



Undermining the Firm Foundation

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- “Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:
48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

Essential Principles Regarding Foundations

- It's the most important part of the building.
 - 1Cor. 3:9-11 - “For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

Essential Principles Regarding Foundations

- The foundation is the first part constructed
 - 1Peter 2:4-9 - “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone, 8 and A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense. They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”

Essential Principles Regarding Foundations

- The foundation must support the weight of the building
 - Eph. 2:19-22 - “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

Essential Principles Regarding Foundations

- The foundation is hidden from casual view
 - Isa. 28:16-17 - “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. 17 Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet...”

The Church's Firm Foundation

- Jesus is the foundation that cannot be damaged though all hell arise against it
 - Matt. 16:18 - “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”
- False teachers cannot destroy the church
 - 2Tim. 2:14-19

The Church's Firm Foundation

- There are no forces on earth (governments, armies, coalitions, et al) that can shake the Church's One Foundation
 - Heb. 12:22-24, 27-29
 - God shook heaven and earth, and the Church's One Foundation did not move

The Church's Firm Foundation

- The Foundation of the entire Church cannot be undermined, because the Foundation is in heaven
- Local churches, however, can lose their firm anchorage in Christ and do so on a frequent basis
 - Isa. 30:13 - “Therefore this iniquity shall be to you
Like a breach ready to fall, A bulge in a high wall,
Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.”

Undermining The Firm Foundation At The Local Level

- Living in the past
- Living in the world
- Living for self
- Living for acceptance - 1Sam. 8:5
- Living for the status quo - Heb. 5:12-14
- Living for exhilaration - Acts 17:21
- Living half asleep - 1Peter 5:8

Undermining The Firm Foundation At The Local Level

- It is amazing that all of the powers in hell and all the forces of this earth cannot shake the firm foundation, but you can undermine it in a local church and for yourself with one of these attitudes