The Fellowship in Winnipeg

Topic: The Foundation of My Faith Speaker: Bro Samuel Agboola

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"Now why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

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[49] But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation; and the river burst against it and it immediately collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

Luke 6:46-49 NASB

Depth of Foundation = Height of Growth

In structural engineers, there is a term called Bedrock. Bedrock is a solid or hard rock underneath the soil, gravel, or other surface material. A small / shallow foundation is proportion to a smaller house like a bungalow. Perhaps 1.5-3 metres a foundation is sufficient. For a skyscraper, however, a fathomless / extremely deep foundation that hits the bedrock is required else the building will collapse.

In terms of timing, the man building a shallow or no foundation will take significantly less time to finish the house, even before the deep foundation builder is done the digging for the ground to pour the foundation of their skyscraper. People often do not value the foundations. They value aesthetics and speed. Yet when the storm comes, the true value of the house shows. Digging is an uncomely and laborious task. Hence many shy away or rush it. Yet, it is in the time of trial that the results show.

The Bedrock

The bedrock is Christ, the law and the prophets. They are the foundation of the hristian faith. Every believer should have a good understanding of the message of the law and the prophets. There is nothing you will read in the New Testament that is not founded on the law and the prophets. In fact, new testament authors will often reference the prophets in their writings saying, "As it is written in the prophets," or "Spoken of by the prophet Esaias." Every believer, who desires significant heights in spiritual matters, must have a solid understanding of the law, the prophets, and the gospel of Jesus.

The Foundation

The foundation is Christ in the flesh and His apostles. You can also find truths within the rock in the gospels and the books of acts. The materials needed to build a solid foundations can be found in the truth of Christ revealed in His flesh and the work of His apostles. This was what the man lacked. The bedrock is always there, however the foundation (Christ manifest in the flesh and the work of his disciples) is what connects your building to the bedrock (the books of Moses and the prophets). Many believers, because they do not want to dig, avoid a deep foundation going towards the bedrock. This is why you find a lot of weak and feeble believers. A good understanding of things like the tabernacle, the feasts, etc, helps a believer find stability in their christian work. Faith is the name of the house we are building. The foundation is Christ and is of faith. This foundation is also of faith. This is why faith becomes a very important ingredient in our stability in this race. Brethren, the deeper we dig, the more sure our foundation will be!

"So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

Galatians 6:10 NASB

What Does It Mean to Dig Deep?

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg."

Luke 16:3 NASBS

This scripture shows that digging is a not a glorious task. It is often associated with lowliness and shame. It is also a humbling and humiliating experience, that will drive out any ounce of pride lurking. By the time you go through the process of digging, you may loose friends because you look untidy. This is what Jesus went through. Isaiah 53:2-5 said that there was nothing to desire about Jesus. He suffered for us, yet, we deemed him as one punished by God. This scripture was seen in his digging process. If any man will come after him, he must go through the digging process.

[3]Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

- [4] Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- [5] Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- [6] Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- [7] But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- [8] And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- [10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- [11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:3-11 KJVS

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Today we call this self love, building our reputation to be people of worth. This even happens in the church. However, Jesus threw away his reputation. This is part of the digging process. You will be blessed and heavily anointed as you yield to the spirit, but remember this. Amen. The hold firmly to their reputation was what killed the last revival. This new move of God will not be based on gifts, but on golden character tried by the refiners fire. It will be heralded by men that are unknown and uncelebrated. If you would be part of this move, you must make yourself of no reputation.

Prayer

LORD, please repair any fault my foundation and to diligently dig a deep foundation in you. The bible speaks of the day of the Lord, where everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Not understanding foundations is risky and precarious to one's faith. Psalm 11:3 says that if the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do.

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