

Foundations 01

Introduction.

The importance of Foundations.

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

Welcome.

Welcome to the Bible Matters series on Foundations.

Introduction - Crumbling Foundations.

We are **now seeing** the fruits of a society that has turned away, or abandoned the foundations laid by God.

And is being built by atheist and humanist, who are attempting to build on a godless foundation.

People like...

- The racist Charles Darwin.
- Karl Marx who founded marxist communism, and is responsible for countless deaths and Broken lives.
- The famous atheist Richard Dawkins.
- The TV “scientist” Brian Cox and evolution evangelist.

Are in many ways the foreman of the construction site, for there is another header architect.

Interestingly the Masons call him the great architect - Lucifer.

People like these are the Foremen... The builders or workmen are our...

- School teachers
- Collages lecturers
- Universities professors
- BBC and other mass-media producers and presenters.

Interestingly we call radio and TV shows “programmes.”

This building is falling apart.

The society that is standing on this foundation is falling apart.

- Family life is falling apart.
- We are murdering more children than are being born.
- Entitlement mentality is brining rioting across the western world.
- Our children are being sexualised
 - in their schools, by their teachers and organisations like Mermaids.
 - in our homes by Netflix, Pop-stars
- Our children are being encouraged to mutilate their sex organs or sterilise themselves with cross-sex hormone.

- 9 out of 10 children's doctors in Belgium believe infanticide is ok. In fact if you do not want your baby, they will kill it for you.
- We could go on.
- Racial strife is being pushed by our Media and "Community activity"
 - The BLM moment is not about Racial Justice... but the promotion of...
 - A Marxist ideology
 - The LGBT movement
 - With the aim to smash the nuclear family

Not going well.

The "experiment" in building a godless society is going very, very badly.

The church is joining in

But there is another experiment going on.

A great deal of the church is also carrying on an experiment, and that is not going well either.

The experiment of **being pally with the world and not condemning sin** is going very badly.

Joel Osteen, megachurch pastor, during a recent interview, was asked to state his core message...

"God is good, He's for you, He's on your side."

Asked if he declares homosexuality a sin, he replied.

"I don't necessarily focus on that," Osteen said. "I only talk about that in interviews. It seems like in Christianity we categorize sin ... I don't think [homosexuality] is God's best."

It is not fashionable to speak of God's foundations for society.

And building on other foundations is not very... safe.

The church across the western world is crumbling.

And I do not believe it is because we are not “seeker friendly enough.”

It is because we are building on the wrong foundations.

How have our foundations become so crumbled?

Nations can be lead astray

The gods,

(the spiritual beings, like angels, but those who rebelled with Satan against the one true God.)

The gods including Satan seek to bring nations to destruction.

" The thief cometh not, but for to **steal, and to kill, and to destroy**: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. " (John 10:10)

The thief here is the devil, and he comes with a very unpleasant job description.

To steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

That is... What he does.

And those who are of his kingdom do the same.

Lead astray by the gods

Nations, lead by the gods (small g), have gone astray and their foundation is out of course or out pf place.

A Psalm of Asaph. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. 2. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. 3. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. 5. **They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.** 6. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. 7. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. 8. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations. (Psa 82:1-8)

Nations can be lead by their own hearts.

But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away of his own lust**, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. (James 1:14-15)

We may need a little nudge, but our hearts are inclined to turning way from God and his plans.

Eave in the garden of Eden.

... when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (Genesis 3:6)

This was as combination of Satan tempting and Eve having a heart that was looking for **Self-aggrandisement**.

That SHE might become wise.

God may also remove a foundation

It might be God who has undermined or damaged our foundations.

Once a nation has begun to reject the Lord their God.
The Lord their God, may bring them down.

The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and **hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.**
(Lamentations 4:11)

Why would God remove a foundation?

"For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her," (Lamentations 4:13)

Often a nations down fall is the fact of the church or the priests in OT times.

When he brings trouble on a nation, it is normally for their good.

To draw the back to him.

" It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not." (Lamentations 3:22)

This is the same nation that God has kindled a fire against, but it is out of God's mercies.

We wants the nation to return to him.

If your foundations are poor, your building will fall.

If you foundations are dust, it can be brought down by a moth.

How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay,
**whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed
before the moth?** (Job 4:19)

Wise and foolish man. The good and bad foundations.

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47. Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48. **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. 49. 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. (Luke 6:46-49)

We could end the message here.

Good foundations = building on God's word

Poor or no foundations = don't build on God's word

But lets go a little further.

If...

- Your life
- Your family
- Your church
- Your nations is building on sand or “the earth” it will fall.

What can the righteous do?

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psa 11:3 (KJV)

In some sense, and I think the general theme of this verse is...

Nothing!

There is nothing that you can do!

If the foundations have gone.

The building is lost.

But.

- We can try
- We can work
- We can strive

It is not over until the fat lady sings... and she has not sung yet.

Until the final whistle there is still hope.

We can, we must strive to restore the foundations.

- The church

- The nations leaders
- You

Can and must strive for the rebuilding of the foundations.

Foundations can be rebuilt

We need to rebuild those foundations.

"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." (Isaiah 58:12)

Before you build. You need to lay strong foundations.

"In the first year of Cyrus the king the same **Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God** at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and **let the foundations thereof be strongly laid**; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits;" (Ezra 6:3)

Even the gentle king Cyrus know that you need strongly laid foundations.

We need to “**repairer the breach**” or **relay the foundations**.

Not new foundation.

We are not inventing a NEW way or new foundation, but...

- Exposing God’s foundations

- Or re-laying God's foundations
- Or pointing to God's foundations saying build here, build on this.

What foundations do we lay?

We need foundations laid by God.

We need to be like Abraham who...

“... looked for **a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**” (Hebrews 11:10)

There is only one true foundation.

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

No other sure foundation.

Ever other foundations is no foundation.

Just building in the earth.

You need the true foundation to gain eternal life.

Laying up in store for themselves **a good foundation** against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (1Ti 6:19)

Teaching or preaching is laying this foundation.

Paul, in his preaching and teaching ministry, laid a good foundation.

The foundation of Christ and his Gospel

- of biblical godliness.
- of righteous living.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.** But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. (1 Col 3:10)

The church must be...

Society should be...

... **built upon the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (Eph 2:20)

Lay the foundation... then build.

The Gospel is our foundation, but should be built upon.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,** (Heb 6:1)

The foundations are...

Should only be the beginning.

NOW build!

How do we lay this foundation?

It is no stretch to speed of the preaching / teaching of the Gospel and God's wider message in the Bible as being...

a laying of this foundation.

Yea, so have **I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:** (Rom 15:20)

- We who preach
- We who teach
- We who talk to our neighbours over coffee
- We who work in an office
- We who...

Must lay this foundation.

We must first know the "gospel of Christ," must know God's foundations for society so we can lay, day by day the foundation for ourselves and our nation.

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." (Isaiah 28:10)

Daily we must be in the world and building our foundations.

Conclusion.

The West is no longer built on God's foundations, but is building with dust as its foundation.

It will fall.

And “the ruin of that house [will be] great.” (Luke 6:49)

We...

We the church

We as individual

- Either lead the nation back to God’s foundations...
- Or the building is lost.

That is why I am retiring from crying as a watchman on the wall the danger is on the horizon.

The danger is in the very foundation not on the horizon.

In the Bible Matters series on Foundation...

God willing...

We are going to lay again, (or at least layout to view), a great many of the Foundations of the Christian faith.

To mix our metaphors, we are going to...

“... ask for **the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls ...”
(Jeremiah 6:16)

We will, (God willing), start with “before the beginning.”

God in eternity past.