

## **Some Guaranteed Cheques from Charles Haddon Spurgeon's Checkbook of Faith.**

### **Not Forgotten.**

**You are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!  
Isaiah 44: 21.**

Our God cannot forget his servants as to cease to love them. He chose them not for time, but for eternity. He knew what they would be when he called them into his divine family. He blots out their sins like a cloud, and we may be sure that he will not turn them out of doors for iniquities which he has blotted out. It would be blasphemy to think of such a thing.

He will not forget them. One forgetful moment on the part of God would be our ruin. Therefore, he says, 'you shall not be forgotten by me.' Men forget us; those whom we have benefited turn against us; we have no abiding place in the fickle hearts of men, but God will never forget one of his true servants. He binds himself to us not by what we do for him, but by what he has done for us. We have been loved too long and bought at too great a price to be now forgotten. Jesus sees in us his soul's travail, and that he cannot forget. The Father sees in us his Son, and the Spirit sees in us his own effectual work. This day we shall be sustained by his grace. Oh, that the Lord may never be forgotten by us.

### **One King, One Lord.**

**And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall  
be the Lord is one, and his name one. Zechariah 14:9.**

Blessed prospect! This is no dream of an enthusiast, but the declaration of the infallible Word. Jehovah shall be known among all his people, and his gracious sway shall be acknowledged by every nation. Today, it is far from being so. Where is there any who bow before the Great King? How much there is of rebellion! What lords many, and gods many, there are on the earth! Even among professing Christians what diversities of ideas there are about Christ and his gospel! One day there shall be one King, one Jehovah, and one name for the living God. O Lord hasten it! We daily cry, thy Kingdom come.

We will not discuss the question as to when it will be, lest we lose the comfort of the certainty that it shall be. So surely as the Holy Spirit spoke by his prophets, so surely shall the whole earth be filled with the glory of the Lord. Jesus did not die in vain. The Spirit of God does not work in vain. The Father's eternal purposes shall not be frustrated. Here, where Satan triumphed, Jesus shall be crowned.

Additional comment. Jesus is already King and reigns now, but the day is coming when the whole of humanity past, present and future shall acknowledge his kingship and bow the knee in submission, some joyfully and some with absolute dread facing their condemnation.

### **God Finishes His work.**

#### **The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Psalm 138:8.**

He who has begun will carry on the work which has wrought within my soul. The Lord is concerned about everything that concerns me. All that is now good, but not perfect, the Lord will watch over, and preserve, and carry out to completion. This is a great comfort. I could not perfect the work of grace myself. Of that, I am quite sure, for I fail every day, and have only held on so long as I have because the Lord has helped me. If the Lord were to leave me, all my past experience would count for nothing, and I should perish from the way. But the Lord will continue to bless me. He will perfect my faith, my love, my character, my lifework. He will do this because he has begun a work in me. He never leaves a work unfinished; this would not be for his glory, nor would it be like him. He knows how to accomplish his gracious design, and though my own evil nature and the world, and the Devil, all conspire to hinder him, I do not doubt his promise. He will perfect that which concerns me, and I will praise him forever.

### **Spiritual Sowing.**

#### **He who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Galatians 6:8**

Sowing looks like a losing business, for we put good corn into the ground never to see it anymore. Sowing to the Spirit seems a very fanciful and dreamy

business; for we deny ourselves, and apparently get nothing from it. Yet if we sow to the Spirit by studying to live to God, seeking to obey the will of God, and laying ourselves out to promote his honour, we shall not sow in vain. Life shall be our reward, even everlasting life. This we enjoy here as we enter into the knowledge of God, communion with God, and enjoyment of God. This life flows like an ever-deepening, ever-widening river, till it bears us to an ocean of infinite happiness, where the life of God is ours forever and ever.

Let us not sow to the flesh, for the harvest will bring corruption, since flesh always tends that way, but with holy self-conquest let us live for the highest, purest, and most spiritual ends seeking to honour our Lord by obeying his most gracious Spirit. What a harvest that will be when we reap life everlasting! What sheaves of endless bliss will be reaped! What a festival will that harvest be! Lord, make us such reapers, for your Son's sake.

### **Trust means Joy.**

**Our heart shall rejoice in Him because we have trusted in His holy name. Psalm 33:21.**

The root of faith produces the flower of heart-joy. We may not at first rejoice, but it comes in due time. We trust the Lord when we are sad, and in due season he so answers our confidence that our faith turns to fruition and we rejoice in the Lord. Doubt breeds distress, but trust means joy in the long run.

The assurance expressed by the Psalmist in this verse is really a promise held out in the hands of holy confidence. Oh, for grace to appropriate it. If we do not rejoice at this moment, yet we shall do so, as surely as David's God is our God.

Let us meditate on the Lord's holy name, that we may trust him the better and rejoice the more readily. He is in character holy, just, true, gracious, faithful and unchanging. Is not such a God to be trusted? He is all-wise, almighty and everywhere present; can we cheerily rely upon him? Yes, we will do so at once, and do so without reserve. Jehovah-Jireh will provide, Jehovah-Shalom will send peace, Jehovah-Tsidkenu will justify, Jehovah-Shammah will be forever near, and in Jehovah-Nissi we will conquer every foe. They that know your name will trust in you, and they that trust you will rejoice.

## **The Expert Searcher.**

**For thus says the Lord God: indeed, I myself will search for my sheep and seek them out. Ezekiel 34:11.**

This he does at the first when his elect are like wandering sheep that know not the Shepherd or the fold. How wonderfully does the Lord find out his chosen! Jesus is great as a seeking Shepherd. Though many of those his Father gave him have gone as near to hell-gate as they well can, yet the Lord by searching and seeking discovers them, and draws near to them in grace. He has sought us out: let us have good hope for those who are laid upon our hearts in prayer, for he will find them out so.

The Lord repeats this process when any of his flock stray from the pastures of truth and holiness. They may fall into gross error, sad sin, and grievous hardness; but yet the Lord, who has become surety for them to his Father, will not suffer one of them to go so far as to perish. He will by providence and grace pursue them into foreign lands, into abodes of poverty, into dens of obscurity, into depths of despair; he will not lose one of all that the Father has given him. It is a point of honour with Jesus to seek and to save all the flock, without a single exception. What a promise to plead, if at this hour I am compelled to cry, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep"!

## **No fear of Death.**

**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death. Revelation 2:11.**

The first death we must endure unless the Lord should suddenly come to his temple. For this let us abide in readiness, awaiting it without fear since Jesus has transformed death from a dreary cavern into a passage leading to glory.

The thing to be feared is not the first, but the second death, not the parting of the soul from the body, but the final separation of the entire man from God. This is death indeed. This death kills all peace, joy, happiness and hope. When God is gone all is gone. Such a death is far

worse than ceasing to be, it is existence without the life which makes existence worth having.

Now, if by God's grace we fight on to the end, and conquer in the glorious war, no second death can lay its chilly finger on us. We shall have no fear of death and hell, for we shall receive a crown of life which does not fade away. How this nerves us for the fight! Eternal life is worth fighting for!

### **The body fashioned anew.**

**Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to his glorious body. Philippians 3:21.**

Often when we are racked with pain, and unable to think and worship we feel that this indeed is our 'body of humiliation,' and when we are tempted by the passions from the flesh we do not think the word 'lowly' too vigorous a translation. Our bodies humble us, and that is about the best thing they do for us. Oh, that we were duly lowly, because our bodies ally us with animals, and even link us with dust.

But our Saviour, the Lord Jesus, shall change all this. We shall be fashioned like his own body of glory. This will take place in all who believe in Jesus. By faith, their souls have been transformed, and their bodies will undergo such a renewal as shall fit them for their regenerated spirits. How soon this grand transformation will happen we cannot tell; but the thought of it should help us to bear the trials of today, and all the woes of the flesh, in a little while we shall be as Jesus is now. No more aching brows, no more swollen limbs, no more dim eyes, no more fainting hearts. The old nature shall no more be a bundle of infirmities, nor the sick man a mass of agony. 'According to his glorious body.' What an expression! Even our flesh shall rest in hope of such a resurrection!

### **Invitation to Pray.**

**Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3.**

God encourages us to pray. They tell us that prayer is a pious exercise which has no influence except upon the mind engaged in it. We know better. Our experience gives the lie a thousand times over to this infidel assertion. Here Jehovah, the living God, distinctly promises to answer the prayer of his servant. He that made the ear, shall he not hear? He that gave parents a love for their children, will he not listen to the cries of his own sons and daughters?

God will answer his pleading people in their anguish. He has wonders in store for them. What they have never seen, heard of, or dreamed of; he will do for them. He will invent new blessings if needful. He will ransack sea and land to feed them: he will send every angel out of Heaven to succour them if their distress requires it. He will astound us with his grace and make us feel it was never done before in this way. All he asks of us is that we will call upon him. He cannot ask less of us. Let us cheerfully render our prayers to him without ceasing.