James 1:13
- Every victory over sin is strength for the next!

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But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

2 Cor 4:6-8

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*“God protects us from Satan —
can’t touch this!” (Job)*

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13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

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21 Little children, guard yourselves from
idols.

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God is true to His word 13, 20-21

- God wants us to be sure – of His Word!
- John 14:1-3
- What did you see in Jesus? 60 years ago!
- What has changed? Sweeter as the years go by!

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*“Idol: anything between
us and God.”*

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21 Little children, guard yourselves from
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God is true to His word 13, 20-21

- God wants us to be sure – of His Word!
- Is there any substitute? NO IDOLS!
- Is there any equal? NO IDOLS!
- Is there any better coming along? NO IDOLS!
- Is there any doubt? NO IDOLS!

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Spurgeon noted that John gave a command:

“Keep yourselves from idols”

- This speaks against obvious, visible idols
- This speaks against worshipping yourself.
(We can do this by overindulgence in food or drink, by laziness, or by too much concern about how they look or what they wear)
- This speaks against worshipping wealth
- This speaks against worshipping some hobby or pursuit
- This speaks against worshipping dear friends or relatives

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*“What is idle is often
an idol!”*

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- **ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES!**



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