

## **Foundations #1 - Salvation:**

Psalm 11:1-4

**Intro:** We have finished for now our series, Summer-In-The-Psalms.

Today, we turn to **one more- Psalm 11 – as the perfect segway for our new them**

We don't know exactly the details of David's circumstances as he wrote.

What we do **instantly recognize is the universal struggle playing out in his words.**

***"If the foundations be destroyed..."***

**There are foundations upon which every person is building their life.**

- Many are dangerous, deceptive foundations that will not stand the tests of life and time
- **Then there are key, core foundations upon which we are directed by God to build our lives which WILL NOT BE DESTROYED IN THE TESTS OF LIFE & ETERNITY!**

**It began in Eden -**

- God created and made and provided for Adam and Eve... Paradise.
- Satan offered lies, flamed suspicion and pointed them to a delicious, alluring alternative – **a foundation other than knowing and trusting their God.**

**We know the result.**

**Today, as in every age, there**

- **Are alternatives of every imaginable nature being offered as foundations for life and happiness and security... False, dangerous foundations.**
- **Is an attack on those real, worthy foundations of life and eternity**

**Foundations.**

- What are they?
- **There are the foundations that we build upon that, when shaken, will not stand. Will be destroyed.** Perhaps –
  - Personal shaking...
  - Periodic shaking as time marches on....
  - Perennial shaking – perpetual winds and tremors

**What foundations are we building our hopes and dreams upon that when shaken will not stand?**

- **What are the foundations that will stand, that cannot be destroyed, that are worthy of our faith and hope?**

We'll address several over the next few weeks, but for today, we begin with **the core foundation of all:**

**A Personal Relationship With God through Jesus Christ. Salvation!**

## I. David's Experience.

A. Vs. 1 – **David begins with an affirmation of faith**. What He *should* think or believe.

B. Vs. 1-2: **The attack on David's faith**. Or probably more correct, the attack on the *David's foundation, the object of his faith*. What "should be" is contested!

- **The tempters/voices** - "*how say ye to my soul*"
- **The temptation:**  
*"Flee as a bird to your mountain"*  
i.e. – "*Take off. Run. Take your life into your hands and flee.*"
- **The truth:**  
God led David to pause, look through the lie and see **the inevitable result**  
*"the wicked bend their bow... make ready their arrow... shoot at the upright!"*

In other words, -

*"Go ahead and flee little bird – and as soon as you spread your wings and begin to fly, you'll die. An arrow is already fitted and waiting and will whizz through so fast and sure you won't know what happened!"*

C. vs. 3 - **David asked:**

Vs. 3 – "*If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*"

i.e. – *If I can't trust God, who can I trust? if His way won't work, what will?*"

**Let's consider the opposite: As we'll see in just a moment from Jesus –**

Throughout history there have been many substitutes – false foundations – money, career, politics, health— but ultimately they fail!

If you have put your *faith in other foundations*... To use David's analogy -

- "*fleeing as a bird*" – **Winging your way through life on your own efforts, thoughts and abilities...**
- "*your mountain*" - **Your places of security, significance, or satisfaction**

***If you have built you life, significance, security, identity – hope – on anything other than Jesus, on any foundation – WHEN THEY ARE DESTROYED AND FAIL – what will you do then?***

**D. David's Affirmation:** vs. 4 – "**The LORD is...**"

**NOT:** "*Is the LORD...?*" – **Questioning,**

**BUT** - "**The LORD is...**" – **Confidence. Affirmation.**

1. "**The LORD.**"

God. Jehovah. Jesus.

## 2. "Is..." HE IS....

**Real!** – "is"

**Present** – "is" - Right Now!

**Perpetuity** – "is" –

The **"I AM" always will be.**

The name **"Jehovah"** when broken apart in the Hebrew means ***the one who was, is and will be!***

**"Is..."**

- ***"in his holy temple"***
- ***"throne is in heaven"***
- ***"his eyes behold"***

**Real. Reigning. Is right where He promised He would be doing what only He can do!**

**Any other foundation – will be destroyed!**

**My foundation – JESUS – is... everything. Solid. Eternal.**

***"Foundations..."***

## **II. Jesus' Explanation. Matthew 7:21-27**

The conclusion to His Sermon on the Mt.: The Manifesto of God and His Kingdom!

### **A. The Revelation:**

- **A sobering reality:** ***"not every one that saith..."***
- **A staggering number – "many".** "vs 22. –
  - Jesus – speaking with authority they had never heard – stilled the crowd...  
**"MANY..."**
  - Not a few... "Many"
- **A simple distinction:** ***"knew you"***
- The **Sovereign Criteria: Personal relationship!** **TODAY'S FOUNDATION!**
- **A frightening eternity:** ***Depart from me!***  
Mat 25:41 - ***Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:***  
Cf. Rev. 20:11-15

### **B. The Illustration:** The story: Wise man/foolish man.

- **Both** – worked hard and built.
- **The difference: NOT THE WORKERS but the foundation!**
  - The sand: Any other foundation!
  - “The rock” / “These sayings of mine”

1. Jesus – First me.

2. Jesus - My words.

**“Doeth the will of my Father”** -

**What does that mean?**

- Not “do” – “*prophesied... cast out devils... wonderful works*”
- But - “*Knew!*”

**“Believe!”**

Jesus –

*“This is **the work of God, that ye believe** on him whom he hath sent.”* John 6:29

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, **that whosoever believeth on him** should not perish but have everlasting life”* John 3:16

*“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God!”* John 3:18

*“The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance!”* 2 Peter 3:9

**Two applications:**

- **The Foundation of Salvation** – the immediate verses preceding. The warning!  
Criteria: “knew you”
- **Building Upon The Foundation** (We’ll talk about that next week)

### **III. The Eternal Foundation**

**The Eternal Foundation For Everything: A personal relationship with Jesus!**

1 Corinthians 3

11. *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 1

18. *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

19. *But with **the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

20. Who verily was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was **manifest in these last times for you**,

21. Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory;  
**that your faith and hope might be in God.**

Ephesians 1

4. According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **(HOW?!)**

6. To the praise of the glory of his grace, **(HOW?!)**

**Answer:** ...wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved.**

**7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

**12. That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.**

The old hymn declares -

*"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand.*

We sang this morning-

*Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now*

*He won't !He won't!*

Conclusion:

**"When everything's stripped away, do you still have Him?"**

**"What do you build your identity and decisions on?"**

**"When you look past the grave, is Christ still your anchor?"**

- **All can know Jesus!**
- **Everyone must know Him if they are to be a child of God, part of His kingdom**
- **Only some will.**

1. Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?
2. Have you declared your trust in Jesus Christ your Savior?
3. Is He the foundation of...
  - Your Hope?
  - Your Life?
  - Your Future?