

“If the Foundations Be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?”

Psalm 11:3

Introduction:

- A. A soul-searching rhetorical question for all righteous people to ponder.
 - 1. Destroy building's foundation - little to build to -- little can be done to repair it.
 - 2. Certain basics at the very foundation of our lives as God-fearing people.
 - 3. If we allow these to be destroyed, indeed “What can the righteous do?”
- B. Not so much afraid that the foundations of our lives will be destroyed by any single blow.
 - 1. May allow the foundations to be destroyed by gentle erosion – much like a house that has its foundation worn away by a little trickle of water over the years.
 - 2. A little change here and a little perversion there until the very foundation is destroyed.
- C. In this lesson we note three foundations of righteousness in danger of being destroyed by such erosion:

Discussion:

II. Bible Based Homes.

- A. A lack of “family values” and “juvenile crime” are hot political topics today.
 - 1. Everyone seems to recognize the threat society, but very little agreement as to cause and cure.
 - 2. Many of the most outspoken on this subject show little regard for them in their private lives.
- B. It is no accident that decline in “family values” and increase in “juvenile crime” parallels the erosion of the “traditional family” – what we call Bible based homes.
- C. What is a Bible based home?
 - 1. Husband and wife committed their marriage for life. (Rom. 7:2,3; Matt. 19: 3-6).
 - a. Husband is head and primary provider (Eph. 5:22, 23; I Tim. 5:8).
 - b. Wife is submissive and a “help meet for him.”
 - c. Wife is primarily a “keeper at home” (Tit. 2:4,5- Note various versions)
 - 2. Parents in control rather than children (Eph. 6:1-4).
 - a. Nurturing them.
 - b. Training them.
 - c. Disciplining them.

III. Bible Based Morals.

- A. “Judeo-Christian” morals and ethics has served our society well for generations.
 - 1. Many may have violated the teaching.
 - 2. Few questioned the validity and value.
- B. Morality separates us from mere animals (cf. 2 Pet. 2:12).
- C. True morality is God-centered with an objective standard.
 - 1. It is tied to our respect for God (cf. Rom. 1:28-32)
 - 2. It has eternal consequences (1 Cor. 6:9,10; Rev. 21:8)
- D. Foundation undermined by subjectivism, expediency and humanism.

IV. Bible Based Faith.

- A. Our faith rests upon the trustworthiness of Bible.
- B. Open attacks on the Bible record are harmful.
 - 1. Atheists and agnostics.
 - 2. Naturalists and Evolutionists.
- C. Subtle undermining of the Bible record more dangerous.
 - 1. Classic Modernism.
 - 2. Theistic evolutionists.
 - 3. Progressive creationists.
- D. If cannot trust creation story, etc. what of salvation, redemption, the kingdom, the church, etc.

Conclusion:

- A. Let us do all we can to keep these foundations from being undermined.
- B. Let us do all we can to preserve and promote these foundations.