

## What is Your Foundation Built On?

A true foundation that is made up of incorruptible material will stand the test of time. In like manner, the foundation upon which we build our lives must not be based upon corruption, lies, materialism, or any other things that moths and rust can destroy. While the results of bad decisions and consequences we have reaped from past sin may always be part of our lives, Calvary made it possible to rebuild those old waste places. Jesus spoke a parable that teaches us the importance of building on a solid foundation. Jesus said, *“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not...”* (Matthew 7:24-25).

When our lives are based upon solid principles, and founded in God’s Word, trials and disaster can come our way, but cannot destroy us because our house is NOT built upon the corruptible things of this world, but is built on faith, which demonstrates our righteousness. Faith is the key to living a righteous life. We obey God’s Word because we believe, and because we believe in His grace, we love God. Grace reigns through righteousness. And a life built upon righteousness will always result in favor with God.

We must ask ourselves what we will choose *in our hearts* to build the foundation of our lives upon. For we also are admonished by God’s Word that, *“every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell...”* (Matthew 7:26-27). So, we learn the importance of a solid foundation even for those who are righteous. To be righteous literally means those who are justified and vindicated by God. For those of us who are of the church age, this means those who have obeyed the gospel as it was fulfilled in Acts 2:38.

It does not mean that we are perfect or above others. It means we have a desire to know God according to His Word and to live our lives according to His Word. We must have a solid foundation. It is written, *“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do”* (Psalm 11:3). There are many other witnesses throughout scripture to the importance of the foundation we build our lives upon. It is up to us to decide what our building materials will be. Will we be those who love righteousness and hate evil? Or will our foundation be made up of lies, deceit, love of money, hatred, or other works of the flesh too numerous to mention? No matter who we are or where we find ourselves, the choice is up to us. No one can make it for us. This week meditate on these scriptures and PRAY that each of us makes the right choice. A choice that throughout life we build our house upon a rock...a strong foundation!

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