“If the Foundations Be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?”
Psalm 11:3

Introduction:
A. A soul-searching rhetorical question for all righteous people to ponder.
   1. Destroy building’s foundation - little to build to -- little can be done to repair it.
   2. Certain basics at the very foundation of our lives as God-fearing people.
   3. If we allow these to be destroyed, indeed “What can the righteous do?”
B. Not so much afraid that the foundations of our lives will be destroyed by any single blow.
   1. May allow the foundations to be destroyed by gentle erosion – much like a house that has its foundation worn away by a little trickle of water over the years.
   2. A little change here and a little perversion there until the very foundation is destroyed.
C. In this lesson we note three foundations of righteousness in danger of being destroyed by such erosion:

Discussion:
II. Bible Based Homes.
A. A lack of “family values” and “juvenile crime” are hot political topics today.
   1. Everyone seems to recognize the threat society, but very little agreement as to cause and cure.
   2. Many of the most outspoken on this subject show little regard for them in their private lives.
B. It is no accident that decline in “family values” and increase in “juvenile crime” parallels the erosion of the “traditional family” – what we call Bible based homes.
C. What is a Bible based home?
   1. Husband and wife committed their marriage for life. (Rom. 7:2,3; Matt. 19: 3-6).
      a. Husband is head and primary provider (Eph. 5:22, 23; I Tim. 5:8).
      b. Wife is submissive and a “help meet for him.”
      c. Wife is primarily a “keeper at home” (Tit. 2:4,5- Note various versions)
      a. Nurturing them.
      b. Training them.
      c. Disciplining them.

III. Bible Based Morals.
A. “Judeo-Christian” morals and ethics has served our society well for generations.
   1. Many may have violated the teaching.
   2. Few questioned the validity and value.
B. Morality separates us from mere animals (cf. 2 Pet. 2:12).
C. True morality is God-centered with an objective standard.
   1. It is tied to our respect for God (cf. Rom. 1:28-32)
   2. It has eternal consequences (1 Cor. 6:9,10; Rev. 21:8)
D. Foundation undermined by subjectivism, expediency and humanism.

IV. Bible Based Faith.
A. Our faith rests upon the trustworthiness of Bible.
B. Open attacks on the Bible record are harmful.
   1. Atheists and agnostics.
   2. Naturalists and Evolutionists.
C. Subtle undermining of the Bible record more dangerous.
   2. Theistic evolutionists.
D. If cannot trust creation story, etc. what of salvation, redemption, the kingdom, the church, etc.

Conclusion:
A. Let us do all we can to keep these foundations from being undermined.
B. Let us do all we can to preserve and promote these foundations.