**A GOOD FOUNDATION**

**FOR THE TIME TO COME!**

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**1Ti 6:17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, 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, willing to communicate;

 **19** Laying up in store for themselves a Good Foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

 What’s Paul telling Timothy? Preach and tell the people that trying times are ahead. Don’t get anchored to this world. Don’t put your trust in things down here. This world and its pleasures will fail – your only Hope and Salvation is Jesus Christ our Lord! This world with all its pleasures and promises will let you down. It is sinking sand, but on Christ the Solid Rock we stand!

 I don’t need to tell you the hour is late. These are the closing moments of time. Our Lord’s coming is so near – it’s even at the door. If you’re keeping up with the news you can see an avalanche of evil surfacing from the nether world on our planet that is waxing to the point of boiling over. Our generation has sold themselves to do the most hideous evils imaginable. I have never witnessed such perversions of every kind, a Godless society with such reprobate minds. We have reached that point in human history as it was in Noah’s day before God was forced to destroy the world with a flood. Their generation was filled with violence and so here we are today in an age of guns, bombs, bloodshed and hate. His judgment also came upon the twin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah in the form of fire and brimstone raining down from Heaven and left them in a smoldering pile of ashes! Men and women working that which is unnatural and against nature, dishonoring their bodies in unions of unbridled sexual lusts. So here we are today, it has filled our streets and nation. It is just the tip of the iceberg of what is coming! Why are these things happening? Because it is the end of the age Jesus said would come! Evil is waxing worse and worse.

**PERILOUS TIMES ARE HERE!**

**2Ti 3:1** ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous (Unsafe and dangerous) 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, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce – (people causing great fear and terror in the hearts of others), despisers of those that are good,

 **4** Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

 **5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Listen children, don’t put your trust in flesh, don’t put your confidence in the new elected president and government. Rough Shaky times are here. I tell us again – “it’s time to get anchored!” We must go Deeper! The Holy Ghost is warning us – there is coming a time that will try every persons Faith. Between us and Heaven are purging fires!

**A SHAKING IS COMING**

**Heb. 12:25-27** – God said: Yet once more I Shake not the earth only, but also heaven. It signifieth the removing of things that are shaken, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

 What is the Holy Ghost saying through Paul? It is a warning of what God is going to do. He’s getting ready to Shake the Sieve to separate the Wheat from the Chaff, the True from the False! Only the true and solid shall remain and hold on. The Lord is getting ready to take His Church out of here but He has to Shake her loose from this world! Most people are not truly ready, they’re half hearted and carnal minded. They are not committed to the Lord - playing instead of praying. To most people, life is but a party and good time. They are tied to this world in a hundred different ways. Children, it is time to weep and cry and draw nigh to God for it will surely save you from untold sorrows. It’s no time to follow Christ afar off. If we don’t get in and serve God with our whole heart and get rooted in Jesus, we stand to lose everything including our own soul! Some don’t care if they go to Church or not and if they go, they go where the world and its sinful entertainments are welcomed. Mark it down, before Jesus can come and take His people out of here to Heaven, He has to break her loose from the worldly ties that bind her, and Shake off the fetters that hold her. We are too at home in this lustful world, too at ease with pleasures. Listen, I see God’s hand of judgment upon our nation. He’s shaking it with calamities – winds and raging fires, droughts and pestilence, unprecedented rains and floods, more and more earthquakes all over the globe, out of control storms breaking records everywhere. The whole earth is reeling and rocking. Large sink holes are now appearing all over the world. They are just suddenly opening up and swallowing everything – cars, homes, trees, roads and buildings. Some are 50 to 100 feet deep.

**MY FRIEND’S DREAM**

 A dear friend of mine I worked with for years at the plant was gloriously saved a few years ago. He played drums in a Rock Band. The Lord got a hold of his heart and he turned his life over to God. Now he takes his wife and children to Church and plays drums for Jesus. He called me about 3 weeks ago and told me a dream he had that really stirred him. He said – Tommy, I was driving with my family in the car and it was like we were driving high in the mountains like the Blue Ridge Parkway. We were high up. I came to a tunnel and as I entered a ways into the tunnel, I looked into the rear view mirror and saw like a big gate, a door close off the end of the tunnel that I entered. As I drove on I could see light at the other end. But before I could exit, another big gate and door came down and sealed off that end.

I stopped my car. I wondered – what is going on? Why is this happening? I got out with my boy and little girl. I noticed a small opening in the gate where light was coming in and I walked over to look through. As I looked out the opening I could see down into the valleys below – there was flood waters everywhere. The waters were rising and filling all the valleys. It kept getting higher and higher climbing up the mountains engulfing everything. I looked around me in the tunnel and saw all the children of my Church. They were all standing peacefully around me in the dream. We were closed in safe and peaceful.

 (Whenever you have a dream of flood waters, it means trouble). God was showing him that we need to go higher in the Lord. There is safety and security in Him. He is our hiding place from the wrath of man. He is our strong consolation, our stronghold in the day of trouble. His mountain will stand firm. It is unshakeable and unmoveable. Sin and evil cannot touch us in His mountain of Holiness! It’s like the cleft of the Rock that God hid Moses in. The Lord passed by him proclaiming – “I am the Lord God, merciful and gracious, abundant in goodness and truth!”

 Before God ever brought His people Israel out of Egypts land of bondage and take them to the land of promise, He had to get their attention. He shook the whole nation with plagues, judgments, troubles, pain and sorrow to get them to cry out for deliverance! It got so bad they wanted out - come and get us Lord! It’s the same process today. Jesus is saying, “I am coming soon to take you home but I’ve got to get you ready. I’ve got to create a CRY in you to want to leave. God is visiting nations all over the world and Shaking them with judgments. Listen to me close, He is visiting families. Proverbially speaking He is Shaking the family tree – moms, dads and children to wake them up to pray.

With all my heart I want to see our Nation turn back to God! My dream, my hope is to see the Lord wake America out of her slumber and send us one final Revival before He returns for His Church and takes her out of here! He wants a spotless Bride. If you read history of past revivals and mighty moves of God where multitudes of people were saved and healed, there was first deterioration of society and a descent into moral chaos and decay and surely this is where we are now!

**IT’S TIME TO BUILD ON A GOOD FOUNDATION!**

 You cannot afford to slip now. Stay with Jesus, stay anchored in Him.

**Psalms 11:3** – If the foundations be destroyed what can the Righteous do? If you ever leave or lose your foundation, you’re done for, you’re gone. So many people are destroying everything good they’ve been taught, destroying their Christian heritage and life they once built. They are destroying their convictions they once believed and built on. Listen, Jesus is the only Way, He’s the true Foundation. He’s the solid Rock and there is no other way to be saved.

 Can I ask you – are you struggling lately? Are you fearful? Are you swallowed up with problems and burdened down? Are you weary and battling within? Maybe you’re going through it – the devil is fighting you, he’s lying and tempting. DON’T FORSAKE YOUR ROCK!! Run to the Rock of your Salvation. Run to Jesus and stay anchored in Him!

**2Tim 2:19** ¶ Nevertheless (regardless what happens) the Foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (Foundation – means the underlying base and support upon which your spiritual life and house rests.) I know we live in a pressurized age of trouble and stress. We live in Shaky times and the enemy wants to remove you from your Foundation. He’s seeking to pull people away from Jesus. You must take a grip on God in this final hour and hold fast!

**WHERE WILL YOU BUILD YOUR LIFE**

**ROCK OR SAND?**

**Matthew 7:24** – Jesus said – Whosover heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a Rock. Luke records – the wise man dug deep and laid his foundation on the Rock. The Rock here in this verse means – Petra, which means it is not a mere stone or even a boulder, but a large expanse of bedrock. It is solid, stable and unmoveable. **Vs 25** – And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell not: for it was founded upon a Rock. Luke records – the flood arose and the stream beat vehemently upon that house and could not shake it. (Vehemently means the storm came with strong angry force. It will rise up against you, hit you, knock against you and carry you away. But if you’re anchored in God and His Word and promises, you are secure!!) **Vs. 26** – And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house on the Sand. **Vs. 27** – And the same storm of winds, rains and floods, the same temptations and trials that came against the wise man, came against this foolish man and beat upon his house and it fell and great was the fall of it. Luke said - the ruin of that house was great!

 Can I say – O the Ruin, O the ruin of precious lives and souls, the complete ruin of homes and families and children!! Listen, Jesus is your only Hope! He’s the one to build on and your life will be secure. We are living in a time when the great dragon, Satan, is casting out of his mouth a flood of filth and evil to wash people away to destruction. But in the Rock is strength and power! It will hold you and keep you from sinking and going down into outer darkness.

**WHAT THE ROCK AND THE SAND**

**STANDS FOR**

The Rock stands for the Spirit – the Sand stands for the Flesh. The Rock leads to Heaven – the Sand sinks down to Hell. The Rock will never ever move – the Sand is always shifting! In the Rock there is Righteousness, peace, Love and Hope!

 The Sand stands for your Carnal opinions and attitudes which are always shifting and unstable. To build on the Sand is to build on self-will and self fulfillment and self satisfaction in order to please the flesh. To build on the Sand is to be unteachable – you’re going to go your own way and do your own thing. To build your life on the Sand is to follow the deception and lie of the devil that says – it’s alright, you can take the easy way – you don’t have to live it that close - take a short cut – you don’t have to dig that deep and take it that serious – you don’t have to pray that hard - don’t have to be that committed – you can enjoy your life like the others – you can have your fun but in the end you’ll find out when you lose everything you had and believed in that you were wrong and you messed up forever!! It’s all gone, you should’ve stayed with God and built your life on the Rock. People will find out that others will make it but they won’t. They wouldn’t listen and now they can never regain it – it all fell, it went down and great was the fall of it!

 In ending, Spiritually I see the clouds thickening. It’s getting darker and darker in our generation. Wickedness is increasing. The Lord is getting ready to come. You don’t want to be left behind. The winds of tribulation are even now beginning to pick up and blow. Holy men of God and praying people are sounding the alarm – “Storm warning, storm warning!” It’s time to run to higher ground. Get out of the low places. Get away from the sand, you’ll be swept away and lose it all. Run to that mountain and get into the cleft of the Rock. God is your hiding place, your shelter and refuge. **Proverbs 10:25** – As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: But the Righteous is an Everlasting Foundation. Aren’t you glad that the storms can’t wash away the Blood of Jesus? What a Hope, what an Anchor! O Blessed Rock of ages hide thou me. Like the famous chorus: Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more; till the clouds roll forever from the sky: Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of thy hand; keep me safe till the storm passes by! Jesus is coming – get ready and stay ready!! May God Bless my readers!!