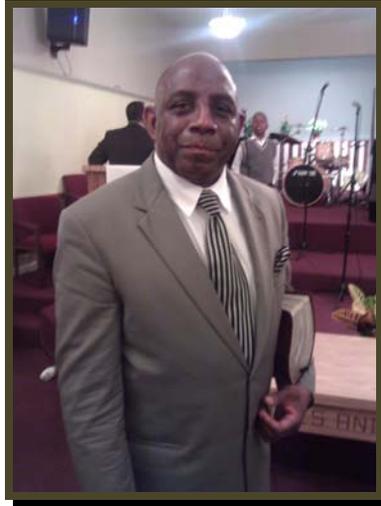


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“Building On a Solid Foundation”

**“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them,
I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:”**

During these past years as a Pastor and Builder, I have had the privilege and opportunity to repair various churches in the Bay Area; recently it has come to my spirit that the churches which were built on solid foundations for future generations are now in the deteriorating aspect. Why?

When I look at the foundation of the building and see cracks or crumbling foundations, I also see churches crumbling in spirit and membership. We still preach and believe, and proclaim and practice the Gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The message is still the Gospel of Salvation. And it still concerns the concepts of God, Christ, Grace and Salvation. But the problem lies in departure from these foundational truths over the years. The Psalmist asked “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:3. The question is, “While the foundations were being destroyed, what were the righteous doing?” Has the Church lost its sense of God’s sovereignty and holiness?

To build upon a solid foundation means to be a hearing and responding disciple, not a phony, superficial one. Practicing obedience becomes the solid foundation to weather the storms of life. James said, “We must be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving our own self.” Some of us have a solid foundation and have maintained a good house, but somehow the termites have entered through a crack in the foundation. THE TERMITE OF SIN -- termites that are not seen and are hidden behind walls. Until we open up the walls, we cannot see the decay and the dry-rot that has been covered up for so long; the decay of jealousy, back biting, fornication, envy, and the walls of sin hidden in our hearts. The termite company only treats termites. “JESUS REMOVES THEM”. There is still hope through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The cracks in our hearts can be mended and the disappointments can be fulfilled.

“Then the King shall say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matthew 25:34)