

# *What Is Your Foundation?*

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Psalm 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Luke 6:46-49 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

- I. We must build our understanding of life and eternity on something besides shifting sands.
  - A. The human race is like the sea – never established and firm, but continually shifting and flowing and changing.
    - 1. In their views of good and evil they are continually changing.
    - 2. Therefore, who they condemn and justify is continually changing.
    - 3. Who they hate and who they love is continually changing.
  - B. If we do not have our life and our mind anchored in something besides popular opinion we will be carried with current with all the rest of the world.
  - C. The great and fatal mistake that most people make is to think they can swim in the same ocean with them, but not be carried away in the tide with them.
    - 1. The ocean is a dangerous thing that has rip currents and undertows that are invisible to you until they take you out to sea.
    - 2. You simply cannot be a partaker with the world and not be carried away with the world.
  - D. The world allures with entertainment and pleasure and peer pressure to be like them.
    - 1. And it always looks harmless until you are caught in the current and find out too late that you cannot escape.
  - E. Our life must be anchored to something solid and there is only one Rock to anchor our lives to – that is Christ and his Word, as the Scripture here tells us.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- F. So today, you are either anchored to the Rock or you are adrift on the sea – which is it?
- II. This is the work of Satan and all the enemies of God – to destroy the foundations.
    - A. The goal is to cut you loose from anything solid and sure so you can drift and be carried with the current.
    - B. It is accomplished by getting you to listen to the counsel of the ungodly and consider their arguments against righteousness, God and his Word.
    - C. Satan has accomplished this mostly through convincing people that everything is evolving and changing all the time.
      - 1. That nothing is absolute and right and wrong change with the times and the people.

2. That the human race is evolving toward being gods and therefore we are getting smarter and understanding more all the time.
3. If we cling to these old-fashioned ideas we are ignorant and stupid.
- D. If the world has your ear and your eyes they have YOU.
  1. It was only a very short move for Eve from looking and listening to completely forsaking God and everything that she knew was right.
- E. I know that most of the people I am talking to right now are listening to the world more than they are clinging to the Rock.
  1. If we compared the time spent on each one we would realize that righteousness does not have a chance in our life.
  2. The time spent looking at and reading the world's conversation. (Facebook, news, movies, etc.)
  3. Compare all this to the time spent reading the Word of God and other books by godly people instructing us in righteousness and giving us understanding in the things of God.
  4. It is obvious that the foundations have been destroyed and almost everyone is adrift in this world – morally, intellectually, spiritually.

III. The foundation is Christ and his Word.

- A. This means more than just a cliché or mantra that we repeat to ourselves and others.
- B. Christ being the foundation means that all He is and all He says IS our foundation.
- C. He is the Creator of all things, so his design and plan for his Creation is the foundation upon which we build our life and our understanding.
- D. God's WAYS are the foundation for life and for understanding.
- E. Christ is the ROCK and He is the foundation upon which we build our house.
- F. We cannot build it on the shifting sands of this world or our house will fall.
  1. The shifting moral sands of this world.
  2. The shifting intellectual sands of this world.
  3. The shifting religious sands of this world.
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Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Proverbs 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

IV. When the foundations have been destroyed the righteous must seek to restore them.

- A. It is not something that can be done in a moment or a day or any short length of time.
- B. It took a while for the children of the captivity to restore the foundations in Jerusalem.
- C. It takes more than one generation to tear down the foundations and it takes more than one generation to rebuild them.
- D. This is my hope – that my children and grandchildren will be a part of restoring the foundations of many generations:

Isaiah 58:12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.