

INTRODUCTION: A builder may choose from many foundations. Only one is true... There are many which are false. A dozen people looked right at a car wreck... Called into court there may be twelve ideas about how the wreck happened. THE TRUTH IS: The wreck just happened one way, not twelve ways.

THE CONDITION WHICH RENDERS A FOUNDATION (CHRIST'S) FALSE

1. Regardless of the good material a foundation may have otherwise, the omission of one element leaves it worthless: "Every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not..."
 1. Every foundation which has not the sayings of Christ, all of them, is false.

SOME FAULTY FOUNDATIONS. We consider some:

1. Material power a false foundation.

1. Mighty Babylon rose upon that foundation to become one of the wonders of the world. But the prophets warning that owls should occupy her lordly houses and jackals should inhabit her fruitful valleys was fulfilled. Isaiah 13:17-22
2. Egypt builded a great civilization all based upon material power. But today: Egypt is little more than a desert land, with her ancient glory, the Pyramids, protruding like tombstone from her sand dunes, testifying that her foundation was faulty.
3. ~~Ancient Rome~~ with all the world's power at her command, flourished like the green bay tree for a season ignored God's Word, stands today withered and faded like a fragile flower in a storm.

2. Pleasure is another faulty foundation. The world is pleasure mad.

The world has been about junked made a day of pleasure and sports
 1. Lord Byron endowed with a brilliant mind, invested his years in pleasure, died of pleasure's sins at the youthful age of thirty-six years, penned the epitaph of his wasted life in the following words: *God's Holy Day*
 My days are in the yellow leaf; *has become mon's*
 The flowers and fruits of love are gone; *holiday*
 The worm, the canker, and the grief
 Are mine alone! When life cries out for peace
 pleasure can say, Here is a substitute for a moment." For
 rest: Here is forgetfulness for a season.

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BUT: When life cries out for, and pleads for repose for the long tomorrows: Pleasure has no answer and her devotees fade as the tender flower fades in the summer heat.

3. Worldly wisdom is another faulty foundation. | Cor. 1:2-1; 2:9

1. Worldly wisdom is satisfying to the pride of man and popular with many.

2. With needs that are infinite, men rest their hopes on minds that are finite.

3. They forget that as a building must rest on a foundation stronger than itself, man's life must have a foundation stronger than man and surer than man's wisdom.

4. A mr. Ben Johnson is reported to have said, "He that was only taught by himself had a fool for his master."

1. Man's need are of this world and the next. Therefore, wisdom which is only of this world cannot meet his needs. #

5. The handmaidens of wisdom are attractive:

1. Science appears, but being in a search for truth, she has failed to consider the source of truth, and has missed God.

2. Computing the age of the rocks and discovering the mysteries of the ages, she has missed the Rock of Ages...the only sure foundation for the soul's of men.

3. Sociology came seeking to help. She knows that the race is sick unto death but can offer no cure for its deadly disease.

4. Philosophy came along wading through her theories, manipulating her logic and grasping in the dark for her hopes, but philosophy has never been able to offer the great invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

THE SURE FOUNDATION:

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." Matt. 7:24

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