Sunday School March 8, 2009

The Evidence of Divine Favor Through The Great Falling Away

Matt. 7:25—And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and **beat upon that house**; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Matt. 7:27—And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Lu 6:48-49—He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

- "Great was the fall of it" "It fell not"
- "Immediately it fell" "Could not shake it"

God favors those that are built on the Rock

- 2 Thess. 2:2—<u>That ye be not soon shaken in mind</u>, or <u>be</u>
 <u>troubled</u>, neither by **spirit**, nor by **word**, nor by **letter** as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you <u>by</u> any means: for that day shall not come, <u>except there come a falling</u> <u>away first</u>, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- ► A Falling away from **love**
- ► A Falling away from Faith
- ► A Falling away from **Purity**
- ► A Falling away from Precept
- ► A Falling away from **Principle**
- ► A Falling away from Preaching
- ► A Falling away from **Anointings**
- ► A Falling away from Convictions
- ► A Falling away from **Commitments**
- ► A Falling away from **Commandments**

The Evidence of Divine Favor

- I. Love is the Nature of God ()
- II. Faith is Acting on the Word of God (2,2)
- III. Purity is the Holiness of God ()
- IV. Precept is Right Instruction (4,4,4,)
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- V. Principle is Distinctive
- VI. Preaching is Declaration of Truth
- VII. Anointings are Divine Unctions
- VIII. Convictions are Definite
- IX. Commitments are Heart Dedications
- X. **Commandments are <u>Imperative</u>**, vital, crucial, essential, Very Important!
- = Ps 119:47 And **I will delight myself** <u>in thy</u> **commandments**, which I have loved.

- =De 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
- =De 4:13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.
- =De 4:40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.
- =De 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:
- =De 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;
- =Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
- Re 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

The Ten Commandments

- 1. Ex 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the <u>water under the earth:</u>
- 2. 5 Thou shalt not **bow** down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the

fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:

- 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 3. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- **4.** 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- <u>5.</u> 12 <u>Honour thy father and thy mother</u>: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- **6.** 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 7. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- **8.** 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- **9.** 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness
- 10. 17 Thou shalt not covet

Without commandments, helping us to live after godliness, our existence is that of worldliness. This is the terrible situation in which the youth of America find themselves today.

Exempt from restrictions, they live so dangerous.

We need a Total Dependence on The Lord God.