

WHAT CAN YOU LOSE? PASTOR ELVIN MIRANDA, JR. 8-30-20  
Being Assured of Our Eternal Security Various Verses

John 10:28-29: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

John 6:39: And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given to Me, but raise them up at the last day.

Ephesians 4:30: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Satan is an enemy of every believer and his lies gnaw away at our faith. The Apostle Paul calls his schemes flaming arrows. The devil always puts doubts about our salvation into our minds. The devils hope:

1. We will drop our shield.
2. Believe the lies of his.
3. We will fall for his traps.
4. We will stop being sober and vigilant.

We must understand Satan's methods, we can be vigilant and avoid his traps.

1. We must avoid unconfessed sin. Satan tempts us to sin, and if we yield. He whispers, you can't be saved. This harassment cycle continues until we finally confess our sin and claim God's promise.
2. We must avoid the Ignorance of God's Word. If the believer is not well grounded in God's Word, he can be fooled by false teaching. Example, a common belief: you can lose your salvation. We have the sword of the Spirit to silence lies. It's essential to study God's Word.
3. We must avoid reliance on emotion. When we rely on feelings and experiences rather than the truth of God's Word, the ordinary ups and downs in our spiritual life may cause us to feel unsaved. However, genuine assurance is built on faith in the Lord and the promise of His Word, not on emotions.

Hold up your shield of faith, take up the sword of God's Word, and trust Him to fight for you in battles against the enemy. The Lord is your defense and protection.

