

Jesus our Foundation

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Ministry of Judgement

- Olive tree, fig tree and vine tree are happy on what God had made them to be.

Judges 9:7-21

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⁷ Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and cried out. And he said to them:

“Listen to me, you men of Shechem,
That God may listen to you!

⁸ “The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them.

And they said to the **olive tree**,

‘Reign over us!’

⁹ But the olive tree said to them,

‘Should I cease giving my oil,
With which they honor God and men,
And go to sway over trees?’

¹⁰ “Then the trees said to the **fig tree**,

‘You come *and* reign over us!’

¹¹ But the fig tree said to them,

‘Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit,
And go to sway over trees?’

¹² “Then the trees said to the **vine**,

‘You come *and* reign over us!’

¹³ But the vine said to them,

‘Should I cease my new wine,
Which cheers *both* God and men,
And go to sway over trees?’

¹⁴ “Then all the trees said to the bramble,

‘You come *and* reign over us!’

¹⁵ And **the bramble said to the trees,**

‘If in truth you anoint me as king over you,

Then come and take shelter in my shade;

But if not, let fire come out of the bramble

And devour the cedars of Lebanon!’

¹⁶ “Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and sincerity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him as he deserves—¹⁷ for my father fought for you, risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian;¹⁸ but you have risen up against my father’s house this day, and killed his seventy sons on one stone, and made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother—¹⁹ if then you have acted in truth and sincerity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. ²⁰ “But if not, let fire come from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and Beth Millo; and let fire come from the men of Shechem and from Beth Millo and devour Abimelech!” ²¹ And Jotham ran away and fled; and he went to Beer and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

No shadow under Jesus ministry

James 1:16-17

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¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is **no variation or shadow** of turning.

Two types of Foundations

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

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¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which

is Jesus Christ.¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw**,¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a **reward**.¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone **defiles (phtheiro)** the temple of God, God will **destroy (phtheiro)** him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

- **Incorruptible in fire : gold, silver, precious stones,**
- **Correptible in fire : wood, hay, straw**

2 Corinthians 11:3

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³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be **corrupted (phtheiro)** from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Gold and Silver

- Gold speaks of Righteousness
 - Silver speaks of Redemption
1. Tabernacle, outer side. Wood coated with Gold : speaks of God making us Righteous (its a picture of all believers standing together) (wood speaks of humanity)
 2. Foot of those Gold coated wood stands on silver : speaks of us standing on the ground of redemption

Tabernacle

See others as Gold coated

Matthew 7:2-4

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² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye?

Wood, Hay and Straw

Isaiah 40:7-8

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⁷ The **grass** withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
Surely the people *are* **grass**.
⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."

- Grass : Normal People
- Flower : Popular People

What is the Gold and Silver Foundation?

1 Peter 1:23-25

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²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because

"All flesh *is* as **grass**,
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers,
And its flower falls away,
²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever."^[1]

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Footnotes:

- a. 1 Peter 1:25 Isaiah 40:6-8

Relevant Verse about Grass

Jeremiah 17:5-8

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⁵ Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man
And makes flesh his strength,
Whose heart departs from the Lord.

⁶ For he shall be like a **shrub** in the desert,
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,
In a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

⁷ “Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.

⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear^[a] when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

What about Ministries which goes through Fire?

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

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¹⁴ If anyone’s work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a **reward**. ¹⁵ If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but **he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire**.

- Endures -> Reward
- Burned -> Suffer Loss

Everlasting Salvation for Ministers of Burned Ministeries

Despite of Ministers bad foundation

- **he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire**
- Because the Salvation what a Believer (One who Believes in Christ) receives is an everlasting Salvation, which can't be removed or changed by his deeds or actions.

Other Relevant Points

Everlasting Arms of God

Deuteronomy 33:27

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²⁷ The eternal God *is your* refuge,
And underneath *are* the **everlasting arms**;
He will thrust out the enemy from before you,
And will say, 'Destroy!'

- At the tabernacle, the outer side is grounded on to ARMS
- Arms Implies the Everlasting arms of God
- Arms of Redemption, thats why it is made of silver.

Don't mix 1 Corinthians 3:16 into 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:16

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¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 speaks about the Ministry

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

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¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies **are** members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."^[a] ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord **is** one spirit *with Him*.

¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God in your body** and **in your spirit**, which are God's.

- **Despite of what they are doing/done, their bodies are still the members of Christ**
- **Glorify God in your body** by having a healthy body.
- How to Glorify God in your body? – read more

Footnotes:

- a. 1 Corinthians 6:16 Genesis 2:24

Other Irrelevant points

Promises to Abram

Genesis 12:1-3

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12 Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,

From your family

And from your father's house,

To a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,

And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

1. I will bless you
2. Make your name great
3. You shall be a blessing

I will bless you -> Make your name great -> You shall be a blessing

Notes

- Gold speaks of Deity