

Solution to Study 0004

Scripture Text: Psalm 11:3

“I trust in the LORD for protection. So why do you say to me, “Fly like a bird to the mountains for safety! The wicked are stringing their bows and fitting their arrows on the bowstrings. They shoot from the shadows at those whose hearts are right. The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:1-3 (New Living Translation)

“I have taken refuge in the LORD. How can you say to me: “Flee to your mountain like a bird? Wicked people bend their bows. They set their arrows against the strings to shoot in the dark at people whose motives are decent. When the foundations {of life} are undermined, what can a righteous person do?” Psalm 11:1-3 (God's Word)

Assignment

A. What does a foundation represent in a person's life?

- *Fundamental principles*
- *Core values*
- *The basis of what you do*
- *What your life is built on*
- *What you depend on for your very existence*
- *Your beginnings*
- *The underpinnings of your life*
- *Your Roots*

B. Fill in the blanks:

- 1) Although foundations are *hidden/unseen*; they are the most *important/significant* part of any building.
- 2) If the foundation is *bad/faulty* the *building* will not stand.
- 3) The above statements (1 & 2) are true for *buildings* and also for *human beings*.
- 4) We can therefore say that except your *life* is built on a *firm/good/solid* foundation, you cannot survive the challenges of life.

C. What is the foundation of a Christian?

1 Corinthians 3:11; Acts 4:10-12.

Jesus Christ

D. Please carefully study the scriptures below, and state the kinds of foundation they speak about, and then state their negative or opposite.

Proverbs 10:25; 2 Timothy 2:19; Isaiah 28:16.

- *Everlasting – Never-lasting*
- *Foundation of God – Foundation of the devil, men, culture, etc.*
- *Foundation Stone – sand*
- *Tried foundation – untried or untested or unproven foundation*
- *Precious Stone – useless stone*
- *Sure foundation – uncertain or deceptive foundation*
- *Firm foundation – wobbly/defective foundation*

E. How do we get the right foundation?

Matthew 16:13-18; Ephesians 2:20-22; Luke 6:46-49.

1. *Upon the revelation of Jesus as the Christ (Saviour of mankind) and the Son of God.*
2. *Upon the foundation (doctrines or teachings) of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone*
3. *Following the teachings of Jesus Christ without question.*

Conclusion

It is one thing to lay a good foundation; it is another thing to build on the good foundation (***1 Peter 2:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:9-10***).

At 5:12 a.m., on April 18, 1906, there was an earthquake in San Francisco, U.S.A. The earthquake lasted for about 1 minute: there was a 20-25 sec. foreshock, and a 42 sec. main shock. By the time it was over, the 7.7 to 8.3 magnitude (very powerful) earthquake had covered a 296-mile radius, affecting places like Southern Oregon, Southern Los Angeles, Central Nevada. The impact of the earthquake was a series of fires burning out of control which accounted for about 90% of the destruction. 3,000 lives were lost; 225,000 people were injured; and properties worth \$400bn (1906 figures) were damaged.

Investigations showed that the remote cause of this powerful earthquake was the result of the California Gold Rush: years of digging for gold had caused the earth to give way! Unfortunately, most people did not pay attention to building their homes on firm foundations.

*Today, there is a similarity with the Christian life. Many people are focusing their lives on prosperity (digging for gold), but have not considered the impact of a collapse of money and prosperity on their faith. Have you? (**Hebrews 12:26-27**). Will your foundation withstand a shaking from God?*