

# Faithful Sayings

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### Luke 13:22-30

22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the

kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

As Christians, it is so important that we lay a strong foundation for our spiritual home. There will be cracks in it from time to time, but it does not have to break. For in **Galatians 6:9** it says: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." This is a promise for us from God, and God does not lie.

By Bill Davis

## Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you joined us today.

Please come again.

## Your Foundation

### Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

About this time every year, all of us who own a home will have

to fix up something either inside of the house or on the outside of the house. Our wives will usually want to paint one or more rooms a certain color and put up new curtains or just clean the old ones. The husbands will have to work on the house outside. Usually a new coat of paint may be needed, or a new door or a window will need to be installed. We may need to make home improvements that involve pouring cement, etc. You get the point. We homeowners are always maintaining our homes. If we don't take care of our homes, they will start to fall apart. Usually, when a home

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starts to show a little age on it, one will see cracks in the walls and cracks in the floor; for the house will start to settle in time. It takes work to maintain a home. If one ignores the problems in a home it will fall apart and great will be the ruin of your home.

We spend a lot of time, energy, and money to maintain our homes, and for good reason, because they're expensive. The question is, how much time and energy do we spend on our spiritual home? One may ask, "How does my physical home compare with my spiritual home?" It always goes back to how strong a foundation your home has. If our physical home is built on solid ground it will stand the test of time during the storms of nature. The same is true with our spiritual home. If our spiritual life is not built on a solid foundation it will not stand up against the storms that we encounter in our lives. As Christians, how can our spiritual house develop cracks in the foundation and start to fall apart? A good example is that of a small crack in a wall. Most of us have cracks in the walls in our homes. And we all know that the longer we let that crack stay in the wall, the bigger it will become in due time.

What started out small, turned out to be a big problem. That's the way it is

with our spiritual home. If we let the world draw us away from God it will develop into a small crack. The more we let the world dominate our lives, the crack that started out small between us and God will turn out to be a large gulf. Another way that our spiritual home can develop cracks and fall apart is if we are not studying God's word (the Bible) as we should.

**Hosea 4:6** tells us, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."*

In our world today, even in this country, there are a lot of false teachers around us. We see them on the TV as so-called preachers who preach part truth and part lies, otherwise known as true lies. These so-called preachers are more into making money off of peoples' emotions than trying to save them. We see mega churches that don't teach the word of God, they use entertainment to bring people to church, and they call this worship. We see movies such as the Da Vinci Code, which is a movie that speaks blasphemy about the life of Jesus. If we, as Christians today, don't study God's word we will fall for anything that sounds good.

**2 Timothy 4:1-5**

*1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His*

*appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

The Bible also tells us there will be those who are lovers of self, traitors of the gospel, unloving, and unforgiving.

**2 Timothy 3:1-9**

*1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by*

*various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.*

All of us, as Christians, have seen those who had a weak spiritual foundation. When the lure of this world became too great for them they packed their bags and walked away from their first love (Jesus). The end result was that they became part of the world all over again. We have seen how those who were weak responded when hard times came upon them. They blamed God and forsook him. Instead of drawing closer to God, they forsook everything they had gained, they just walked away. The only way that any of us as Christians are going to have a strong foundation, is if we study God's word every day, every hour, and every minute. We need to pray all the time for wisdom, strength, and guidance. Most of all, we need to have a willing heart to follow and love God; and be obedient to God's word and His Son who died for us. You see, neglecting God will weaken our spiritual foundation and the end result will be "great was the fall."