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### A BENEDICTION OF ASSURANCE

**I love the powerful promise recorded in Jude 24-25: “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”**

**This benediction builds upon the hope of our Savior’s coming for us, as it tells us something our Lord is doing for us now....as well as something He will do for us then, when He comes.**

**Now: He is keeping us from stumbling (v. 24)**

**Then: He will present us “blameless with great joy” (v. 24)**

**Currently, He is guarding us, protecting us, securing us, and helping us not to stumble. How He loves us and reassures us! How often He strengthens us when we are weak!**

**When our dear Lord returns, we will be blameless....faultless....flawless. Jesus will not be angry because of our failures and ready to shame us. Instead, the grace we experience *now* we will also have *then* in abundance.**

**You would think the Almighty would frown as He reviews a large clipboard with your name above a list of the numerous times you stumbled. No—a thousand times, no! God keeps no such records against you. Rest assured.**

**He will accept you in that day, being fully aware that you are but dust....and He will escort you into the presence of His glory “blameless.” I invite you to stop this moment and think that over. It’s not possible to imagine the scene without smiling, seized with inexpressible joy. AMEN**

~ Dr. Charles R. Swindoll

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

