

ARE YOU BUILDING ON SAND?

Psalm 89:11-18

INTRODUCTION: In 1957 a new situational comedy hit the airwaves, it was called "Leave It to Beaver." It was a wholesome funny show and it talked about the problems of life growing up as the Beaver. Problems for the Beaver were different back in the 1950s than what we face today. In the 1950s people had a stronger foundation of what was right and wrong and families were intact and had a value system that was based on the Word of God. Today we have our own standards of right and wrong and have as a nation rejected God's clear standards of right and wrong. Jeremiah 2:13. In our society and in our homes, we are building on sand: Matthew 7:24-27; Psalm 89:14. If you want a solid foundation; righteousness and justice, love and faithfulness can't be beat. We need to build like our God builds.

I. GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION: RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE!

If you want to have a solid foundation for your home you cannot beat the foundation that God has built His throne on: righteousness and justice! That can be the foundation that we chose to build our lives and our homes on also. Righteous is one of the names that our God has told us is His Son's Name! Jeremiah 23:5-6. Our God is a holy God! Revelation 4:8. Justice talks about our God being a righteous Judge. Right and wrong are not subjective issues. God has told us what is right and wrong. You can choose to believe or reject God's truth but it is still true. Proverbs 14:12; Judges 21:25. When we chose to break God's commandments we wind up being broken by them: Galatians 5:19-21. Is premarital sex a big deal? Hebrews 13:4. God's Word stands today just as it did long ago: Malachi 3:6; 1 Peter 1:24-25. God still hates divorce: Malachi 2:15-16. Divorce destroys lives! Homosexuality isn't political, it is moral. It is forbidden by God in the Old and New Testaments. We need to call sin what our God calls sin: 1 John 1:5-10; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.; Galatians 5:19-21. Right and wrong are defined by God, not us: Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 5:20. Let God's Word be the standard of right and wrong in your house! Psalm 119:128. Build your house on the Lord's righteousness and on His justice!

II. GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION: LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS!

The second piece of God's solid foundation is love and faithfulness: Psalm 89:14-15. Our God loves people unconditionally: Psalm 89:30-33. Our God has a heart of love for each of us regardless if we love or obey Him. Think of the prodigal son, when he came to his senses and came back to his father, his father embraced him, that father represents our heavenly Father. Our homes need a foundation of love. God's love is unconditional but it is inseparably linked to faithfulness. Love and faithfulness surround the throne of God. John 1:12-14; Ephesians 4:15-16. Our homes should be founded on God's love and faithfulness. Proverbs 16:6; Psalm 89:15.

III. EXTENDING GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION TO OTHERS!

Our homes, our churches and our lives should be based on God's righteousness, justice, love and faithfulness. Our churches should be hospitals for hurting people that extend God's unconditional love but we must never stop telling the truth. If we do not base our churches, homes, and our own lives on God's righteousness, justice, love and faithfulness, we will be building on the sand. Our God is a God of grace and the second and twentieth chance. If we will come to Him in faith and get out of the pig sty we will find a Father who shows us His love! Matthew 11:28-30.