

Sunday School Lesson for the Month September 2021

What is the Foundation of your Home?

(Matthew 7:24-25)

Sunday, September 5, 2021

In the final sentences of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commented on two foundations for houses. This is simultaneously a conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount and a call to commitment to Christ. It is said that Ancient Law codes often ended with a blessing or a curse. Jesus completed His sermon and call for a decision in these sentences. Jesus said that one place a person can build his house, is on a rock. The other place a person can build a house, is on the sand. Houses built on that foundation cannot hold up when winds and floods press against them. They are torn from their place, wind and water bouncing them about until they look like little mounds of toothpicks.

As we continue to think of the responsibilities before us in our Christian homes, the question comes to mind: ***On what foundation are we building our homes?***

Sunday, September 12, 2021

I. We are faced with alternatives!

- A. Unsure, unsafe foundations. One of the alternatives before us is to build a home on an unsure, unsafe foundation. Remember, Jesus was a carpenter. He knew how important the foundation was to the strength and security of a home. The tragedy of modern life is that so many homes are built on the wrong foundation. Such foundations as, popular opinion, instant gratification, and worldly power are hardly foundations for strong homes. To make matters worse, some homes do not even appear to be built on any foundation at all; they are just built.
- B. Sure, safe foundations. The stabilizing force necessary for strong homes that can withstand the pressures, is Christian faith. The greatest legacy a father could leave his family is a legacy of faith. That legacy will carry on when money runs out!

Sunday, September 19, 2021

II. We must face reality!

A. The reality is that we will face troubles. Did you notice that the scriptures say that the rain descended, the floods came, and the wind blew? It does not say, “if” the rain descended, “if” the floods came, or “if” the wind blew! In all actuality, those kinds of events will descend on every home at some point in time. These troubles may come from many sources and they may bear many different names and faces and the reality is, each one of us must face them.

B. How will you face them? Since reality is, you will face troubles, trials, and difficulties at some time, the questions before you are, how will you face them? Where will you find the strength? Where will your resources come from in those times of trouble?

I often tell young people when counseling them prior to marriage, that they must have a reservoir of faith from which to draw when difficult times come. There is no question that those times will come and if we do not have that reservoir of faith beforehand, we will not have it when it is needed.

Sunday, September 26, 2021

III. We can achieve!

A. Achievement is possible! The positive promise of this parable is that we can achieve. We can stand to face life. We can build our homes properly. When Jesus offered the alternatives to us and set before us a choice, He was also assuring us that success was possible.

B. Achievement depends on obedience to Christ! Whether we build a stable home or an unstable home depends on our obedience to Jesus Christ. We can achieve stability with Christ as the foundation. When a family obeys Christ, when a family turns in faith to Christ, when a family acts on the teachings that Christ gives us in the Sermon on the Mount, that family builds its home on the solid foundation!

C. Faith makes the difference! There is a marked difference in building a home on faith as opposed to on the things of this world. Faith makes the difference between success and failure in the home. In his book titled, “Fresh Every Morning,” Gerald Kennedy contrasts the difference faith made in the lives of his two friends.

One friend was not a believer. His only son, a brilliant boy, headed for a Medical Career, was killed at a railroad crossing on the way back to the University. With the son's death came the death of meaning in the father's life. He found it difficult to carry on his work. Whenever Kennedy would meet him and talk to him, no word could bring healing.

Kennedy had another friend who was an active believer who suffered a similar situation when his daughter was tragically killed in an automobile accident. But here was the difference: while his sorrow was deep, it did not overthrow his life. She was a Christian girl and he spoke confidently of meeting her again. He published a little booklet giving excerpts from her letters and expressions of her faith. It showed the difference faith makes.

On what foundation are you building your home? Every home is built on some foundation. The foundation that Christ offers through faith in Him and obedience to His Word is the foundation that stands!