



~ A Firm Foundation ~

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” – Matthew 7:24-25

During the 1940’s, a man named Alex Jordan discovered a 60-foot chimney of rock in a beautiful area in Wisconsin known as Wyoming Valley. It was here he decided to build a house on the sandstone formation called Deer Shelter Rock. He built the 14-room house as a weekend retreat. Today, people come from all over to Spring Green, WI to see this amazing architectural wonder known as the “House on the Rock”. It has been expanded now and turned into a tourist attraction, but the house is amazing to see as it is literally built on and around rock.

1 Corinthians 10:4 tells us that Christ is our Rock and He is our sure foundation. *Psalm 18:2 says “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”* The world has a different attitude about how we find our deliverance and what we should trust. The almighty American dollar has been the culprit for our time and energies as we strive for the all American “dream”. Unfortunately, that dream is quickly fading and many people wonder just what happened to all that they worked so hard to achieve.

As humans, we tend to put our sense of value and security on the things around us we can see – our relationships, our education, and our material goods. However, these foundations have grown even shakier until one day they will ultimately vanish.

What is your foundation built on? What happens if tomorrow you lose your job? What if you lose your house or your spouse? What if you never get married or have kids? What happens if what you thought you always wanted never happens? There are many people every day that must face these life issues. It forces us to check ourselves. Where does our heart lie? What happens to us when the storms of life around us really pick up and begin to hammer at us? Will we stand or will we buckle under the onslaught?

It’s a serious question to ask when we as a nation are facing the worse economic decline we have ever faced and unemployment has reached an all-time high that surpasses the great depression of the 1930s. When what we have put our value and security in falls apart, we are left with nothing.

Jesus is the Rock that will not be shaken. God's Word is the sword of truth that cuts thru to the core of our being and puts the enemy at bay. Until we put our all on the Rock of our salvation, we stand on shaky ground. But perhaps that is why these things are happening to us. God is striving with His people to break them from their bonds of slavery they have been caught up in without realizing it. By losing those things that have held our heart apart from God opens us up to receive what cannot be taken from us and will save us in the end.

It's also a comfort to have Jesus as our firm foundation. Everything else will parish around us, but if our Rock is before us, we have something to stand behind as the tidal waves hit our world. Those waves must hit the rock before it hits us and the closer we stand behind that rock, the safer we are from not being washed away by that wave as it slams up and over the rock. Jesus gives us the armor we need to stand thru the coming crisis in our lives. His words never fail.

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance." – Isaiah 55:1-2

Won't you make Jesus your foundation today? He is the Rock of your deliverance and He will carry you through.

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