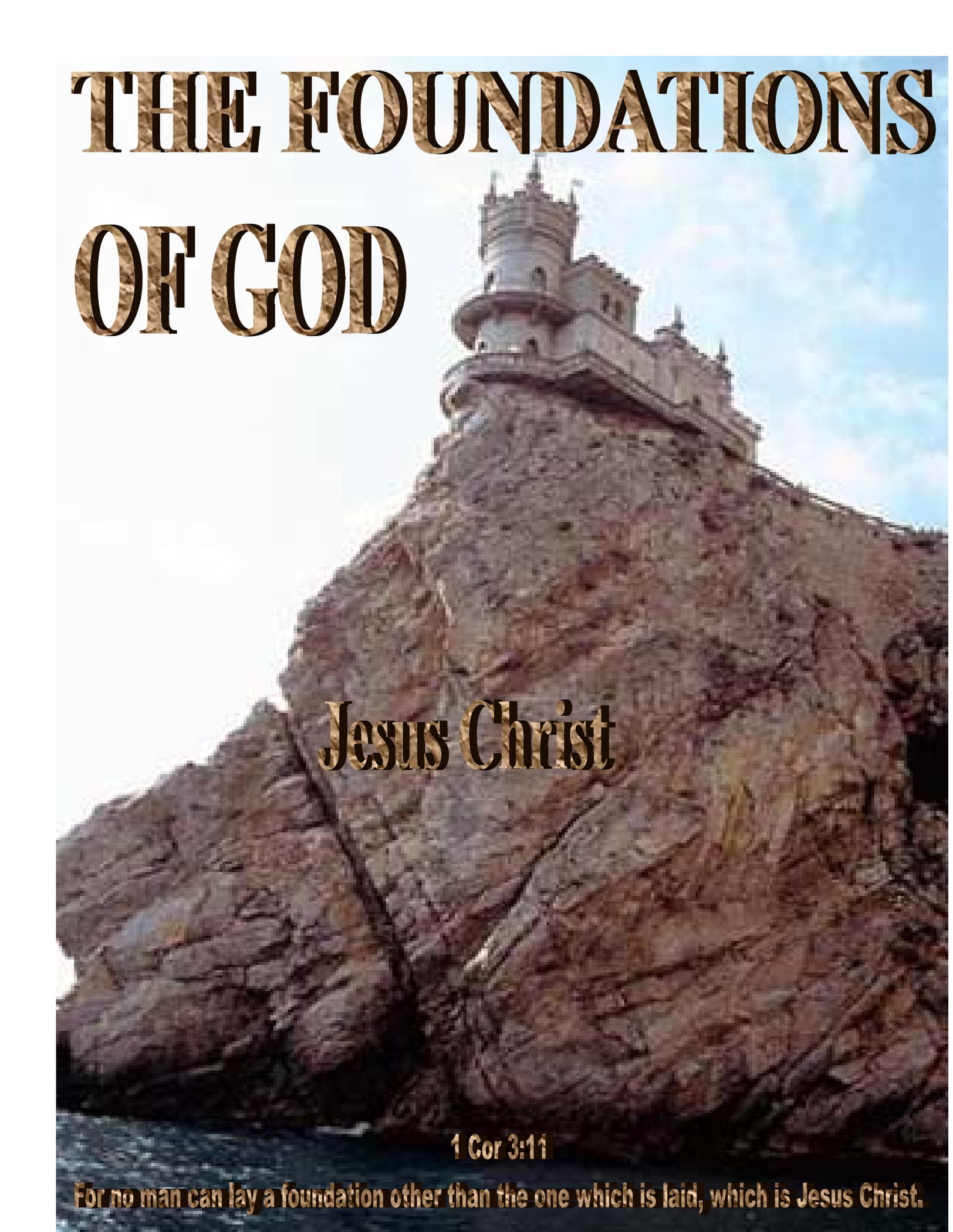


THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOD

A photograph of a castle built on a rocky cliffside, with a blue sky and clouds in the background. The castle has multiple towers and a crenelated roofline. The rock face is rugged and brownish-grey.

Jesus Christ

1 Cor 3:11

For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

God has Laid and/or mandated the “Foundations” of everything that exist today or will exist in the future. There is nothing that has been or will be Created that has not been Created by God.

(Ephesians 3:9-11)

All things are and were Created for His Pleasure. (Revelation 4:11)

Today there is much confusion in the world because many well respected people such as University Professors, Scientists, Psychologists, Politicians, etc., are caught up in such theories as humanism, global warming, the theory of evolution, the big bang theory etc. Although none of these theories have been proven, they have been handed down **as** Truth over the years, which have led to much of this confusion.

As Christians, we know that the Bible **is** the Word of God and **is** Truth; therefore, we need to continually search the Scriptures to understand what the Bible teaches about them, and to also be able to disprove the validity of these questionable theories. (Acts 17:11 1 Timothy 6:20-21)

We are not to rely on Man’s Foundations, but to rely only on what are “God’s Foundations.”

When you do search the Scriptures, you will find that these different theories in/of the world are **not** a part of “God’s Foundations”, and therefore they **cannot** be a part of a “Christian’s Foundation”. Neither should we base our “Christian Foundation” on the things in/of the World, because they are going to soon perish. (Psalms 102:25-26 Hebrews 1:10-11)

We must however, base our “Christian Foundation” upon God because God never changes and His years are without end. (Psalms 102:27 Hebrews 1:12)

Once we believe and know in our hearts that it **is** God who Laid the “Foundations of the World”, then we can take comfort in knowing that nothing is going to happen that God has not planned or allowed, neither will it take Him or ourselves (Christians) by surprise. (Matthew 13:35)

I pray that as you read this Book on “The Foundations of God”, you will begin to understand that as the ‘Body of Christ’, we too have been built on “God’s Foundation”. Because of this, we can rest in the hope and knowledge that we **have a firm** “Foundation” and that “Foundation” **is Jesus Christ**. (Hebrews 3:6)

1 Cor 3:11

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

I. THE MEANING OF FOUNDATION:

In order to more fully understand about “The Foundations of God”, we need to know what the word “Foundation” actually means.

The following is the meaning of the word “Foundation” as understood in English, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

In the Dictionary:

In English:

Foun·da·tion:

1. **The act of founding**, especially the establishment of an institution with provisions for future maintenance.
2. **The basis on which a thing stands, is founded, or is supported.**

Foundation:

1. Something upon which another is built:

- base • basis • bottom • cornerstone • footing • fundament • ground
- groundwork • infrastructure • seat • substratum • substructure
- underpinning • basement • cellar • understructure • pedestal

2. A fact or circumstance lending logical support:

- proof • basis • case • evidence • ground • justification • rationale • reason

3. Plan made to prepare for some undertaking:

- preparation • arrangement • groundwork • measure • provision • spadework

Found' found·ed, found·ing, founds:

1. **To establish or set up, especially with provision for continuing existence.**
2. **To establish the foundation or basis of; base.**

In the Bible:

In Hebrew:

3245 yacad (yaw-sad');
a primitive root; **to set** (literally or figuratively); intensively, **to found**; reflexively, to sit down together, i.e. settle, consult:

KJV-- appoint, take counsel, **establish**, (**lay the**, lay for a) **found** (-ation), instruct, **lay**, ordain, set, X sure.

3246 yecud (yes-ood');
from 3245; **a foundation** (figuratively, i.e. **beginning**):

KJV-- X began.

3247 yecowd (yes-ode');
from 3245; **a foundation** (literally or figuratively):

KJV-- **bottom, foundation, repairing**

3248 yecuwdah, (yes-oo-daw');
feminine of 3246; **a foundation**:

KJV-- **foundation.**

4143 muwcad (moo-sawd');
from 3245; **a foundation:**

KJV-- **foundation.**

In Aramaic:

787 'osh (Aramaic) (ohsh);

corresponding (by transposition and abbreviation) to 803; **a foundation:**

KJV-- **foundation.**

In Greek:

2310 themelios (them-el'-ee-os);

from a derivative of 5087; **something put down**, i.e. **a substruction** (of a building, etc.), (literally or figuratively):

KJV-- **foundation.**

2311 themelioo (them-el-ee-o'-o);

from 2310; **to lay a basis for**, i.e. (literally) **erect**, or (figuratively) **consolidate:**

KJV-- **(lay the) found (-ation)**, ground, settle.

2602 katabole (kat-ab-ol-ay');
from 2598; a deposition, i.e. **founding**; figuratively, **conception:**

KJV-- **conceive, foundation**

Now that we have a better understanding of what a “Foundation” is, let us proceed to look into what “The Foundations of God” consists of:

II. IN THE BEGINNING:

In the beginning, God was already here! Since God consists of “The Godhead”, this means that ‘God the Father’, ‘God the Son’ and ‘God the Holy Spirit’ has always been (or existed).

(Read the Book “The Godhead” Written by Timothy II)

John 1:1-2

1 **In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

2 **The same was in the beginning with God.**

Col 2:9

9 **For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

Heb 13:8

8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Rom 1:20

20 **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;...**

“The Godhead” which consists of ‘God the Father’, ‘God the Son’, and ‘God the Holy Spirit’ are actually ‘three persons’ in one. (1 Corinthians 8:6 Ephesians 4:4-6 1 Timothy 2:5)

I Jn 5:7

7 **For there are three that bear record (witness) in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

It is “The Godhead” that has Created **all** things.

This was accomplished by ‘God the Father’, who directed ‘God the Son’ to Lay the groundwork, then ‘God the Son’ spoke the Word, and ‘God the Holy Spirit’ performed it.

Gen 1:1-3

1 **In the beginning God (Elohiym - plural for “The Godhead”) created the heaven and the earth.**

2 **And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit (Ruwach) of God (Elohiym) moved upon the face of the waters.**

3 **And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

Ps 33:6

6 **By the word (dabar - spoken word) of the LORD (Yehovah) were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.**

Prov 30:4

4 **Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?**

Isa 48:12-13

12 **Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.**
(Isaiah 44:6 Revelation 1:17)

13 **Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand (Jesus the Son) hath spanned (extended) the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. (1 Peter 3:22)**

God made the Earth by His power, which is the ‘Spirit of Might.’ God established the “Foundation of the World” by His ‘Spirit of Wisdom’ and stretched out the “Heavens” by His ‘Spirit of Understanding.’
(Isaiah 11:2)

Jer 10:12 51:15

12 **He hath made the earth by his power (Might), he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion (Understanding).**

Prov 3:19

19 **The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.**

John 1:3

3 **All things were made by him (Jesus); and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

Eph 3:9

9 **And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God (Theos), who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

Heb 1:10

10 **And, Thou, Lord (Kurios), in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:**

III. THE FOUNDATION OF HEAVEN:

In the beginning God (“The Godhead”) Created (Laid) “The Foundation of Heaven” and everything in it. “Heaven” consists of various places and/or parts. They are:

- A. The “First Heaven”.
- B. The “Second Heaven”.
- C. The “Third Heaven”.
- D. The “Heavenly New Jerusalem”.

Gen 1:1

1 In the beginning God (Elohiym - plural for “The Godhead”) **created the heaven** (shamayim) and the earth.

Although “Heaven” consists of several places and/or parts, the Hebrew word for “Heaven” (shamayim) actually has a dual meaning for both the “First Heaven” and the “Second Heaven”.

In Hebrew:

8064 shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim);

dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; **the sky** (as aloft; **the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve**):

KJV-- **air**, X astrologer, **heaven** (-s).

The Greek word for “Heaven” (ouranos) actually has a dual meaning for both the “First Heaven” and the “Third Heaven”.

In Greek:

3772 ouranos (oo-ran-os');

perhaps from the same as 3735 (**through the idea of elevation**); **the sky**; by extension, **heaven (as the abode of God)**; by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specifically, the Gospel (Christianity):

KJV-- **air**, **heaven** ([-ly]), **sky**.

A. THE FOUNDATION OF THE FIRST HEAVEN:

The “First Heaven” consists of the visible arch of the ‘Sky’ above the Earth, which is also known as the ‘Air’. This is where the rain comes from, the clouds move, and where the birds fly. “The Foundation of the First Heaven” was Laid when “Heaven” and the Earth were Created.

The following Scriptures confirm the Laying of “The Foundation of the First Heaven”:

Gen 1:8

8 And God called the firmament (expanse of) **Heaven** (shamayim). And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Gen 1:20

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and **fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament** (visible arch of the sky) **of heaven** (shamayim).

Ps 102:25-27

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: **and the heavens** (shamayim) **are the work of thy hands.**

Acts 10:12

12 **Wherein were all** manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and **fowls of the air** (ouranos - the sky).

James 5:18

18 And he prayed again, **and the heaven** (ouranos - the sky) **gave rain**, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

B. THE FOUNDATION OF THE SECOND HEAVEN:

The “Second Heaven” is the higher ether of ‘Outer Space’ where the celestial bodies revolve.

In Hebrew:

8064 shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim);

dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to **the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve**):

KJV-- air, X astrologer, **heaven** (-s).

The following Scriptures confirm the Laying of “The Foundation of the Second Heaven”:

Gen 1:14-18

14 **And God said, Let there be lights** (luminous bodies) **in the firmament of the heaven** (shamayim - the higher ether) to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 **And let them be for lights** (luminous bodies) **in the firmament of the heaven** (shamayim - the higher ether) to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 **And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.**

17 **And God set them in the firmament of the heaven** (shamayim - the higher ether) to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and **to divide the light from the darkness**: and God saw that it was good.

Isa 45:12

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: **I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens** (shamayim - the higher ether), **and all their host have I commanded** (set in order).

C. THE FOUNDATION OF THE THIRD HEAVEN:

The “Third Heaven” is where ‘God Dwells’. It is called the “Third Heaven” because it is above or in a different realm than the “First Heaven” or the “Second Heaven”.

In Greek:

5154 tritos (tree'-tos);

ord. from 5140; **third**; neuter (as noun) **a third part**, or (as adverb) a (or the) third time, thirdly:

KJV-- **third** (-ly).

3772 ouranos (oo-ran-os');

perhaps from the same as 3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, **heaven (as the abode of God)**; by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specifically, the Gospel (Christianity):

KJV-- air, **heaven** ([-ly]), sky.

The following Scriptures confirm the “Third Heaven” is ‘The Abode of God’:

Matt 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, **and glorify your Father which is in heaven** (ouranos - Heaven as ‘The Abode of God’).

Here Paul speaks about himself as he talks about his visit to the “Third Heaven”.

2 Cor 12:2-3

2 **I knew a man in Christ** above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) **such an one caught up to the third** (tritos - part of) **heaven** (ouranos - Heaven as ‘The Abode of God’).

3 **And I knew such a man**, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

PARADISE:

The “Third Heaven” is also known as ‘Paradise’ and a future place of happiness.

In Greek:

3857 paradeisos (par-ad'-i-sos);

of Oriental origin [compare 6508]; a park, i.e. (specifically) **an Eden (place of future happiness, “paradise”)**:

KJV-- **paradise**.

2 Cor 12:4

4 **How that he** (Paul) **was caught up into paradise** (paradeisos), and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Jesus told the ‘Thief on the Cross’, that ‘**Today**’ he would be with Him in ‘Paradise’. This leads many to believe (myself included), that ‘Paradise’ was at that time a compartment inside the earth known as ‘Abraham’s Bosom’, where the Old Testament Saints resided. (Luke 16:22-26) Therefore, when Jesus and the Thief died, they immediately went there. They remained there until Jesus rose from the dead and took Captivity Captive, which means He took the Thief and all of the ‘Old Testament Saints’ with Him to ‘Paradise’ that is now in the “Third Heaven”.

Luke 23:43

43 **And Jesus said unto him**, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise** (paradeisos).

‘The Tree of Life’ is in the midst of ‘Paradise’ (the “Third Heaven”).

Rev 2:7

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of **the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise** (paradeisos) **of God**.

The “Heavenly” battles that take place are no doubt somewhere in a part of the “Third Heaven”.

In Greek:

2032 epouranios (ep-oo-ran'-ee-os);
from 1909 and 3772; **above the sky**:
KJV-- celestial, **(in) heaven (-ly), high**.

Eph 6:12

12 **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities**, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high** (epouranios) **places**.

Rev 12:7-10

7 **And there was war in heaven** (ouranos): **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon**; and the dragon fought **and his angels**,

8 **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven** (ouranos).

9 **And the great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him**.

10 **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven** (ouranos), **Now is come salvation**, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down**, which accused them before our God day and night.

Rev 19:14

14 **And the armies which were in heaven** (ouranos) followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

The following Scriptures **confirm** that there is definitely more than one “Heaven”:

Isa 55:9

9 **For as the heavens are higher than the earth**, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Eph 4:10

10 **He** that descended is the same also **that ascended up far above all heavens** (ouranos), that he might fill all things.)

Rev 12:12

12 **Therefore rejoice, ye heavens** (ouranos), **and ye that dwell in them**. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

D. THE FOUNDATION OF THE HEAVENLY NEW JERUSALEM:

The “Heavenly New Jerusalem” has been “Founded” (Created) and made ready by God.

The “Heavenly New Jerusalem” is the final destination for **all** of the ‘Body of Christ’. It will come down from “Heaven” to the ‘New Earth’! (Revelation 21:1)

Isa 65:18-19

18 **But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create:** for, behold, **I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.**

19 **And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people:** and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Heb 11:16

16 **But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared (made ready) for them a city.**

Rev 21:2-3

2 **And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven (ouranos),** prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 **And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

Rev 21:9-27

9 **And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

10 **And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven (ouranos) from God,**

11 **Having the glory of God:** and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12 **And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:**

13 **On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.**

14 **And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

15 **And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.**

16 **And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.**

17 **And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.**

18 **And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.**

19 **And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;**

20 **The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.**

21 **And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.**

22 **And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**

23 **And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

24 **And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.**

25 **And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.**

26 **And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.**

27 **And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth**, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: **but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

‘The Tree of Life’ will become a part of the “Heavenly New Jerusalem”.

Rev 22:2

2 **In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:14

14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

IV. THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH:

In the beginning God (“The Godhead”) Created (Laid) the “Foundation of the Earth” and everything in it.

Gen 1:1-2

1 **In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

2 **And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**

Gen 1:9-12

9 **And God said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and **let the dry land appear: and it was so.**

10 **And God called the dry land Earth**; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 **And God said**, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, **upon the earth: and it was so.**

12 **And the earth brought forth** grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: **and God saw that it was good.**

Gen 2:1-2

1 **Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.**

2 **And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made**; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Gen 2:4

4 **These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,**

V. THE FUTURE OF HEAVEN AND THE EARTH:

Man believes in many different theories about how and when “Heaven and the Earth” were Created, but it is God (“The Godhead”) that has Laid their “Foundation” and Created them.

God has also foretold us what is going to happen to “Heaven and the Earth” in the future.

Ps 102:25-27

25 **Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.**

26 **They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old (wear out) like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

27 **But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.**

Heb 1:11-12

11 **They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old (wear out) as doth a garment;**

12 **And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.**

What is going to happen to “Heaven and the Earth” in the future is ‘Bad News’ for the ‘unbelievers’.

Isa 24:17-23

17 **Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.**

18 **And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.**

19 **The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.**

20 **The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.**

21 **And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.**

22 **And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.**

23 **Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.**

Jesus is Coming SOON!

Isa 40:4-5

4 **Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:**

5 **And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.**

Isa 40:10

10 **Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.**

Isa 40:12&15

12 **Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?**

15 **Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.**

Isa 40:17-18

17 **All nations before him are as nothing;** and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Isa 40:21-22

21 **Have ye not known? have ye not heard?** hath it not been told you from the beginning? **have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?**

22 **It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,** and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; **that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:**

Isa 40:26

26 **Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.**

Isa 40:28

28 **Hast thou not known?** hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, **the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth,** fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isa 51:6

6 **Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old (wear out) like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.**

Isa 51:10-11

10 **Art thou not it (He) which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?**

11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isa 51:13

13 **And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth;** and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

Isa 51:15-16

15 **But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared:** The LORD of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and **I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth,** and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

The ‘Good News’ for Christians is that God is going to Create “New Heavens” and a “New Earth”!

Isa 65:17

17 **For, behold, I create new heavens (shamayim) and a new earth:** and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa 66:22

22 **For as the new heavens (shamayim) and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD,** so shall your seed and your name remain.

2 Pet 3:13

13 **Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

Rev 21:1

1 **And I saw a new heaven (ouranos) and a new earth: for the first heaven (ouranos) and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

VI. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD:

God has Laid the “Foundation of the World” and all of it’s inhabitants. The difference in the term “World” as opposed to the term “Earth” is that it usually includes in a wider sense **all** of the Universe.

The following Scripture explains why we as Christians, because of our Faith, **cannot** believe in Evolution!

Heb 11:3

3 **Through faith we understand that the worlds (aion) were framed (thoroughly completed) by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

The following is the meaning of the word “World” in Hebrew and Greek:

In Hebrew:

8398 tebel (tay-bale');
 from 2986; the earth (as moist and therefore inhabited); by extension, **the globe; by implication, its inhabitants**; specifically, a partic. land, as Babylonia, Palestine:

KJV-- **habitable part, world.**

In Greek:

165 aion (ahee-ohn');
 from the same as 104; properly, an age; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, **the world**;

specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future):

KJV-- age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-] ever, (**beginning of the while the world (began, without end).** Compare 5550.

2889 kosmos (kos'-mos);

probably from the base of 2865; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, **the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]):**

KJV-- **adorning, world.**

God has “Founded the World” and the fullness thereof. He has set the “World” on the pillars or hilltops of the Earth.

1 Sam 2:8

8 **...for the pillars (hilltops) of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world (tebel) upon them.**

Ps 89:11

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: **as for the world (tebel) and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded** (Laid the Foundation of) **them.**

Ps 24:1-2

1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; **the world (tebel), and they that dwell therein.**

2 **For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.**

Acts 17:24

24 **God that made the world (kosmos) and all things therein,** seeing that **he is Lord of heaven and earth,** dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Even though Jesus reigned in Glory **before** the “World” was, and he made the “World”, the “World” did not know Him.

John 1:10

10 **He was in the world (kosmos), and the world (kosmos) was made by him, and the world (kosmos) knew him not.**

John 17:5

5 And now, **O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world (kosmos) was.**

VII. BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD:

Even before God Laid the “Foundation of the World”, God knew what He was going to do. In other words, all the things that God did were ‘pre-destined’ or ‘foreordained’ **before** “The Foundation of the World”.

The following Scriptures confirm this statement:

An example of God ‘foreordaining’ a Prophet, is when the Lord spoke to Jeremiah the Prophet, He said:

Jer 1:4-5

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.**

Jesus stated that ‘God the Father’ loved Him before the “Foundation of the World”.

John 17:24

24 **Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am;** that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: **for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

Paul stated that ‘God the Father’ foreknew and did predestinate us to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Rom 8:29-30

29 **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

30 **Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

Peter stated that Jesus was foreordained before the “Foundation of the World” to be manifested in these last days for us.

1 Pet 1:18-20

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,**

VIII. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF MAN:

When God Laid the “Foundation of Man”, He Created “Man” in the likeness and image of “The Godhead”. God first Created the “Man” and then **out** of “Man” God Created the “Woman”.

Gen 1:26-27

26 **And God said, Let us make man (male & female) in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
 27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

Gen 5:1

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. **In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;**

This is **how** God Created “Man” as a *Body, *Soul and *Spirit.

Gen 2:7

7 **And the LORD God formed** (molded or fashioned the *Body of) **man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living*soul** (nephesh).

Zech 12:1

1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith **the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the*spirit** (ruwach) **of man within him.**

1Thes 5:23

23 **And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit** (pneuma) **and soul** (psuche) **and body** (soma) be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God Created “Woman” so that the “Man” would not be alone. Thus He Created “Woman” as a help meet (help mate or aid counterpart) for the “Man”.

This is how God Created “Woman”.

Gen 2:8

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Gen 2:18

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet (help mate or aid counterpart) for him.

Gen 2:21-23

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 5:2

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Gen 3:20

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

IX. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE:

“Marriage” is an institution “Founded” by God. God Laid the “Foundation of Marriage” after He Created the “Man” and the “Woman”, so that Mankind could reproduce and replenish the Earth through the sanctity of “Marriage”.

Gen 1:28

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,...

Heb 13:4

4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

In the eyes of God, the coming together of a “Man” and a “Woman” in the sanctity of “Marriage” causes them to become as **one** Flesh. This means that the “Man” and his “Wife” are without sin in bed, and when they are naked before each other, they should not be ashamed.

Gen 2:24-25

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Mark 10:6-8 Matthew 19:4-6

- 6 **But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**
 7 **For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;**
 8 **And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.**

Because God is the **one** that **joins** the “Marriage” together, it is not to be separated by any man. This means that “Marriage” is not made up of just a piece of paper, but actually is approved by God. Therefore, **no man** including “Husband” or “Wife” should cause the separation of the “Marriage”.

Mark 10:9

- 9 **What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder (separate).**

The following is the “Foundational Marriage Plan of God”:

Eph 5:21-25

- 21 **Submitting (subordinating) yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**
 22 **Wives, submit (subordinate) yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.**
 23 **For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**
 24 **Therefore as the church is subject (subordinate) unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.**
 25 **Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

Eph 5:28

- 28 **So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.**

Eph 5:31

- 31 **For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**

Eph 5:33

- 33 **Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence (revere) her husband.**

Col 3:18-19

- 18 **Wives, submit (subordinate) yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.**
 19 **Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.**

When we “Marry”, we can “Marry” whom we will, but we are to **only** “Marry” Christians **in the Lord!** Remember, there are many that may ‘call’ themselves Christians, but are not really **in the Lord.**

Prov 19:14

- 14 **House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent (wise, understanding, considerate, skillful and successful) wife is from the LORD.**

1 Cor 7:39

- 39 **The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.**

The “Wife” is the Glory of her “Husband”.

1 Cor 11:7-9

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but **the woman (Wife) is the glory of the man (Husband).**

8 **For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.**

9 **Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.**

1 Cor 11:11-12

11 **Nevertheless neither is the man (Husband) without the woman (Wife), neither the woman (Wife) without the man (Husband), in the Lord.**

12 **For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.**

X. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE FAMILY:

In spite of what the world would have us to believe about who and what makes up a family, it is God who has Laid the “Foundation of the Family”. After God Laid the “Foundation of Marriage” He Laid the “Foundation of the Family”. The Family begins when the Marriage itself is consummated. When a “Man” leaves his parents and joins with his “Wife” to become one flesh, a **new “Family” begins.**

Eph 5:31

31 **For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**

The “Family” without a doubt is one of the most important units of God’s Creations in this world. In Genesis, God expresses His use of the term “Family” as an important unit of people.

Gen 10:5

5 **By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.**

Gen 12:1

1 **Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:**

Gen 12:3

3 **And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Gen 28:10

10 **And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.**

Gen 28:13-14

13 **And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;**

14 **And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be**

blessed.

The basic “Family” unit Created by God consists of one “Man” (the Husband) and one “Woman” (the Wife), and if the two have been blessed with Children, the two become the (Father and the Mother). Of course there are many other members included in the “Family” such as the Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Nephews, Nieces, Cousins, etc.; however, we will not discuss them in this Book.

Gen 4:1

1 **And Adam knew (sexually) Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.**

Ps 127:3-5

3 **Lo, children are an heritage (inheritance) of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.**
 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
 5 **Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:**

If you want to have a “Blessed” and “Happy Family” you need to begin by having the “Fear of the Lord”.

Ps 128:1-4

1 **Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD;** that walketh in his ways.
 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: **happy shalt thou be,** and it shall be well with thee.
 3 **Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.**
 4 **Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.**

Ps 144:11-15

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:
 12 **That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:**
 13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:
 14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.
 15 **Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.**

Ps 34:9

9 **O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.**

The following is the “Foundational Family Plan of God”.

It **doesn't** take a village to raise a child it takes a (Father and a Mother).

Prov 23:24-25

24 **The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.**
 25 **Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.**

The Father:

The “Father” is the ‘Spiritual Leader’ of the Home, and is to declare the things of God to the Children. This will help them to set their hope in God, and not to forget the works of God, but **will** keep His Commandments.

Ps 78:1-8

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my law: **incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable: **I will utter dark sayings of old:**
- 3 **Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.**
- 4 **We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.**
- 5 **For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:**
- 6 **That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:**
- 7 **That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:**

This will also help to keep their Children from becoming a stubborn and rebellious generation like some of the “Fathers”, who’s Spirit is not steadfast with God.

- 8 **And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast (firm or faithful) with God.**

The “Father” as the ‘Spiritual Leader’ of the Home is also to instruct the Children.

Prov 1:1-9

- 1 **The proverbs of Solomon** the son of David, king of Israel;
- 2 **To know** wisdom and **instruction**; to perceive the words of understanding;
- 3 **To receive the instruction** of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;
- 4 **To give subtilty (wisdom) to the simple (foolish), to the young man knowledge and discretion.**
- 5 **A wise man will hear, and will increase learning**; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
- 6 **To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.**
- 7 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**
- 8 **My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law (precepts) of thy mother:**
- 9 **For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.**

“Fathers” **are** to chasten, discipline **and** to correct their children. The Hebrew word for this is Yacar and/or Muwcar. They mean the following:

In Hebrew:

3256 yacar (yaw-sar');

a primitive root; **to chastise, literally (with blows) or figuratively (with words); hence, to instruct:**
KJV-- bind, **chasten, chastise, correct, instruct, punish, reform, reprove, sore, teach.**

4148 muwcar (moo-sawr');

from 3256; properly, **chastisement**; figuratively, **reproof, warning or instruction; also restraint:**
KJV-- bond, **chastening** ([-eth]), **chastisement, check, correction, discipline, doctrine, instruction, rebuke.**

Prov 19:18

18 **Chasten** (yacar) **thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.**

Prov 22:6

6 **Train up** (discipline) **a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**

Prov 22:15

15 **Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction** (muwcar) **shall drive it far from him.**

Prov 23:13-14

13 **Withhold not correction** (muwcar) **from the child: for if thou beatest** (strike) **him with the rod, he shall not die.**

14 **Thou shalt beat** (strike) **him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.**

Prov 29:17

17 **Correct** (yacar) **thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.**

“Fathers” are **not** to provoke their children to wrath or anger, lest they become discouraged; however, this does not mean that they are **not** to discipline them!! The most important use of correction is to know when to use strong chastisement, and when to use mild rebuke! Take time to pray and ask the Lord to lead you on this!

In the Greek the words **nurture** and **admonition** mean the following:

In Greek:

3809 paideia (pahee-di'-ah);

from 3811; tutorage, i.e. education or training; **by implication, disciplinary correction:**

KJV-- **chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.**

3559 nouthesia (noo-thes-ee'-ah);

from 3563 and a derivative of 5087; **calling attention to, i.e. (by implication) mild rebuke or warning:**

KJV-- **admonition.**

Col 3:21

21 **Fathers, provoke** (quarrel, contend, strive) **not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.**

Eph 6:4

4 **And, ye fathers, provoke** (enrage, exasperate) **not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture** (paideia) **and admonition** (nouthesia) **of the Lord.**

The Mother:

The “Mother” is the backbone of the “Family” and the builder of the Home. She is the one that forms the Home into a Nest. (Psalms 84:3)

Prov 14:1

1 **Every wise woman buildeth** (builds, sets-up, makes, obtains children for) **her house:** but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

The “Mother” is also to help discipline her children. The Hebrew word for reproof is towkechah:

In Hebrew:

8433 towkechah (to-kay-khaw');
and towkachath (to-kakh'-ath); from 3198; **chastisement; figuratively (by words) correction, refutation, proof** (even in defence):

KJV-- argument, X **chastened, correction, reasoning, rebuke, reproof**, X be (often) reprov'd.

KJV-- argument, X **chastened, correction, reasoning, rebuke, reproof**, X be (often) reprov'd.

Prov 29:15

15 **The rod** (a punishing stick) **and reproof** (towkechah) **give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.**

The following Scriptures reveal what a “Wife and “Mother” of Substance” consists of:
Although the goal is not easy, it **is** attainable through the Lord!

Prov 31:10-31

10 **Who can find a virtuous woman** (a wife of substance)? **for her price is far above rubies.**

11 **The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,** so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 **She will do him good** and not evil **all the days of her life.**

13 **She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.**

14 She is like the merchants' ships; **she bringeth her food from afar.**

15 **She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household,** and a portion to her maidens.

16 **She considereth a field, and buyeth it:** with the fruit of her hands **she planteth a vineyard.**

17 **She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.**

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: **her candle goeth not out by night.**

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 **She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;** yea, **she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.**

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 **Her husband is known in the gates,** when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 **She maketh fine linen, and selleth it;** and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 **Strength and honour are her clothing;** and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 **She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.**

27 **She looketh well to the ways of her household,** and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 **Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.**

- 29 **Many daughters have done virtuously** (are women of substance), **but thou excellest them all.**
 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but **a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.**
 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and **let her own works praise her in the gates.**

The Children:

Since Children **are** Children and **not** adults, they need to be taught, corrected and physically disciplined so that they will grow up to be good citizens in the Lord. Many parents today are not doing these things, but instead are listening to a multitude of Psychologists rather than to the **Word of God!**

These Parents are not only doing a disservice to their Children, but are fast turning America and other Countries into disaster zones and will soon lead to their destruction. Unfortunately, even Governments have fallen for this trap of the Devil, and now make it a crime if Parents physically discipline their Children, thus breaking the **Laws of God.**

The Children in the Home need to listen with their ears to the Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding that the Parents impart to their Children and apply them to their hearts.

Prov 2:1-11

- 1 **My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;**
 2 **So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;**
 3 **Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;**
 4 **If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;**
 5 **Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.**
 6 **For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**
 7 **He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.**
 8 **He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.**
 9 **Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.**
 10 **When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;**
 11 **Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:**

Prov 6:20

- 20 **My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law (precepts) of thy mother:**

Prov 4:1-4

- 1 **Hear, ye children, the instruction (muwcar) of a father, and attend to know understanding.**
 2 For I give you good doctrine, **forsake ye not my law (precepts).**
 3 **For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.**
 4 **He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.**

Prov 10:1 Prov 15:20 Prov 17:25 Prov 23:22

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon. **A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.**

Prov 17:6

- 6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and **the glory of children are their fathers.**

Prov 29:3

3 **Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father:** but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

Eph 6:1-3

1 **Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.**

2 **Honour thy father and mother;** (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 **That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

Col 3:20

20 **Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**

God chastens and corrects His children! If our children do not learn how to receive their parent's chastening and correction, they will not receive God's either! The results could very well diminish their willingness to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Prov 3:11

11 **My son, despise not the chastening (muwcar) of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction (towkechah):**

In Hebrew another word for correction is the word yakach:

3198 yakach (yaw-kahh');

a primitive root; to be right (i.e. correct); reciprocal, to argue; causatively, to decide, **justify or convict**: - **appoint, argue, chasten, convince, correct** (-ion), daysman, **dispute, judge, maintain, plead, reason** (together), **rebuke, reprove** (-r), surely, in any wise.

Prov 3:12

12 **For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth (yakach); even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.**

The following is the result of **not** obeying God's plan for the "Family"!

Prov 30:11-13

11 **There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.**

12 **There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes,** and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

13 **There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes!** and their eyelids are lifted up.

Prov 30:17

17 **The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out,** and the young eagles shall eat it.

2 Tim 3:1-4

1 **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**

2 **For men shall be lovers of their own selves,** covetous, boasters, **proud,** blasphemers, **disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**

3 **Without natural affection** (hard-hearted toward family), trucebreakers, false accusers, **incontinent** (without self-control), fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, **heady** (headstrong) **highminded** (self-conceited), **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

And we **are** in the Last Days!!

“Father” as the ‘Spiritual Leader’

Some of you may have wondered why there is no mention of “Single Parent Families” in this Chapter. This is because God’s “Foundational plan of the Family” as mentioned previously consists of both Parents. This is a necessity to meet God’s First Commandment to Adam & Eve to be ‘fruitful and multiply’. (Genesis 1:27-28)

If there is a Single Parent Family and it is due to a Divorce, you need to know that God’s “Foundational Plan” does not include Divorce, because God Hates Divorce!

(Matthew 5:31-32 19:3-11 Mark 10:2-12 Luke 16:18 1 Corinthians 7:10-11)

God’s “Foundational Plan” also does not include early Widowhood. God has given us possible ways of avoiding Widowhood at least until old age. This can be accomplished by keeping God’s Commandments, Honoring our Parents, by becoming Righteous through the Salvation of Jesus Christ, and by being Planted in Church. (Proverbs 3:1-2 4:3-4 Ephesians 6:2-3 Psalms 92:12-14)

XI. CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND THE FAMILY:

“Church Leaders” are commanded in the Bible to be Faithful in ruling well their own “Families” having their children under obedience. If they don’t, how can they take care of the Church of God?

1 Tim 3:2-5

2 **A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4 **One that ruleth well his own house** (family), **having his children in subjection** (under obedience) **with all gravity** (honesty);

5 **(For if a man know not how to rule his own house** (family), **how shall he take care of** (or care for) **the church of God?)**

1 Tim 3:8-12

8 **Likewise must the deacons be grave** (honorable), not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, **being found blameless.**

11 **Even so must their wives be grave** (honorable), **not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.**

12 **Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses** (families) **well.**

The biggest problems in Marriage arise when a “Family” becomes divided. Eventually that “Family” will fall apart. That is why **all** “Families” need to be “Founded” upon the Rock (Jesus Christ).

Mark 3:25 Matt 3:25 Luke 11:17

25 **And if a house**(family) **be divided against itself, that house** (family) **cannot stand.**

When we Lay a strong ‘Spiritual’ ‘Foundation’ in our ‘Families’, our Homes become like a ‘House of God’. This leads many ‘Christian Families’ to start a ‘Home Fellowship’, and many great Churches have been born out of ‘Home Fellowships’.

Rom 16:3-5

3 **Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:**

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

5 **Likewise greet the church that is in their house.** Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Cor 16:19

19 The churches of Asia salute you. **Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.**

Col 4:15

15 **Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.**

Phile 1:2

2 **And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:**

XII. WHAT IS MAN THAT HE SHOULD QUESTION GOD:

Who are we to question ‘‘God’’? (Isaiah 45:9-12 Romans 9:20-21)

In this Chapter, God speaks to Job challenging him about his knowledge of the Laying of ‘‘God’s Foundations’’. By doing this, God shows Job his faults and humbles him, and at the same time God shows Job’s three friends their faults and humbles them for unjustly accusing Job.

Here God further describes ‘‘His Foundations’’ and many of their facets in detail.

Job 38:1-37

1 **Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,**

2 **Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?**

3 **Gird up now thy loins like a man;** for I will demand of thee, **and answer thou me.**

4 **Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 **Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?**

6 **Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;**

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or **who shut up the sea with doors,** when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 **When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,**

10 **And brake up (birthed) for it my decreed (appointed) place, and set bars (bolts) and doors,**

11 And said, **Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?**

12 **Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring (dawn) to know his place;**

13 **That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,** that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high (lofty, proud) arm shall be broken.

16 **Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?**

- 17 **Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?**
- 18 **Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth?** declare if thou knowest it all.
- 19 **Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,**
- 20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
- 21 **Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?**
- 22 **Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,**
- 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?
- 24 **By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?**
- 25 **Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;**
- 26 **To cause it to rain on the earth,** where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
- 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; **and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?**
- 28 **Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?**
- 29 **Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary (white) frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?**
- 30 **The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.**
- 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?
- 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?
- 33 **Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?**
- 34 **Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?**
- 35 **Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?**
- 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?
- 37 **Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay (cast down) the bottles (vessels) of heaven,**

XIII. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN BEHAVIOR:

God has Laid the “Foundation for Human Behavior” in “His Commandments”. In the Old Testament He Laid the “Foundation for Human Behavior” with His ‘Ten Commandments’ and in the New Testament the ‘Two Commandments’ of Jesus Christ. No matter how hard man tries through Philosophy, Psychology, Ethics, Critical Thinking, etc., we cannot produce a **better** “Foundation” nor improve on the “Foundation of Human Behavior” based in these ‘Commandments’ Created by God.

The following are the ‘Ten Commandments’ of the Old Testament.

Exod 34:27-28 Deut 4:12-13

27 **And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor (in accordance with) of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.**

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. **And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.**

Exod 20:1-17 Deut 5:6-21

1 **And God spake all these words, saying,**

2 **I am the LORD thy God,** which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

4 **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,** or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 **Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;** for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 **Remember the sabbath day,** to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 **Honour thy father and thy mother:** that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 **Thou shalt not kill** (murder).

14 **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

15 **Thou shalt not steal.**

16 **Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.**

17 **Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,** thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, **nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.**

The following are the 'Two Great Commandments' under the New Covenant of Jesus Christ.

Matt 22:36-39 Mark 12:30-31

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 **Jesus said** unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38 **This is the first and great commandment.**

39 **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

I Jn 3:23

23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

All the Law (including the ‘Ten Commandments’) and the Prophets hang on these ‘Two Great Commandments’. In other words, if we keep these ‘Two Commandments’, we will be fulfilling all the Law and keeping the ‘Ten Commandments’ and the Word of the Prophets.

Matt 22:40

40 **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

When we **keep** ‘God's Commandments’, **we know** that we Love God and we Love the Children of God, because the Love of God is keeping ‘His Commandments’!

I Jn 5:2-3

2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are **not** grievous (heavy or burdensome).

II Jn 1:6

6 **And this is love, that we walk** (follow) **after his commandments.** This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

When we **keep** (hold fast, fulfill) ‘God’s Commandments’, we **know** that we dwell in God and He in us, and the proof is in the Holy Spirit, which He has given to us.

I Jn 3:24

24 **And he that keepeth** (hold fast, fulfill) **his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know** (are sure) **that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**

The patience, perseverance, endurance and constancy of the Saints **is in the keeping** of ‘God’s Commandments’ and the Faith of Jesus.

Rev 14:12

12 **Here is the patience** (perseverance, endurance, constancy) **of the saints: here are they that keep** (hold fast, fulfill) **the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**

When **we do** ‘God’s Commandments’ it is like washing our robes and we are entitled to the Tree of Life, and will be allowed to enter in through the gates of that Great City, the Holy Jerusalem! (Revelation 21:10)

Rev 22:14

14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments** (wash their robes), **that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

XIV. THE FOUNDATION OF THE BIBLE:

God Laid the “Foundation of the Bible”. He did so by speaking through Holy Men of God that were moved by the Holy Ghost (Spirit). (2 Samuel 23:2) “The Bible” which consists of both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is also know as “The Book of Prophecy”.

2 Pet 1:21

21 **For the prophecy (Bible) came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

“The Bible’s” contents are made up of what we call “The Scriptures”, and **all** “Scripture” is given by inspiration (divinely breathed) of God.

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration (divinely breathed) of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

“The Scriptures” came to the Holy Men of God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus said “The Scripture” cannot be broken or destroyed.

John 10:35

35 **...and the scripture cannot be broken (destroyed);**

The Dictionary states that “The Bible” is:

Bi·ble 1.a. Abbr. B., Bib. The sacred book of Christianity, a collection of ancient writings **including the books of both the Old Testament and the New Testament.** **b. Abbr. B., Bib.** The Hebrew Scriptures, the sacred book of Judaism. **c.** A particular copy of a Bible. **d.** A book or collection of writings constituting the sacred text of a religion. **2.** Often **bible**. A book considered authoritative in its field.

Many of the Holy Men of God that wrote the New Testament were actually ‘eyewitnesses’ of the Majesty of Jesus Christ, and they even **heard** the voice of God the Father.

2 Pet 1:16-20

16 **For we have not followed cunningly devised fables (myths or fiction), when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**

17 **For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

18 **And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.**

19 **We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

20 **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private (one’s own) interpretation.**

Because “The Scriptures” in “The Bible” are made up of Prophecies, they will **all** be fulfilled exactly as they are recorded.

Mark 15:28

28 **And the scripture was fulfilled**, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

Luke 4:21

21 And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

John 7:38

38 He that believeth on me, **as the scripture hath said**, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:42

42 **Hath not the scripture said**, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

John 13:18

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: **but that the scripture may be fulfilled**, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

John 17:12

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; **that the scripture might be fulfilled.**

John 19:24

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: **that the scripture might be fulfilled**, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

John 19:28

28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, **that the scripture might be fulfilled**, saith, I thirst.

John 19:36-37

36 For these things were done, **that the scripture should be fulfilled**, A bone of him shall not be broken.

37 **And again another scripture saith**, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Acts 1:16

16 **Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas**, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

James 2:23 Romans 4:3

23 **And the scripture was fulfilled** which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

All “The Scriptures” which make up “The Bible” are known as the “Scripture of Truth”.

Dan 10:21

21 **But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth**: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

There are writings about Jesus Christ throughout the whole “Bible” in both the “Old and the New Testament”. He **is** the ‘Truth’ **and** the ‘Way’ to God the Father. (John 14:6)

Ps 40:7

7 Then said I, Lo, **I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,**

Heb 10:7

7 Then said I, Lo, **I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,)** to do thy will, O God.

John 20:30-31

30 **And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book (Biblion):**

31 **But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**

Most of the ‘False Religions’ and ‘Cults’ of the world have created their own Book of Doctrine, which they like to compare to “The Bible”. Others may use another Book in addition to “The Bible”. Even many well meaning Christians have rewritten “The Bible” many times with the hope of better interpretations. “The Bible” itself, however, **warns** us that we are not to **add** anything nor **take away** from the Words of “The Bible”. (Deuteronomy 4:2) This leaves many in **all** of these groups walking on shaky ground.

Rev 22:18-19

18 **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book (Biblion), If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book (Biblion):**

19 **And if any man shall take away from the words of the book (Biblion) of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Biblion).**

This is why Timothy II is so very careful **not** to change or misinterpret what the Holy Spirit is telling him as he writes these ‘Books’ and ‘Study Guides’. He also mainly uses the ‘King James Version’ of “The Holy Bible” which the Lord has directed him to do!

Rev 22:7

7 **Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth (holds fast or guards) the sayings (logos) of the prophecy of this book (Biblion).**

Timothy II writes these ‘Books’ and ‘Study Guides’ as the Lord leads, and gives them away freely, because they are **not** to be kept secret!

1 Cor 2:12-13

12 **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

13 **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

Rev 22:10

10 **And he saith unto me, Seal not (do not keep secret) the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.**

XV. THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY:

God Laid the “Foundation of Christianity” because of the need for the cleansing of “Man’s” Sin.

Sin first began in the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve were **commanded by God not** to eat of ‘the tree of the knowledge of good and evil’. They were threatened that if they did, they would eventually die.

Gen 2:15-17

15 **And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden** to dress it and to keep it.

16 **And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:**

17 **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

Eve however, listened to Satan (the Serpent) and caused both her and Adam to Sin.

Gen 3:1-6

1 **Now the serpent was more subtil (crafty, cunning) than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**

2 **And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:**

3 **But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**

4 **And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:**

5 **For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

6 **And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**

Then God responded:

Gen 3:9-13

9 **And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?**

10 **And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**

11 **And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?**

12 **And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.**

13 **And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done?** And the woman said, The serpent beguiled (seduced, deceived, lead me astray) me, and I did eat.

Besides many Physical punishments that God bestowed on Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:16-19), God also drove them out of the Garden of Eden because of their Sin.

Gen 3:22-24

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 **Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden,** to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 **So he drove out the man;** and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Because of the fall of “Man” in the Garden of Eden, the ‘Spirit of God’ (Eternal Life) left the man and the woman and allowed Death to enter into them. (Romans 5:12 Hebrews 9:27) This caused Adam and Eve and subsequently all of “Mankind” to begin to operate under their own spirit (the spirit of man).

Because of God’s Grace however, He has provided the Way through Jesus Christ, to regenerate the ‘spirit’ of “Man” with the ‘Spirit of God’ (Eternal Life). This is what is known as being ‘Born Again’. (Romans 5:15-21)

Jesus states that in order to see the Kingdom of God, a Man or Woman **must** be ‘Born Again’!

John 3:3-8

3 **Jesus** answered and **said** unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 **Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

7 **Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**

8 **The wind bloweth** (blows) **where it listeth** (pleases), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

1 Pet 1:23

23 **Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,** by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Therefore, we are no longer condemned **if** we are **in** Christ Jesus, and **if** we do not walk (live) after the flesh but after the ‘Spirit of God’.

Rom 8:1-5

1 **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk (live) not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

4 **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk (live) not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

5 **For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**

Rom 8:9-16

9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 **And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.**

11 **But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (make alive) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**

12 **Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.**

13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (become dead to) the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons (children) of God.**

15 **For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption (of children), whereby we cry (out as children), Abba (Father of all), Father (my Father).**

(Mark 14:35-36 Galatians 4:6)

16 **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

“Man” knows only the things of “Man” by the ‘spirit of man’, which is **in** him/her; but the things of God are only known by those who have the ‘Spirit of God’ **within** them.

1 Cor 2:11 & 14

11 **For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man (or woman), but the Spirit of God.**

14 **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

The “Foundation of Christianity” is based on Jesus having died on the Cross for our Sins, and His Resurrection from the Dead, proving that He is the Son of God.

Phil 2:8

8 **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Heb 12:2

2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Rom 1:4

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die...

XVI. THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR US FROM (SINCE) THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD:

Jesus has revealed to us Christians the things that had been kept secret **from** (since) the “Foundation of the World”. (Mark 4:11-12 Luke 8:9-10)

The reason Jesus spoke in **parables** was so that the ‘unbelievers’ in seeing would see not, and hearing would hear not, neither would they understand these secrets. However, once anyone truly believes in Jesus, they will and **do** understand.

Matt 13:10-11

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Matt 13:13-14

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Matt 13:34-35

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from (since) the foundation of the world.

Although the Gospel was preached to the ‘unbelievers’, the Word did not profit them because it was not mixed with Faith.

Heb 4:2

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

As Believers, we **have** entered into ‘God’s Rest’, because the works of God were finished **from** (since) the “Foundation of the World”.

Heb 4:1&3

1 Let us therefore fear (the Lord), lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from** (since) **the foundation of the world**.

Even though we Christians **have** entered into **God's Rest**, there are the Apostles and Prophets of today that will still be persecuted and even killed. Their blood has been and will be shed **from** (since) the "Foundation of the World". However, their blood will be required of **the** same generation that persecuted them.

Luke 11:49-50

49 **Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:**

50 **That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from** (since) **the foundation of the world, may be required of this** (same) **generation;**

There is coming a day **soon** when we Christians will inherit the Kingdom prepared for us **from** (since) the "Foundation of the World".

Matt 25:31-34

31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him**, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 **And before him shall be gathered all nations:** and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 **And he shall set the sheep on his right hand**, but the goats on the left.

34 **Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from** (since) **the foundation of the world:**

Even though Jesus the Lamb was slain **for us from** (since) the "Foundation of the World", there are those who will not receive Him because their names are **not** written in the Book of Life **from** (since) the "Foundation of the World".

Rev 13:4

4 **And they worshipped the dragon** which gave power unto the beast: **and they worshipped the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Rev 13:7-8

8 **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

Rev 17:8

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: **and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from** (since) **the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

XVII. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE ANIMALS:

God Laid the "Foundation of the Animals". He gave different kinds of flesh to the Animals than that of "Man". (1 Corinthians 15:39)

By laying their “Foundation” separately from the “Foundation of Man” and giving them different kinds of flesh, there is no way that “Man” has evolved from “Animals”!

Gen 1:19-25

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 **And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.**

21 **And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth,** which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, **and every winged fowl** after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 **And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.**

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 **And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:** and it was so.

25 **And God made the beast of the earth after his kind,** and **cattle** after their kind, and **every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind:** and God saw that it was good.

Notice also that the “Animals” were formed from the ground not out of the oceans as Science suggests.

Gen 2:19-20

19 **And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air;** and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 **And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field;** but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

The following are some of the “Animals” that God formed and were named by Adam.

Job 38:39-41

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the **lion**? or fill the appetite of the **young lions**,

40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the **raven** his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Job 39:1-30

1 Knowest thou the time when the **wild goats** of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the **wild ass** free? or who hath loosed the bands of the **wild ass**?

6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.

7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

- 9 Will the **unicorn** (wild bull) be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?
 10 Canst thou bind the **unicorn** (wild bull) with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
 11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
 12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?
 13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the **peacocks**? or wings and feathers unto the **ostrich**?
 14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
 15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
 16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;
 17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
 18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the **horse** and his rider.
 19 Hast thou given the **horse** strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
 20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.
 21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.
 22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.
 23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.
 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.
 25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
 26 Doth the **hawk** fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?
 27 Doth the **eagle** mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?
 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.
 29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.
 30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

XVIII. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE WEATHER:

Out of God's good Treasure He has Laid the "Foundation of the Weather".

Deut 28:12

12 **The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: ...**

Job 37:22

22 **Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible (reverential) majesty.**

Ps 135:7

7 **He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.**

Isa 55:10

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Jer 10:13 Jer 51:16

13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Jer 14:22

22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

Amos 4:13

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, **The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.**

When Jesus was on earth, even as a man, He was able to control the “Weather”!

Mark 4:39

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:41

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Acts 14:17

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Man can somewhat discern the “Weather”; however, if you have ever watched a “Weather” person on TV, they are often wrong on their predictions! So it is with the discerning of the ‘signs of the times’!

Matt 16:2-3

2 He answered and said unto them, **When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.**

3 **And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?**

XIX. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE NATIONS:

It is important for us to comprehend that it is God that has Laid the “Foundation of the Nations” and He continues to do so today.

Because God has “Founded the Nations”, no matter what the situation is in our country, we are **not to Rebel** against the Leaders, but rather we are to **pray** for them.

(1 Peter 2:13-17 Matthew 5:44 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3)

Remember, even Jesus did not teach Rebellion against Rome. (Matthew 22:15-21)

We are **not** to **Rebel** if the Nation is Israel!

Gen 12:1-2

1 **Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country**, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 **And I will make of thee a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 18:17-18

17 **And the LORD said**, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 **Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**

Gen 46:2-3

2 **And God spake unto Israel** in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

3 **And he said, I am God**, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for **I will there make of thee a great nation:**

Exod 32:9-10

9 **And the LORD said unto Moses**, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and **I will make of thee a great nation.**

Or if it is an Arab Nation!

Gen 17:20

20 **And as for Ishmael**, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and **I will make him a great nation.**

Gen 21:17-18

17 **And God heard the voice of the lad**; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; **for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.**

18 **Arise, lift up the lad**, and hold him in thine hand; **for I will make him a great nation.**

Or whether it is Egypt!

Exod 9:18

18 **Behold**, to morrow about this time **I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof** even until now.

Exod 9:24

24 **So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.**

Or any other Nation!

Jer 6:22

22 **Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.**

Jer 50:41

41 **Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.**

Because God is the One that Laid the “Foundation of the Nations”, if need be, **He** is the one that will tear down the “Foundation of Nations” and it will be in **His** Own Timing.

Deut 29:24-28

24 **Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?**

25 **Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:**

26 **For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them:**

27 **And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:**

28 **And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.**

Jer 6:18-19

18 **Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.**

19 **Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.**

Jer 6:21

21 **Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.**

The following are examples of God allowing **the fall** of a Nation because of their Sins against the Lord.

Jer 50:14-15

14 **Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.**

15 **Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.**

Jer 51:24-26

24 **And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.**

25 **Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.**

26 **And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.**

Lam 4:11-12

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; **he hath poured out his fierce anger**, and hath kindled a **fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.**

12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

Ezek 30:4

4 **And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia**, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, **and her foundations shall be broken down.**

Micah 1:6

6 **Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field**, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and **I will discover the foundations thereof.**

Micah 6:2

2 **Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth:** for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

Mark 3:24

24 **And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.** (America?)

XX. GOD LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE CITIES:

Just as with the “Nations”, it is God that Laid and continues to Lay the “Foundation of the Cities”.

Because God has Laid the “Foundation of the Cities and Nations”, we are told **not to Rebel** against the Leadership through our own counsel, but to **pray** for them. (Proverbs 8:14 11:14 15:22 19:21 21:30 24:6) In ‘Free Countries’ however, this does not exclude our privilege to vote for the improvement of bad situations. This too should be done with much **prayer** in order to help us to make the right decisions.

Here Abraham by Faith, looked for a “City” which had a “Foundation” that was Laid by God.

Heb 11:8-10

8 **By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place** which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.**

9 **By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country**, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 **For he looked for a city which hath foundations** (a Foundation), **whose builder (Creator) and maker is God.**

God Laid the “Foundation of Zion.”

Ps 87:1-3

1 **His foundation is in the holy mountains.**

2 **The LORD loveth the gates of Zion** more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 **Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.** Selah.

Ps 87:5

5 **And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.**

After God Laid the “Foundation of the Cities” in Israel, He then chose certain men to actually perform the labor of building the Cities.

IKing 16:34

34 **In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.**

Ps 69:35

35 **For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.**

God also chooses certain men to sometimes **tear down** the “Foundation of Cities”. Here God used Joshua to physically overthrow Jericho.

Josh 6:1-2

1 **Now Jericho was straitly shut up** because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

2 **And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.**

Josh 6:21

21 **And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.**

Josh 6:24

24 **And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.**

Josh 6:26

26 **And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.**

Here God Himself physically overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighboring “Cities” with brimstone and fire from Heaven.

Gen 18:20-21

20 **And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;**

21 **I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.**

Gen 19:1

1 **And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;**

Gen 19:12-13

12 **And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:**

13 **For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.**

Gen 19:15

15 **And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.**

Gen 19:24-25

24 **Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;**

25 **And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.**

Jer 50:40

40 **As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.**

Ezek 16:49-50

49 **Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.**

50 **And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.**

XXI. GOD HAS LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOUSE OF GOD:

Before we look at how God has Laid the “Foundation of the Church”, we need to look at how He first Laid the “Foundation of the House of God”. It is in the Old Testament and under the Old Covenant that God Laid the first “Foundation of the House of God”.

A. THE TABERNACLE OF THE CONGREGATION:

God Laid the “Foundation” for the first “House of God”, which was called a ‘Tabernacle’. The Tabernacle was actually a tent like structure that housed the “Presence of God”.

Because the ‘Tabernacle’ housed the “Presence of God”, Moses had to build the structure in a specific manner by the Leading of the Holy Spirit.

Heb 8:5

5 **Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.**

Exod 25:1-2

1 **And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**

Notice that it also takes finances to build the “Foundation” and the “House of God”.

2 **Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.**

Exod 25:8-9

8 **And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.**

9 **According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.**

Moses called the ‘Tabernacle’ the “Tabernacle of the Congregation”.

Exod 33:7

7 **And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without** (outside) **the camp**, afar off from the camp, **and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And** it came to pass, that **every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation**, which was without the camp.

Exod 33:9

9 **And** it came to pass, **as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.**

The “Tabernacle of the Congregation” actually consisted of two Tabernacles (tents or cloth huts). The first was called the ‘Sanctuary’, and after the second veil the “Tabernacle” which was called the ‘Holiest of All’.

Heb 9:1-10

1 **Then verily the first covenant had** also ordinances of divine service, and **a worldly sanctuary.**

2 **For there was a tabernacle made; the first**, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; **which is called the sanctuary.**

3 **And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;**

4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 **And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.**

6 **Now** when these things were thus ordained, **the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.**

7 **But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood**, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 **The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:**

9 **Which was a figure for the time then present**, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, **that could not make him that did the service perfect**, as pertaining to the conscience;

10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation (Messianic).

B. THE FIRST TEMPLE:

The second type of structure that God built as the “House of God” was called a ‘Temple’.

It is important to note, that only the men chosen by God actually **did** the building of “God’s House”, otherwise the House would **NOT** stand!

Heb 3:4

4 **For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.**

IKing 5:2-5

2 **And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,**

3 **Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side**, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 **But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent** (occurrence).

5 **And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.**

Notice that it also takes people to build the “Foundation” and the “House of God”.

IKing 5:13-14

13 **And king Solomon raised a levy (tax) out of all Israel; and the levy** (a tax in the form of forced labor) **was thirty thousand men.**

14 **And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy** (tax).

IKing 5:17-18

17 **And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.**

18 **And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.**

IKing 6:2

2 **And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.**

IKing 6:9

9 **So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.**

IKing 6:37-38

37 **In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:**

38 **And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.**

2 Chr 8:16

16 **Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected** (completed).

C. THE SECOND TEMPLE:

As Prophesied in Isaiah, Cyrus the King of Persia was given the Word of the Lord through the mouth of the Prophet Jeremiah that he was to Lay the “Foundation” and build the Second “Temple of God”.

Isa 44:28

28 **That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.**

Ezra 1:1-6 Ezra 5:13-17 Ezra 6:3

1 **Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,**

2 **Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.**

3 **Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem,** which is in Judah, **and build the house of the LORD God of Israel,** (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

4 **And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God** that is in Jerusalem.

Notice that God raised up the ‘Spirit’ of the men that **He** chose to do the work.

5 **Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD** which is in Jerusalem.

6 **And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.**

Then the people came together as **one person**, which is a demonstration that it takes ‘Teamwork’ to work with God and to help Lay the “Foundation of **His** Temple”. The people also gave money **willingly** for the project.

Ezra 3:1

1 **And when the seventh month was come,** and the children of Israel were in the cities, **the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.**

Ezra 3:6-7

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. **But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.**

7 **They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.**

After the “Foundation of the Temple” was Laid, the Priests, Levites and the people gave ‘Praise and Thanksgiving’ to the Lord, and many wept and shouted loudly with joy.

Ezra 3:10-13

10 **And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD,** after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 **And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD;** because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. **And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.**

12 **But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:**

13 **So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.**

Ezra 6:14-16

14 **And the elders of the Jews builded,** and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. **And they builded, and finished it, according to the**

commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 **And this house was finished** on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 **And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,**

D. REBUILDING THE TEMPLE:

Whether building or rebuilding the “House of God”, we need to listen to the Lord and to build it in **His** timing.

Hag 1:1-4

1 **In the second year** of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, **came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel**, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

2 **Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.**

3 **Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,**

4 **Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled (covered) houses, and this house lie waste?**

When rebuilding the “House of God”, it should be built better than it was before.

Hag 2:9

9 **The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts:** and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

If the “House of God” is old and you have nothing to compare it to, pray and listen to the Lord who is with you, and begin at the Foundation that was originally Laid.

Hag 2:3-4

3 **Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?**

4 **Yet now be strong**, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and **be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:**

Hag 2:18

18 **Consider now from this day** and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, **even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.**

Zech 8:9

9 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.**

XXII. JESUS CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH:

God has Laid the “Foundation of His Church”, and that “Foundation” is **Jesus Christ** and **Him Only!**

1 Cor 3:11

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

A. JESUS IS THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE OF THE CHURCH:

Jesus **is** the ‘Chief Cornerstone’ of the Church. When the “Foundation of the Church” is Laid with Him as the ‘Chief Cornerstone’ it will **not** fail because He does not change nor vary in concept. (Hebrews 13:8)

A ‘Cornerstone’ is described as:

cor·ner·stone also **corner stone**

1.a. A stone at the corner of a building uniting two intersecting walls; a quoin. **b. Such a stone**, often inscribed, **laid** at a ceremony **marking the origin of a building.** **2. An indispensable and fundamental basis.**

In the following Scriptures Jesus is called the ‘Chief Cornerstone’. This means that He is the ‘Rock’ that holds the “Foundation of the Church” together.

Isa 28:16

16 Therefore **thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:** he that believeth shall not make haste (act hastily).

God the Father has Laid out the “Foundation of the Church” and has made His Son Jesus Christ **the actual** “Foundation”. God has used the Prophets of the Old Testament, the twelve Apostles of the Lamb of the New Testament, as well as the Apostles and Prophets of today, working together with God the Holy Spirit, to help Lay that “Foundation” throughout the World.

Eph 2:20

20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

We Christians have become as living stones and a Spiritual House and a Holy Priesthood, **made** to offer up Spiritual sacrifices to God by Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 13:15-16)

1 Pet 2:3-7

3 **If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

4 **To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,**

5 **Ye also, as lively (living) stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

6 **Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded (ashamed).**

7 **Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,**

B. JESUS IS THE ROCK OF THE CHURCH:

Jesus is the Rock of the “Foundation of the Church”. Even in the Old Testament The Lord (Jesus) is called the Rock (a fortress, stronghold).

Deut 32:3-4

3 Because **I will publish the name of the LORD**: ascribe ye greatness unto **our God**.

4 **He is the Rock**, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Deut 32:18

18 **Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.**

2 Sam 22:2-3

2 **And he (David) said, The LORD is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 **The God of my rock**; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

Ps 18:2

2 **The LORD is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Jesus is called ‘The Rock’ throughout the Bible.

In the Greek the word for Rock is **petra** which means “**a mass of Rock**”.

4073 petra (pet'-ra);

feminine of the same as 4074; **a (mass of) rock** (literally or figuratively):

KJV-- rock.

Today there is some confusion in the Church about whether Jesus is the ‘Rock of the Church’ or Peter. The answer is easily found in the Greek.

The name for Peter in the Greek is **petros** which means “**a piece of rock**”.

4074 Petros (pet'-ros);

apparently a primary word; **a (piece of) rock** (larger than 3037 (a stone)); as a name, Petrus, an apostle:

KJV-- Peter, rock. Compare 2786.

This is not the same word that is used for Jesus which is **Petra** meaning “**a mass of Rock**”. Therefore, where the Scripture states ‘I will build my Church upon this Rock’, it means upon **Jesus, not Peter!!**

The following is the controversial Scripture:

Matt 16:18

18 **And I (Jesus) say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (Petros, a piece of rock), and upon this rock (Petra, a mass of Rock) I (Jesus) will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

In other words, as an Apostle of the Lamb, Peter would be used as are all Apostles, to help Lay the “Foundation of the Church”, working together with God the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 10:1-4

1 **Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers** were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
 4 And **did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock (Petra) that followed them: and that Rock (Petra) was Christ.**

C. JESUS IS ALSO A STUMBLING STONE AND A ROCK OF OFFENCE:

In the New Testament Jesus is called ‘a Stumbling stone’ and ‘a Rock of Offense’.

Notice that Jesus is called a Stumbling (**stone**) and **not** a Stumbling (Rock).

When it comes to people Stumbling over Jesus, He is as a ‘small stone’ and not a big Rock. That is because Salvation is near to everyone, and you only need to step over the ‘Stumbling stone’ by Faith and receive Jesus in order to be Saved. (Romans 10:8, 13)

Rom 9:31-32

31 **But Israel**, which followed after the law of righteousness, **hath not attained to the law of righteousness.**

32 Wherefore? **Because they sought it not by faith**, but as it were by the works of the law. **For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;**

Jesus however **is** called ‘a Rock of Offense’, which means to many that Jesus is a ‘**mass of Rock**’ that offends them. That is why there are few that find Him. (Matthew 7:14 John 14:6)

Rom 9:33

33 **As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock (Petra) of offence:** and whosoever believeth on **him** shall not be ashamed.

1 Pet 2:8

8 **And a stone of stumbling, and a rock (Petra) of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.**

XXIII. LAYING THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH:

Although we usually relate “The Church” to a certain type of building, “The Church” is actually made up of the people of God (also known as Christians, Saints, Fellow-Citizens, the Body of Christ, etc.), and they make up the “Household of God”.

Eph 2:19

19 **Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**

In the Dictionary “Church” means:

Church (chûrch)

1. A building for public, especially Christian worship. **2. Often the company of all Christians regarded as a mystic spiritual body.** **3.** A specified Christian denomination. **4. A congregation.** **5. Public divine worship in a church; a religious service.** **6.** The clerical profession; clergy. **7.** Ecclesiastical power as distinguished from the secular.

“Church” in the Greek means:

1577 ekklesia (ek-klay-see'-ah);

from a compound of 1537 and a derivative of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) **a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation** (Jewish synagogue, **or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both**):

KJV-- **assembly, church.**

Although God has already Laid the “Foundation of the Church” in the Heavens, He has chosen certain of **His Servants** to actually help Lay the “Foundation of the Church” here on earth. Those **Servants** chosen to Lay the “Foundation of the Church” here on earth **are** the Apostles and the Prophets.

Eph 2:20-22

20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,** Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 **In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

22 **In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

Eph 3:6

5 **Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**

6 **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

Since Jesus Christ is the “Head of the Church” and He gave Himself for it, the Church is subject unto Christ.

Eph 5:23-25

23 **...even as Christ is the head of the church:** and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as **the church is subject unto Christ,** ...

25 **...even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

As revealed in the New Testament, Christ has Laid the “Foundation of the Church” under the ‘New Covenant’. Under the ‘New Covenant’, God’s Presence does **not** dwell in the ‘Physical’ structure of the Church as He did in the ‘Holiest of All’ in the Tabernacle. Today God dwells **in all** Christians through God the Holy Spirit who is **in us**. (John 14:16-17)

Therefore, without God’s people, the Church is just another building.

This is why it is so important for all of us to attend Church regularly, as it is the Christians that bring **God’s Presence** into the Church building. (Hebrews 10:25)

Heb 8:13

13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.**

Heb 9:11

11 **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;**

Matt 18:20

20 **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

Jesus Christ has entered into the Holy place at the right hand of God the Father, and has obtained eternal redemption for us by His own Blood.

Heb 9:12-28

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

13 **For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:**

14 **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

15 **And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

16 **For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.**

17 **For a testament is of force after men are dead:** otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 **Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.**

19 **For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,**

20 **Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.**

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

23 **It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

24 **For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but **now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

27 **And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

28 **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

Jesus is also our 'Mediator' (go-between, reconciler or intercessor) of the 'New Covenant'. (Hebrews 12:24)

Heb 8:6

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, **by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.**

Heb 12:24

24 **And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,** and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

XXIV. THE FOUNDATION OF THE MINISTRY:

Just as Jesus Christ is the “Foundation of the Church”, He is also the “Foundation of the Ministry”.

1 Tim 1:12

12 **And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry (diakonia);**

Acts 20:24

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, **so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry (diakonia), which I have received of the Lord Jesus,** to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

The “Ministry” consists of the various Offices, Services, Gifts and Powers that God has Ordained for the Church (“the Body of Christ”).

In the Dictionary “Ministry” means:

Min·is·try, min·is·tries.

1. The act of serving; ministrations. 2. One that serves as a means; an instrumentality. 3. The profession, duties, and services of a minister. 4. The Christian clergy. 5. The period of service of a minister.

The following is the definition for the word “Ministry” in the Greek:

1248 diakonia (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah);

from 1249; attendance (**as a servant**, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) **aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):**

KJV-- (ad-) **minister** (-ing, -tration, -try), **office**, relief, **service** (-ing).

The “Five Fold Ministry” consists of the Five Offices (Doma Gifts) that are given by the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church (“the Body of Christ”). The “Five Fold Ministry” or (Doma Gifts) are **not** for **all** Christians!

Eph 4:7-8

7 **But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**

8 Wherefore he saith, **When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts (Doma) unto men.**

Eph 4:12

11 **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

12 For the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry** (diakonia), for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Along with these Five Offices (Doma Gifts), there are various other Gifts (Charisma Gifts) that **are** available to **all** Christians that are given by God the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 12:4-11

4 **Now there are diversities of gifts** (Charisma Gifts), but the same (Holy) Spirit.

5 **And there are differences of administrations** (Ministries - diakonia), but the same Lord (Jesus).

6 **And there are diversities of operations** (workings), but it is the same God (the Father) which worketh (actively in, efficiently in or effectually in) all in all.

7 **But the manifestation of the (Holy) Spirit is given to every man to profit withal** (with).

8 **For to one is given by the (Holy) Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same (Holy) Spirit;**

9 **To another faith by the same (Holy) Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same (Holy) Spirit;**

10 **To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:**

11 **But all these worketh that one and the selfsame (Holy) Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**

1 Cor 12:28

28 **And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts** (Charisma Gifts) **of healings, helps** (relief, partaker, support), **governments** (directorship in the Church), **diversities of tongues.**

Having different Gifts given to us according to God's Grace, we should take **no** pride in what we have, because we did **not** earn it. Instead we should use what we have to the best of our ability that God has given us.

Rom 12:4-8

4 **For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office** (function, work):

5 **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**

6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy** according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or **ministry** (diakonia), let us wait on our **ministering** (diakonia): or he that **teacheth, on teaching;**

8 Or he that **exhorteth, on exhortation** (comfort, console, intreat, implore, beseech, pray): he that **giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.**

Today there is much confusion in the Church ("the Body of Christ") because there are those that have **tried** to Lay their **own** "Foundation of the Ministry". God has **not** called them to do so, therefore **their** "Foundation" is **not** built on Jesus Christ. They may **use** the Name of Jesus, but they are **not His** Chosen. (Matthew 22:14)

There are also those that have tried to build upon the “Foundations” that **others** have Laid. Thus they have usurped the Vision and Authority of others. This is why Paul preached the Gospel where Christ was not named, because he did not want to build upon another man’s “Foundation”. (2 Corinthians 6:3-4)

Rom 15:16-18

16 **That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.**

17 **I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.**

18 **For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,**

Rom 15:20-21

20 **Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:**

21 **But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.**

When we allow what may seem to be **small** errors in “Ministry”, we become ‘out of order’, and are **not** following the leading of the Holy Spirit. This leads to much confusion and division in the “Ministry” and can cause Christian Leaders **and** their flocks to walk as carnal men and women.

1 Cor 3:3-15

3 **For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**

4 **For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?**

5 **Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?**

6 **I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.**

7 **So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.**

8 **Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one:** and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 **For we are labourers together with God:** ye are God's husbandry, **ye are God's building.**

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, **as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation,** and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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

12 **Now if any man build upon this foundation** gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because **it shall be revealed by fire;** and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 **If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.**

15 **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

XXV. LAYING A FIRM FOUNDATION:

When ‘Laying’ a “Foundation”, whether it is Physical or Spiritual, it needs to be “Firm”. In order to Lay a “Firm Foundation”, the “Foundation” needs to be built with a strong substance such as Rock.

In laying Physical “Foundations”, we usually use concrete to build it, and concrete is basically made up of cement and Rock. In laying Spiritual “Foundations”, we lay it upon **the** Rock (Jesus).
With the use of cement and Rock or **the** Rock, the building will be built with a “Firm Foundation”.

Isa 28:16

16 Therefore **thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone**, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, **a sure** (firm) **foundation**: he that believeth shall not make haste (act hastily).

Luke 6:47-48

47 **Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:**

48 **He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.**

XXVI. LAYING A WEAK FOUNDATION:

God does not lay weak “Foundations”, only man does!

When we build a building or a wall with a “Weak Foundation”, the results will be that the structure will fall. This happens in many Third World Countries where buildings and walls have poor “Foundations” and as a result of earthquakes, floods and tsunamis many people are killed.

Ezek 13:10-15

10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and **one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered** (slimey) **mortar:**

11 **Say unto them which daub it with untempered** (slimey) **mortar, that it shall fall:** there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12 **Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?**

13 Therefore **thus saith the Lord GOD;** I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14 **So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered** (slimey) **mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

15 **Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered** (slimey) **mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;**

There are those that try to build with **no** “Foundation”.

Luke 6:49

49 **But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**

Job 4:19-21

19 **How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?**

- 20 **They are destroyed from morning to evening; they perish for ever without any regarding it.**
 21 **Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.**

Job 22:15-16

- 15 **Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?**
 16 **Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:**

XXVII. THE IMPORTANCE OF FINISHING THE FOUNDATION:

As Christians, it is important and our responsibility not only to help **lay** the “Foundation” that God has had us to start, but also to “Finish the Foundation” **and** the Building!

IKing 6:14

- 14 **So Solomon built the house, and finished it.**

2 Chr 8:16

- 16 **Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected (completed).**

As Christians, even though we must start out by doing small things, if God has truly Chosen us to Lay the ‘Foundation of His House’, then **we will** be able to **finish it!**

We **will finish it** with the help of the Holy Spirit (“The Seven Spirits of God”), which are the ‘Eyes’ of the Lord running to and fro throughout the Earth. (Revelation 1:4 4:5 5:6)
 (Read the Book “The Seven Spirits of God” written by Timothy II)

Zech 4:8-10

- 8 **Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**
 9 **The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.**
 10 **For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.**

It is always important to count the **cost** before starting to lay any “Foundation”.

Luke 14:28-30

- 28 **For which of you, intending to build a tower (castle), sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**
 29 **Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,**
 30 **Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.**

XXVIII. THE FOUNDATION OF WISDOM:

A Spiritual “Foundation” that we need to Lay, particularly as Parents and Mentors, is “The Foundation of Wisdom”.

Prov 8:1-36

1 **Doth not wisdom cry?** and understanding put forth her voice?
 2 She (wisdom) standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
 3 She (wisdom) crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
 4 **Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.**
 5 O ye simple, **understand wisdom:** and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
 6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.
 7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.
 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
 11 **For wisdom is better than rubies;** and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
 12 **I wisdom dwell with prudence,** and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
 13 **The fear of the LORD is** to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
 14 **Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom:** I am understanding; I have strength.
 15 **By me** kings reign, and princes decree justice.
 16 **By me** princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
 17 **I love them that love me;** and those that seek me early shall find me.
 18 Riches and honour are **with me;** yea, durable riches and righteousness.
 19 **My fruit** is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
 20 **I lead** in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
 21 **That I** may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
 22 **The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.**
 23 **I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.**
 24 **When there were no depths, I was brought forth;** when there were no fountains abounding with water.
 25 Before the mountains were settled, **before** the hills **was I brought forth:**
 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
 27 **When he prepared the heavens, I was there:** when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: **when he appointed the foundations of the earth:**
 30 **Then I was by him, as one brought up with him:** and **I was daily his delight,** rejoicing always before him;
 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and **my delights** were with the sons of men.
 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep **my ways.**
 33 Hear instruction, and **be wise,** and refuse it not.
 34 **Blessed is the man that heareth me,** watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 **For whoso findeth me findeth life**, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

36 **But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul**: all they that hate me love death.

James 3:17

17 **But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.** (James 3:14-15)

James 1:5

5 **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**

“The Foundation of Wisdom” that we are talking about is that of Jesus Christ!

Eph 3:10-11

10 **To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,**

11 **According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:**

1 Cor 1:24

24 **But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

Col 2:2-3

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, **to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;**

3 **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

XXIX. THE FOUNDATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

The Lord Laid the “Foundation of Righteousness” and He loves “Righteousness” because **He is** “Righteous”!

Ps 11:7

7 **For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.**

God “Founded Righteousness” as **the** Way of Life, and a deliverance from death.

Prov 12:28

28 **In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.**

Prov 10:2 Prov 11:4

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but **righteousness delivereth from death.**

God first Laid the “Foundation of Righteousness” through Belief and Faith for His people the Jews.

Gen 15:6 Rom 4:3

6 **And he (Abram) believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.**

Heb 7:2

2 **To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;**

Heb 11:8

8 **By faith Abraham**, when he was called to go out into a place which he **should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed**; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Heb 11:7

7 **By faith Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and **became heir of the righteousness which is by faith**.

All God's Commandments are "Righteousness" and **if** we observe **to do** all of them it **is** our "Righteousness".

Ps 119:172

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for **all thy commandments are righteousness**.

Deut 6:25

25 **And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments** before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

The Jews however, could not maintain their "Righteousness" under the Law.

Therefore God provided a **new way** for both the Jews and the Gentiles to be justified in "Righteousness" by the Faith of Jesus Christ.

Rom 3:21-22

21 **But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:**

Gal 3:23-24

23 **But before faith** (in Jesus) **came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.**

24 **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

Paul said:

Rom 1:16-17

16 **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek** (Gentile).

17 **For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

1 Cor 9:20

20 **And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;**

Gal 4:5

5 **To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

Even as predicted in the Old Testament, God **has** made known **His** Salvation and **His** "Righteousness".

Ps 98:2-3

2 **The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.**

3 **He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

God has provided this opportunity of Salvation through **the Godhead**:

- **First** - God the Father draws (chooses) you to Him. (Matthew 11:27 John 3:35 John 6:37-40, 44)
- **Second** - God the Son Jesus Christ has provided the means for your Salvation by His death on the Cross, and the shedding of His Blood for your Sins. (Luke 22:20 Colossians 1:20)
- **Third** - God the Holy Spirit then enters into you and dwells within you. (John 14:16-17)

Titus 3:4-6

4 **But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,**

5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

6 **Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;**

Phil 3:9

9 **And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:**

Gal 5:5

5 **For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.**

When we accept God's Salvation, our bodies become the 'Temple of God' and the Holy Spirit dwells **in** us. This is why we should avoid ingesting all substances such as drugs and alcohol that may harm our bodies and defile the 'Temple of God'. We should also avoid **all** Sin, as whatsoever we do, we are taking God the Holy Spirit with us!! You don't leave Him at home when you leave your house!!! He is **always** with us!!!!

1 Cor 3:16-17

16 **Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

17 **If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**

Heb 3:6

6 **But Christ as a son over his own house (temple); whose house (temple) are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.**

Even though this may be hard to understand; **we have** been 'chosen' and 'pre-destined' by God **before** the "Foundation of the World"!

Eph 1:3-11

3 **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

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:**

5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**

- 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, 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;
 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
 9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**
 10 **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:**
 11 **In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

With this in mind, we are **not** to become arrogant nor to trust in riches, but rather to trust in the Living God. We are to do ‘good works’ and to share our blessings with others, in order to maintain a good “Foundation” and to lay **hold** of ‘Eternal Life’. (James 2:20, 26)

1 Tim 6:17-19

- 17 **Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded** (arrogant), **nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**
 18 **That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute** (give or impart), **willing to communicate** (share or partner with);
 19 **Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

The ‘Good News’ is that the “Righteousness of God” is an **everlasting** “Righteousness”. Also, the “Righteous” themselves are an **everlasting** “Foundation”, and they shall **never** be removed.

Ps 119:142

- 142 **Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,** and thy law is the truth.

Prov 10:25

- 25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but **the righteous is an everlasting foundation.**

Prov 10:30

- 30 **The righteous shall never be removed:** but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

Therefore, we must put our trust in the Lord. Even though the wicked may harass us, we know that the Lord is on His Throne in Heaven and He will protect us. His soul hates the wicked and He will give them the portion of their cup in due time.

Ps 11:1-6

- 1 **In the LORD put I my trust:** how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?
 2 **For, lo, the wicked** bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may **privily shoot at the upright in heart.**
 3 **If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?**
 4 **The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.**
 5 **The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.**

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

XXX. GODS FOUNDATION OF THE NEW COVENANT WITH ISRAEL:

God has "Laid the Foundation" of the "New Covenant" with Israel as predicted in the Old Testament.

Jer 31:31-40

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

38 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.

39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

However, not all of Israel is Israel, but all those that have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, both Jew and Gentile are all of Israel!

Rom 9:4-8

4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 **Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children:** but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: **but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**

Of the Jews themselves, only a 'remnant' shall be Saved.

Rom 9:24-27

24 **Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?**

25 **As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.**

26 **And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.**

27 **Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:**

Only a 'remnant' shall be Saved because Israel who followed after the Law of "Righteousness", did not attain to it, because they sought it not by Faith. Thus they stumbled at the stumbling-stone.

Rom 9:30-33

30 **What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.**

31 **But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.**

32 **Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;**

33 **As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

XXXI. THE FOUNDATION OF HELL:

God "Laid the Foundation of Hell". "The Foundation of Hell" consists of several places and/or compartments. They are:

A. 'Sheol' or 'Hades' in the Old Testament.

B. 'Hades' in the New Testament.

C. 'Tartarus' in the New Testament.

D. 'Outer Darkness' in both the Old and the New Testament.

E. 'The Bottomless Pit' in the New Testament.

F. 'Gehenna' or the 'Lake of Fire' in the New Testament.

G. 'Abraham's Bosom' although not a place of punishment, was a compartment next to 'Hades' as stated in the New Testament.

Although much of Mankind will go to "Hell" for 'eternal punishment', it was never meant for him, but was originally meant for the Devil and his angels.

Matt 25:41

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

Matt 25:46

46 **And these shall go away into everlasting punishment** (torment): but the righteous into life eternal.

Because of man's Sin, "Hell" had to be enlarged to accommodate all those that have not accepted God's grace and mercy. (Matthew 7:13-14)

Prov 27:20

20 **Hell and destruction are never full**; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Isa 5:14

14 **Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure**: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

A. SHEOL - HADES:

In the Old Testament, "Hell" is called 'Sheol' or 'Hades', which are one and the same.

In Hebrew

7585 she'owl (sheh-ole');

or **sheol** (sheh-ole'); from 7592; **Hades or the world of the dead** (as if a subterranean retreat), **including its accessories and inmates**:

KJV-- grave, **hell**, pit.

11 'abaddown (ab-ad-done');

intensive from 6; abstract, a perishing; concrete, **Hades**:

KJV-- destruction.

Where is 'Sheol' or 'Hades'? It is in view of the Lord and it is beneath (below, downward, underneath) the earth.

Prov 15:11

11 **Hell** (Sheol) **and destruction** (Hades) **are before** (in view of) **the LORD**: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

Prov 15:24

24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart **from hell** (Sheol) **beneath** (below, downward, underneath).

'Sheol' or 'Hades' has different depths within it.

Ps 55:15

15 Let death seize upon them, and **let them go down quick into hell** (Sheol): for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

Deut 32:22

22 **For a fire is kindled** in mine anger, **and shall burn unto the lowest** (lowermost, or lower parts of) **hell** (Sheol), and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

Ps 86:13

13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and **thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest** (lowermost, or lower parts of) **hell** (Sheol).

There are sorrows and pains (distresses) in ‘Sheol’ or ‘Hades’.

2 Sam 22:6 Ps 18:5

6 **The sorrows of hell** (Sheol) **compassed me about**; the snares of death prevented (preceded) me;

Ps 116:3

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and **the pains** (distresses) **of hell** (Sheol) **gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.**

Who will go to ‘Sheol’ or ‘Hades’?

The Wicked and all Nations that forget God:

Ps 9:17

17 **The wicked shall be turned into hell** (Sheol), **and all the nations that forget God.**

The Adulterers:

Prov 5:3

3 **For the lips of a strange** (adulterous) **woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:**

Prov 5:5

5 Her feet go down to death; **her steps take hold on hell** (sheol).

The Whores:

Prov 7:10-12

10 **And, behold**, there met him **a woman with the attire of an harlot** (whore), and subtil of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

Prov 7:27

27 **Her house is the way to hell** (Sheol), going down to the chambers of death.

The Foolish (silly or stupid):

Prov 9:13-18

13 **A foolish** (silly or stupid) **woman is clamorous: she is simple** (silly or seducible), **and knoweth nothing.**

14 **For she sitteth at the door of her house**, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 **To call passengers** who go right on their ways:

16 **Whoso is simple** (silly, foolish or seducible), **let him turn in hither**: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

18 **But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell** (Sheol).

Satan who is also known as Lucifer, and the chief ones of the earth like him, are headed for 'Sheol' or 'Hades' to the sides (or rear) of the Pit.

Isa 14:9

9 **Hell (Sheol) from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming:** it stirreth up the dead for thee, **even all the chief ones of the earth;** it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

Isa 14:12-16

12 **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,** son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 **For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:** I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.**

15 **Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell (Sheol), to the sides (or rear) of the pit.**

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man (individual) that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

B. HADES :

In the New Testament, "Hell" is called 'Hades'.

In Greek:

86 haides (hah'-dace);

from 1 (as negative particle) and 1492; properly, unseen, i.e. '**Hades**' or the place (state) of departed souls: KJV-- grave, **hell**.

'Hades' consists of torments and flames.

Luke 16:22-24

22 **And it came to pass,** that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: **the rich man also died, and was buried;**

23 **And in hell (Hades) he lift up his eyes, being in torments,** and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 **And he cried and said,** Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and **send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.**

When Jesus died for our sins, His Soul descended into 'Hades', however, His soul was not left in 'Hades' neither did He suffer any corruption (or decay).

Acts 2:27

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell (Hades), neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption** (or decay).

Acts 2:31

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell (Hades), neither his flesh did see corruption** (or decay).

Jesus now has the keys of 'Hades', therefore, 'Hades' has no victory over those that have Jesus in their heart.

Rev 1:18

18 **I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell (Hades) and of death.**

1 Cor 15:55

55 O death, where is thy sting? **O grave (Hades), where is thy victory?**

C. TARTARUS:

'Tartarus' is the deepest abyss of 'Hades'. I believe this is where the angels (the sons of God) that sinned after they left their first estate and their own habitation, are being held. (Genesis 6:1-6)

(Read the Study Guide "The Fallen Angels" written by Timothy II)

In Greek:

5020 tartaroo (tar-tar-o'-o);

from **Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades)**; to incarcerate in eternal torment:

KJV-- cast down to hell.

2 Pet 2:4

4 **For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;**

Jude 1:6

6 **And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

D. OUTER DARKNESS:

I believe 'Outer Darkness' is outside the earth in outer space, perhaps even in a black hole. (Jeremiah 28:16)

I believe 'Outer Darkness' is the Greater Damnation spoken of in the Bible. This is because it is total separation from God where 'Darkness' is as 'Darkness' itself. You are all alone in the 'Blackness of Darkness' with just your thoughts for all Eternity.

(Read the Study Guide and/or Tract "Outer Darkness" written by Timothy II)

In Hebrew:**Darkness:**

2822 choshek (kho-shek');

from **2821; the dark**; hence (literally) **darkness**; figuratively, misery, destruction, **death**, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness:

KJV-- **dark** (-ness), night, **obscurity**.

2821 chashak (khaw-shak');

a primitive root; **to be dark** (as withholding light); transitively, to darken:

KJV-- **be black**, be (make) **dark**, darken, **cause darkness**, be dim, hide.

5890 `evphah (ay-faw');

feminine from **5774**; **obscurity** (as if from covering):

KJV-- **darkness**.

5774 `uwph (oof);

a primitive root; **to cover** (**with** wings or **obscurity**); hence (as denominative from 5775) **to fly**; also (by implication of dimness) to faint (from the darkness of swooning):

KJV-- brandish, be (wax) faint, **flee away, fly (away)**, X set, shine forth, weary.

652 'ophel (o'fel);

from the same as 651; dusk:

KJV-- **darkness, obscurity**, privily.

In Greek:

Outer:

1857 exoteros (ex-o'-ter-os);

comparative of 1854; **exterior**:

KJV-- **outer**.

1854 exo (ex'-o);

adverb from 1537; **out (-side, of doors)**, literally or figuratively:

KJV-- **away, forth**, (with-) out (of, -ward), **strange**.

Darkness:

4655 skotos (skot'-os);

from the base of 4639; shadiness, i.e. **obscurity** (literally or figuratively):

KJV-- **darkness**.

4639 skia (skee'-ah);

apparently a primary word; "shade" or **a shadow** (literally or figuratively [**darkness of error** or an adumbration]):

KJV-- **shadow**.

2217 zophos (dzof'-os);

akin to the base of 3509; gloom (as shrouding like a cloud):

KJV-- **blackness, darkness, mist**.

What is it like in 'Outer Darkness'? It is a land of 'Darkness' where the light is as 'Darkness' and without any order.

Job 10:21-22

21 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to **the land of darkness** (choshek) **and the shadow of death**;

22 **A land of darkness** (eyphah), **as darkness** (ophel) **itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness** (ophel).

Who will go there?

- Those that will receive the 'Greater Damnation'!
- Those such as The Scribes, (who were professional writers that were men of letters and teachers of the Law).
- The Pharisees (who were religious separatists and who were very orthodox in the faith of the Jewish church). (Matthew 5:20)
- The hypocrites (are those that are the great pretenders).
- The False Teachers.
- Ungodly men.
- Those that know about God but do not obey His Will.

➤ Many Others:

Those that will receive the 'Greater Damnation' such as the Scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites:

Matt 23:13-14

13 **But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.**

14 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.**

Luke 20:46-47

46 **Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;**

47 **Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.**

The False Teachers:

2 Pet 2:1

1 **But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

2 Pet 2:17

17 **These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist (zophos) of darkness (skotos) is reserved for ever.**

The Ungodly men (human beings) who have crept in the Church unawares:

Jude 4

4 **For there are certain men (human beings) crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jude 13

13 **Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness (zophos) of darkness (skotos) for ever.**

Those that know **about** God but **do not** obey His Will:

These are those that call themselves Jews and/or Christians (Children of the Kingdom) but have not believed in Jesus Christ through Faith.

Matt 8:11-12

11 **And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**

12 **But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer (exoteros) darkness (skotos): there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Many others are those who will try to sneak into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, but to no avail!

Matt 22:10-13

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 **And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:**

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 **Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer (exoteros) darkness (skotos); there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Others are those ‘unprofitable servants’ that have received wonderful gifts and talents from the Lord , but who have never used them for the Glory of God and His Kingdom!

Matt 25:25

25 **And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth:** lo, there thou hast that is thine.

Matt 25:28-30

28 **Take therefore the talent from him,** and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: **but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.**

30 **And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer (exoteros) darkness (skotos):** there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Others are those that have not prepared themselves and are **not ready** for the Lord’s **soon** Coming!

Luke 12:45-47

45 **But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;** and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 **The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**

47 **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. (Greater Damnation)**

E. THE BOTTOMLESS PIT:

‘The Bottomless Pit’ is a depthless abyss, which is in the lower part of ‘Hades’.

In Greek:**BOTTOMLESS:**

12 **abussos** (ab'-us-sos);

from 1 (as a negative particle) and a variation of 1037; **depthless**, i.e. (specially) (infernally) "**abyss**": KJV-- **deep, (bottomless) pit.**

PIT:

5421 **phrear** (freh'-ar);

of uncertain derivation; a hole in the ground (dug for obtaining or holding water or other purposes), i.e. a cistern or well; figuratively, **an abyss (as a prison):**

KJV-- well, **pit**.

When Jesus confronted a Legion of demons, the demons asked Jesus **not** to send them to the 'Bottomless Pit'.

Luke 8:30-31

30 **And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion:** because many devils (demons) were entered into him.

31 **And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep** (Bottomless Pit).

After He died, Jesus Himself descended into the 'Bottomless Pit', before He ascended into Heaven.

Rom 10:7

7 **Or, Who shall descend into the deep** (Bottomless Pit)? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

Eph 4:9-10

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts (of Hades) of the earth?)

10 **He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens**, that he might fill all things.)

According to the Book of Revelation, the 'Bottomless Pit' will be instrumental in the Last Days. First an Angel will be given a key to open the 'Bottomless Pit' out of which smoke will arise.

Rev 9:1-2

1 **And the fifth angel sounded**, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: **and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.**

2 **And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit**, as the smoke of a great furnace; **and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.**

Then locusts will come out of the smoke, and release torments by stinging like scorpions those who do not have the 'Seal of God' on their foreheads.

Rev 9:3-5

3 **And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth** have power.

4 **And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**

5 **And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion**, when he striketh a man.

There is a King over the 'Bottomless Pit' named Abaddon, which means a destroying angel in Hebrew; or Appollyon which means in Greek a destroyer.

Rev 9:11

11 **And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Two spirits of ‘Satan’s Trinity’, the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet, also called the Beasts, will ascend out of the ‘Bottomless Pit’.

Rev 13:1 (The Anti-Christ)

1 **And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea**, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Rev 11:7

7 **And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth** (rise up, come up) **out of the bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 13:11-12 (The False Prophet)

11 **And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth**; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 **And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**

Rev 17:8

8 **The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend** (rise up, come up) **out of the bottomless pit**, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

The third Beast is the ‘Image’ of the first Beast, which is made by man. However the second Beast (the False Prophet) through Satan’s power gives life to the ‘Image’ of the Beast and causes it to speak and to cause death.

Rev 13:14-15

14 **And deceiveth them** that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; **saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

15 **And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

Satan himself however, will eventually be cast into the ‘Bottomless Pit’ for a thousand years.

Rev 20:1-3

1 **And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand.

2 **And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,**

3 **And cast him into the bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled**: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Rev 20:7

7 **And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison** (phulake),

F. GEHENNA - THE LAKE OF FIRE:

The **final** "Hell" is 'Gehenna' which is the 'Lake of Fire'. This is also known as the Second Death!

1067 geena (gheh'-en-nah);

of Hebrew origin [1516 and 2011]; valley of (the son of) Hinnom; **ge-henna** (or Ge-Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as **a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment:**

KJV-- **hell.**

What part of man will be cast into the 'Lake of Fire' (Gehenna)?

Both the soul and body will be cast into 'Gehenna'.

Matt 10:28

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy **both soul and body in hell** (Gehenna).

Matt 18:9

9 And if **thine eye offend thee**, pluck it out, and **cast it from thee: it is better for thee** to enter into life with one eye, **rather than** having two eyes to **be cast into hell** (Gehenna) **fire.**

Mark 9:43

43 And if **thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee** to enter into life maimed, **than having** two hands **to go into hell** (Gehenna), **into the fire that never shall be quenched:**

What is it like in the 'Lake of Fire' (Gehenna)?

There are worms that **never** die and everyone shall be salted with fire that will **never** be extinguished.

Mark 9:44

44 **Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

Mark 9:49

49 **For every one shall be salted with fire**, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

Who will end up in the Second Death?

Those that commit adultery in their hearts:

Matt 5:27-29

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not commit adultery:**

28 **But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that **thy whole body should be cast into hell** (Gehenna).

Those such as the Scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites:

Matt 23:27-29

27 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within **ye are full of hypocrisy** and iniquity.

29 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish (decorate) the sepulchres of the righteous,

Matt 23:31

31 **Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.**

Matt 23:33

33 **Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell (Gehenna)?**

Everyone and everything that is bad and has come against God, will be cast into the 'Lake of Fire' (Gehenna), which is the Second and final Death!

Rev 20:11-15

11 **And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it,** from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened:** and another book was opened, which is the book of life: **and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

13 **And the sea gave up the dead** which were in it; **and death and hell (Hades) delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged** every man according to their works.

14 **And death and hell (Hades) were cast into the lake of fire (Gehenna). This is the second death.**

15 **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Gehenna).**

G. ABRAHAM'S BOSOM:

'Abraham's Bosom' **was not** 'Hades', although it was in the same area inside the earth as 'Hades'. There was a gulf separating the compartment of 'Hades' and the compartment of 'Abraham's Bosom', so that the inhabitants from neither side could cross.

Luke 16:22-31

22 **And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died,** and was buried;

23 **And in hell (Hades) he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

24 **And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me,** and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; **for I am tormented in this flame.**

25 **But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things,** and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, **and thou art tormented.**

26 **And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us,** that would come from thence.

27 **Then he said, I pray thee** therefore, father, that thou wouldest **send him to my father's house:**

28 For I have five brethren; **that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.**

29 **Abraham saith** unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 **And he said,** Nay, father Abraham: but **if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.**

31 **And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

The Bible teaches that Christ preached unto the 'spirits' that were in prison. Some argue that this was in 'Hades' and that He preached to the dead that would eventually end up in the 'Lake of Fire'. A good argument for this is that in Rev. 20:7 it says that Satan was released from his prison, which is (phulake) in the Greek. This is the same Greek word that is used for prison in 1 Peter 3:19, where Jesus spoke to the 'spirits' in prison.

Others say that Christ only spoke to the 'Saints' in 'Abraham's Bosom'.

I personally believe there is the possibility that He spoke to 'both' seeing that they could hear across the gulf.

1 Pet 3:18-19

18 **For Christ** also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**

19 **By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison** (phulake);

When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He took 'Captivity Captive'. As mentioned earlier, this means that He took the Old Testament Saints that were in 'Abraham's Bosom' to the Third Heaven with Him. Therefore, 'Abraham's Bosom' is now empty!

Ps 68:18

18 **Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive:** thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Eph 4:8

8 **Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive,** and gave gifts unto men.

CONCLUSION:

Throughout the history of Mankind, many people **in the world**, through their ridiculous theories, have continually tried to disprove that "God has Laid The Foundations of **All** things".

As Christians, even though this may cause us much displeasure and discomfort, we need not be overly concerned. Remember, these people are **in the world** so they **love the world** and the things that are **in the world**; therefore, they are only concerned with **worldly** things.

We however, **do not love the world**. We know that **the world** as we know it will soon pass away, and the only things that count while we are here on earth, are the things that we do **for** God, according to His Will.

I Jn 2:15-17

15 **Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

16 **For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**

17 **And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**

As Christians, we should always be grateful to God for what He has done through His Creation of All things, and for the “Foundations that He has Laid”.

A. PRAISE THE LORD:

We should continually ‘**Praise the Lord**’ for all that He has Created and for the “Foundations that He has Laid”.

Ps 148:1-14

1 **Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.**
 2 **Praise ye him**, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
 3 **Praise ye him**, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
 4 **Praise him**, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
 5 **Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.**
 6 **He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.**
 7 **Praise the LORD** from the earth, ye dragons (sea monsters), and all deeps:
 8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
 9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
 10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
 11 **Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:**
 12 **Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:**
 13 **Let them praise the name of the LORD:** for his name alone is excellent; **his glory is above the earth and heaven.**
 14 **He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.**

Ps 135:1-7

1 **Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.**
 2 **Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,**
 3 **Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name;** for it is pleasant.
 4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.
 5 **For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.**
 6 **Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.**
 7 **He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.**

Ps 135:13

13 **Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.**

B. BLESS THE LORD:

We should ‘**Bless the Lord**’ at all times for all that He has Created and for the “Foundations that He has Laid”.

Ps 34:1

1 **I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Ps 103:1-22

1 **Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

2 **Bless the LORD, O my soul**, and forget not all his benefits:
 3 **Who forgiveth** all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
 4 **Who redeemeth** thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
 5 **Who satisfieth** thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 6 **The LORD executeth** righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
 8 **The LORD is merciful and gracious**, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
 9 **He will not always** chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.
 10 **He hath not dealt** with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
 11 **For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.**
 12 **As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**
 13 Like as a father pitieth (has compassion on, loves) his children, so **the LORD pitieth** (has compassion on, loves) **them that fear him.**
 14 **For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.**
 15 **As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.**
 16 **For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;** and the place thereof shall know it no more.
 17 **But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,** and his righteousness unto children's children;
 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.
 19 **The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.**
 20 **Bless the LORD**, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
 21 **Bless ye the LORD**, all ye his hosts; **ye ministers of his**, that do his pleasure.
 22 **Bless the LORD**, all his works in all places of his dominion: **bless the LORD, O my soul.**

Ps 104:1-35

1 **Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God**, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 2 **Who coverest thyself with light** as with a garment: **who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:**
 3 **Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:**
 4 **Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:**
 5 **Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.**
 6 **Thou coveredst it with the deep** as with a garment: **the waters stood above the mountains.**
 7 **At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.**
 8 **They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.**
 9 **Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.**
 10 **He sendeth the springs** into the valleys, which run among the hills.
 11 **They give drink** to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.
 12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.
 13 **He watereth the hills from his chambers:** the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
 14 **He causeth the grass** (hay) **to grow** for the cattle, **and herb** (vegetation) for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;
 15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16 **The trees of the LORD** are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
 17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
 18 **The high hills** are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.
 19 **He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.**
 20 **Thou makest darkness, and it is night:** wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.
 22 **The sun ariseth,** they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.
 23 **Man goeth forth unto his work** and to his labour until the evening.
 24 **O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.**
 25 **So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable,** both small and great beasts.
 26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.
 27 **These wait all upon thee;** that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.
 28 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
 29 **Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.**
 30 **Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.**
 31 **The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.**
 32 **He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.**
 33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
 34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.
 35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. **Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.** Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 134:1-3

1 **Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.**
 2 **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.**
 3 **The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.**

C. THANK THE LORD:

We should continually ‘**Thank the Lord**’ for all that He has Created and for the ‘**Foundations that He has Laid**’. We should also ‘**Thank the Lord**’ because His mercy endures forever.

Ps 136:1-9

1 **O give thanks unto the LORD;** for he is good: **for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 2 **O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 3 **O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 4 **To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 5 **To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 6 **To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 7 **To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:**
 8 **The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:**
 9 **The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.**

Ps 136:23-26

23 **Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:**

- 24 **And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 25 **Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
 26 **O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.**

D. PRAISE THE LORD - BLESS THE LORD - THANK THE LORD:

We should **'Praise the Lord'**, **'Bless the Lord'** and **'Thank the Lord'** because we know that all the "Foundations of God" will always stand sure (solid, stable and strong).

We should also **'Praise the Lord'**, **'Bless the Lord'** and **'Thank the Lord'** because we know that the Lord knows those who are His, and that He has a place waiting for us in 'His Heavenly Kingdom'. (John 14:2-3)

2 Tim 2:19

19 **Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure** (solid, stable, strong), **having this seal** (of protection from misappropriation), **The Lord knoweth them that are his.** And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (wrong, unrighteousness).

For we walk by 'Faith' and not by sight.

2 Cor 5:1-8

1 **For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

2 **For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:**

3 **If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.**

4 **For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**

5 **Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest (security) of the Spirit.**

6 **Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:**

7 **(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)**

In the meantime, through His Divine Power, God has given us great and precious promises that we may be partakers of His Divine Nature.

2 Pet 1:3-8

3 **According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

4 **Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 **And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

6 **And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

7 **And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity (Love).**

8 **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2 Pet 1:10-11

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And Now we are Heirs of His Kingdom!

James 2:5

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

Heb 12:28

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

2 Tim 4:18

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

And Christ has entered into Heaven itself to appear in the presence of God for us.

Heb 9:24-28

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Finally my Brethren, we should continually ‘Praise the Lord’, ‘Bless the Lord’ and ‘Thank the Lord’, because we know that there is **no** other “Foundation” that anyone can lay than that which is Laid, **which is Jesus Christ!**

1 Cor 3:11

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

AMEN!

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