

If the Foundations Be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?

Exodus 20:1-17

“But when private men will spend all their thoughts upon their superior’s actions, this must necessarily disquiet them; for they are off of their own center...” John Donne

The four foundations of a society are: 1. The Church, 2. The State, 3. The Family, and 4. God

1. The foundation of the Church is Christ Himself in His Word; His Scriptures.
2. The foundation of the State is the Law—the Law is my surety to the State that I shall pay my obedience, and the Law is the State’s surety to me that I shall enjoy my protection.
3. The foundation of the family is peace which compacts all the pieces of the family together.
4. The foundation of the fourth is a good conscience before a holy God. A good conscience has two parts: knowledge and practice.

If foundations must fall, do not let the last one fall—govern thyself well.

Divine and Natural Law

- I. Commands 1 and 10: Wanting more than God gives us is an attack on God and our neighbor. (Genesis 3:1-10)
- II. Commands 2 and 9: The worst false testimony we can give the world is showing it a false god. (Kings 18)
- III. Commands 3 and 8: We are tempted to steal when we lack something. We steal from God when we use his character to cover up our lack of one. We attempt to steal from His power when we try to manipulate Him. (Genesis 32:22-32 and Acts 19:13-17)
- IV. Commands 4 and 7: Covenants are meant to be kept. We have covenant with God and with our spouse. (Exodus 31:16 and Hosea 1:2; 6:7; and 4:1-3)
- V. Commands 5 and 6: Ultimately God is our Father and Creator. If we dishonor Him, thoughts and then actions of murder are sure to follow. (John 8:42-47)

Conclusion: Foundations may crumble but God’s Word and His faithfulness will not fail.