

If The Foundations Be Destroyed

(Psalm 11:3)

- Introduction:
1. The question raised in Psalm 11:3 transcends the immediate concerns of that time, and is as applicable today as ever.
 2. Let us examine what the righteous should do in the face of the crumbling foundations of our society.
 3. Let's consider the answer to this question in light of the events of Acts 4.

I. The Arrest Of Peter & John

- A. (Acts 4:1-21).
- B. Two of the leading apostles have been arrested.
- C. This must have been shook the early church to its core.
- D. The government is "on their shoulder" (Isaiah 9:6).
 1. They severely threatened them (Acts 4:17).
 2. Commanded them to no longer speak about Jesus (Acts 4:18).
- E. How discouraging this must have been.

II. The Response To Governmental Oppression & Interference

- A. They acknowledged the sovereignty of God (Acts 4:19).
 1. (Psalm 11:4).
 2. (Revelation 20:4) God reigns!
 3. (Psalm 2:1-2).
- B. They continued to speak the truth (Acts 4:20,31).
 1. (Acts 5:29).
 2. (Matthew 28:19-20).
 3. (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 4. The laws of the land don't change our mission.
- C. They glorified God (Acts 4:21).
 1. By continuing the act in doing good and what is right, people with sincere and honest hearts were moved (Acts 4:16,21).
 2. There was a ground-swell in their favor because of the good they did.
- D. They prayed (Acts 4:24-30).
 1. (James 5:16).
 2. (Ephesians 3:20).
 3. (James 4:2).
 4. (Genesis 18).

- Conclusion:
1. The success of Christianity doesn't depend on having the right political party in power, or having the Supreme Court uphold laws consistent with the character of God, or the very form of government itself. It depends on Christians being committed to follow Jesus!
 2. The "Supreme Court's" ruling doesn't affect our mission in the least. Our mission before the court's ruling is the same after the court's ruling.
 3. Maybe this will be a wake up call to Christians that we are engaged in a battle and this world is not our home.
 4. Be holy, be a friend of sinners, intercede in prayer, and speak the truth in love!