

SERMON: WHEN THE BOTTOM FALLS OUT

Psalm 11:3

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Psalm 82:5b

All the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Introduction

We live in a world that is constantly changing. In fact, change is changing; today new trends come and go so much quicker than they did in previous eras. Many of the changes are meritorious and provide great benefit. On the other hand, some of them are against Biblical principles. The psalmist asked the question, "How should good people function in a world where many of the values and social systems we have depended on are decaying." Compounding the problem is the perception or the reality, that evil is winning- at least for right now. Many times Christians seem like misfits, except when they are around other Christians. Paradoxically, our world is more convenient and yet more complicated.

The psalmist's question is an age-old question which comes in many forms. How do we stand firm in our beliefs without appearing mean-spirited or too judgmental? How do we avoid becoming just like our enemies? Should we try to keep up with all of the cultural and fashion changes to appear relevant and relatable so that we can be effective "fishers of men." Let's see if we can get some answers. We know all of the answers cannot be included in just one sermon. We are also very much aware that we do not have all of the answers, but we do have a few practical answers.

Exposition

1. Don't Try To Figure It Out Completely- Because You Can't.

(Sometimes God Moves Very Fast- Sometimes He Moves Extremely Slowly.)

(Solomon Tried To Get All The Answers And Suffered Burnout.)

(God Has Ordained Will And Permissive Will.)

(God Sees And Knows The Big Picture- We Do Not.)

2. Remain “Principled,” Positive, And Polite.

(This Is Easier Said Than Done-But It Must Be Done.)

(Don’t Abandon Your Principles.)

(Speak Positive To Yourself And To Others.)

(Don’t Get Bitter- Get Better.)

(Help When And Where You Can.)

(Ask, “How Can Love Be Best Served At This Time?”)

3. See Everything In The Light Of Eternity And Be Grateful –Very, Very Grateful.)

(Take Nothing For Granted – Not Family- Not Friends.)

(Constantly Count Your Blessings And Give God Praise.)

(Never Forget Who You Are And Whose You Are.)

Closing Thoughts

I will close with portions of two hymns.

“This is my Father’s World,
 O let me ne’er forget
 That though the wrong seem oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father’s world,
 The battle is not done;
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heav’n be one.”

“My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus name.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand-
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.”

Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

Related Scriptures

Romans 12:2

End Notes

1. This is the fourth time I have been led to preach from these Scriptures with the same title. I will quote Spurgeon again. “It’s the same soup warmed over and we dare not change the recipe.”

2. Here is a little anonymous poem I like to quote often:

“Rules are many;
Principles are few.
Rules change often;
Principles never do.”

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