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## Foundations Assailed

### **“If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)**

We're living in a time when the world is trying to change the context of what it means to be alive in a way we have never seen before. Man is steadily working to bury the foundational understanding of the way things are, so that there are fewer obstacles to the evil he desires to commit: *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man”* (Mark 7:21-23). Man's first step is to *“suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them”* (Romans 1:18b-19). Man does this by misapplying science and perverting education (to suppress the knowledge of the existence of God), spurning natural behavior, and passing unnatural laws (to reward behavior that is contrary to Him and punish those who obey God). The result is that people everywhere *“do not know nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken”* (Psalm 82:5).

In short, no one knows which way is up and which way is down. Everyone does “what is right in his own eyes.” In this environment, you cannot get people to understand the truth, because they cannot see the foundation you are talking about. Where do we start when people everywhere are saying, “There is no God, there is no sin, there is no judgment”? In assailing the foundations, people are showing that they do *“not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, [so] God gave them over to a depraved mind,*

*to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them”* (Romans 1:28-32). This only ends in destruction, *“for the wages of sin is death”* (Romans 6:23a) as *“the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great”* (Luke 6:49). But no one is forced to build their lives on weak ground, for God has built us a sure Foundation: *“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed”* (Isaiah 28:16), *“for no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”* (1 Corinthians 13:11), so that *“when the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation”* (Proverbs 10:25).

Momentarily the foundation may look overwhelmed, but it is established for Eternity, and just as Jesus' toil was not in vain when the foundations of righteousness and justice were suppressed by the Pharisees, we too are to *“Continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard”* (Colossians 1:23a), *“knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 15:58b). That toil is to take up your cross daily *“and follow Me”* (Luke 9:23). Amen.