

## Foundations

**Consider now** from this day and upward, ... *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, **consider it.** Hag 2:18

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ,  
let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation ... – Heb 6:1

From the Hebrew-Greek words below we see a foundation is *something put down and set in its place as a basis & a support*. A proper foundation is *pressed down firmly, settled, & established* so that it can be *erect*. Whatever is built upon the foundation has its basis or conception and its support from that foundation. From how the word is translated we see that a foundation is also *set* (Song 5:15), *ordained* (1Ch 9:22), & *appointed* (Est 1:8), so that we may be *instructed* (2Ch 3:3), *counseled* (Ps 2:2, 31:13), & *established* (Ps 78:69).

**In English, foundation means:** The basis on which a thing stands, is founded, or is supported.

Note that everything God does, he does with a foundation. He lays foundations in:

1. the heavens (2Sam 22:8)
2. the earth (Job 38:4, Ps 82:5, 102:25, 104:5, Pr 3:19, 8:29, Isa 24:18, 40:21, 48:13, 51:13, 16, Jer 31:37, Mic 6:2, Zech 12:1, Heb 1:10)
3. the mountains (Dt 32:22, Ps 87:1) & the hills (Ps 18:7)
4. a place for the waters (Ps 104:6-8)
5. His troop in the earth (Amos 9:6)
6. His testimonies (Ps 119:152)
7. the house of God (1K 5:17, 6:37, Ezr 3:6, 10-12, 5:16, 6:3, Isa 44:28, Hag 2:18, Zec 4:9, 8:9).
8. our lives (1Co 3:10-11, Lk 6:47-48)

*So let us be instructed and counseled concerning why  
God wants a foundation laid in our lives so that we may be established!*

### The words for 'foundation' in the scripture:

Hebrew 134. *'eden*; from [to rule] (in the sense of strength); a basis (of a building, a column, etc.): foundation, socket.

Hebrew 808. *'ashiysh*; (in the sense of pressing down firmly; a (ruined) foundation: foundation.

Hebrew 3245. *yacad*; to set (lit. or fig.); intens. to found; reflex. to sit down together, i.e. settle, consult: appoint, take counsel, establish, (lay a) foundation, instruct, lay, ordain, set, X sure.

Hebrew 4349. *makown*; prop. a fixture, i.e. a basis; gen. a place, esp. as an abode: foundation, habitation, (dwelling-, settled) place.

Hebrew 8356. *shathah*; a basis, i.e. (fig.) political or moral support: foundation, purpose.

Greek 2602. *katabole*; from [to throw/lay down]; a deposition, i.e. founding; fig. conception: conceive, foundation.

Greek 2310. *themelios*; something put down, i.e. a substruction (of a building, etc.), (lit. or fig.): foundation. from [*tithemi*; to place/lay down, prop. in a passive/horizontal posture: appoint, commit, conceive, give, lay (down), make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.]

Greek 2311. *themelioo*; to lay a basis for, i.e. (lit.) erect, or (fig.) consolidate: (lay the) found (-ation), ground, settle.

## Foundations

**Consider now** from this day and upward, ... *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, **consider it.** Hag 2:18

### Principles of Foundations

#### A. The Foundation Must be Laid in the Beginning

1. in the beginning, God laid the foundation (Heb 1:10/Ps 102:25)
2. it is the preparation for building: before we build (Zec 8:9, Ezr 5:16, Heb 6:1-3, 1Co 3:10-12), tearing down, over throwing, uprooting, clearing away, & leveling (Jer 1:10)
3. the foundation must be laid: 32x it's written the foundation was laid, Lk 14:29, 1Co 3:10, Job 38:4,6 [12x it's specifically of the house of God! 1K 6:37, Zec 4:9, 8:9, Ezr 5:16, ...]

#### B. Who Lays the Foundation? A Three-Fold Cord (Ec 4:12)

1. the LORD lays the foundation (Heb 1:10, Pr 3:19-20, Isa 14:32, establish you: 2Co 1:21, Rom 16:25, 2Th 2:16-17, 3:3)
2. masterbuilders (1Co 3:10, Rom 1:11, 1Th3:2) whom the LORD has sent to us (Jer 7:25, 25:4, 26:5, 29:19, 35:15, 44:4, Mal 4:5, Mk 1:2, **Mt 23:34, Lk 11:49**, Acts 15:22); built upon the foundation of the apostles & prophets (Eph 2:20, Zec 4:9).
3. individually, we must dig deep & lay the foundation of our house on a rock (Lk 6:47-49)

#### C. How Must the Foundation be Laid?

1. according to the wisdom of God (Ps 3:19): i.e. by his plan
2. according to the grace of God (1Co 3:10): i.e. by his strength
3. must be laid strongly/deeply (Ezr 6:3, Lk 6:48): i.e. in our heart

#### D. What Must the Foundation be Laid upon? (Lk 6:47-49)

1. not on the earth [men's doctrines, traditions, & commandments] (Mt 15:9, Tit 1:14, Col 2:8,20, Gal 4:9) for then we have no foundation (Ps 82:5, Lk 6:49)
2. but fastened to a rock (Job 38:6, Lk 6:48, Ps 40:2)
  - a. Jesus Christ [the Word of God] is that rock (1Co 3:11, Eph 2:20)
  - b. a tried stone, a precious [costly] stone, a sure stone (Isa 28:16), a cornerstone (Ps 118:22, Zec 4:7, 1Pe 2:6-7, Ac 4:11)
3. must be laid in holiness (Ps 87:1), righteousness (Pr 10:25), & judgment (Ps 97:2, 89:14)

#### E. What are the Building Materials for the Foundation?

1. stones are what God uses to build our foundation (Isa 54:11-13, Heb 6:1)
2. great stones, costly stones, hewed stones (1K 5:17, 7:10)
  - a. noble stones: those who search the scriptures (Ac 17:11, 2Tim 2:15)
  - b. precious sacrifices & gifts:
    - i. Jn 12:3, 2K 1:13-14, Ps 49:8 (soul), 116:15 (life), Pr 12:27 (diligence)
    - ii. Pr 17:8 (gift), 20:15 (knowledge), 3:15 (wisdom), 1Pe 1:7 (faith), 1Co 12:7-12
  - c. dressed/wrought: the signs & works of God, Jam 2:22, Isa 26:12, Jer 18:3, Jn 3:21, Ac 5:12, 15:12, 18:3, 19:11, 21:19, Ro 15:18, 2Co 12:12, Gal 2:8, Eph 1:20
3. 6 steps before the throne of the king (1K 10:19-20/2Ch 9:18-19)

## Foundations

**Consider now** from this day and upward, ... *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, **consider it.** Hag 2:18

- F. The Laying of the Foundation: a cause for great rejoicing  
(Ezr 3:10-11, Ps 118:22-24, Mt 21:42-43 – this is the kingdom!)
1. trumpets & cymbals
  2. praising & singing
  3. giving of thanks & shouting
- G. The Fruit – Why Lay such a Difficult, Time-Consuming, & Costly Foundation?
1. our old foundation is in the dust of the earth (Job 4:19, 1Co 15:46-50): we need a new 1!
  2. to pass the test: that we should ...  
(a) not be **removed** (Ps 104:5, Pr 30:4), (b) not **fall** (Mt 7:25), (c) nor be **tossed** to & fro (Eph 4:14, Isa 54:11), (d) nor make **haste** (Isa 28:16), (e) nor be **shaken** (Lk 6:48-49), (f) nor be **moved** (Ps 93:1, 96:10), but (g) stand **sure** (2Tim 2:19), & (h) lay **hold** on eternal life (1Tim 6:19) – now that's being established!
  3. God will discover [reveal & make naked] every foundation by his rebuke (Ps 18:15/2Sam 22:16, Mic 1:6, Hab 3:13, Eze 13:14):
    - a. if it be not planted by Him, He will root it up (Mt 15:13, Job 22:16)
    - b. the storms of life will hit us all to test our foundation (Lk 6:48-49)
    - c. our response [especially to correction] reveals our foundation (Heb 12:7-8)
- H. What can Happen to our Foundation?
1. the fleshly want to *erase* it & *destroy* it [break in pieces] (Ps 137:7, 11:3)  
[English: rase = to level to the ground; demolish; to scrape or shave off; to erase]
  2. the storms can destroy it, if it be not properly fastened (Lk 6:48-49)
  3. repentance re-lays & secures the foundation of God in our life (Heb 6:1, 2Co 7:11)
- I. How do we Guard our Foundation?
1. keep that which is committed to us (1Tim 6:19-20, 2Tim 1:12-14, Heb 2:1)
  2. not become dull of hearing (Heb 5:11-12), nor harden our heart when we hear (Heb 3:7, 15, 4:7, 12:19)
  3. do not neglect it (Heb 2:3) [to be careless of, make light of, be negligent], but continue in it (Jn 8:31, Ac 13:43, 14:22, Rom 11:22, Col 1:23, 1Tim 4:16, 2Tim 3:14, 1Jn 2:24; Mt 10:22, 24:13, Jam 5:11)
- J. How do we Dig Deep & Lay our Foundation on the Rock? (Lk 6:47-49)
1. stop murmuring, stop running here/there, & come to Jesus (Ps 106:25-27, Isa 29:24, Jn 6:43-45, 1Co 10:10-12, Php 2:13-16, Jude 1:16-20) – He is the Rock (Dt 32:30-31, 18)
  2. hear his sayings (by receiving whom He has sent) & be his disciple (by hating your family & your own life also – Lk 14:26-29)
  3. don't deceive yourself, but be a doer of the word (Jam 1:22-25): bear your cross & come after him (1Sam 3:4-10, 2:22-30, Jn 7:17)