Read Psalm 11

FOUNDATIONS DESTROYED

JULY

How are foundations destroyed? By depending on gold instead of God. We have been told many times that the people who settled South America went there seeking gold; and that the people who settled North America came seeking God - a world of difference.

David said in the 11th Psalm, "In the Lord put I my trust." The moment we put our trust in gold or in horses and chariots our "trust in the Lord" ceases. We have all too many timid Christians who are continually saying to those who try to work to build up and preserve the foundation of the Lord, "flee, see how strong the enemy of the Lord is." Saul at that time was king and of course was stronger than David. The trouble is the timid Christian just looks at Saul and David, when he should look at Saul in his strength as king which is a real strength with which to reckon, and David linked up with God - David who has put his trust in God. Many are hindered from doing the service they might do to the public in difficult times by despair of success.

The enemy does not hesitate to use underhanded methods. They lavish money in places in order to get votes to "destroy the foundations." When Christians are discouraged then the enemy can work and work fast. They listen for the discouraging note of the Christian, "what can we do against so strong an enemy?" Then they get busy. When Christians put their trust in the Lord they are sure of their foundation, and are in the position to rout the enemy.

The church is working to build character; the liquor crowd is working to make money. They don't care how they make it or when they make it. They don't care how much character they destroy while making it. There is a world of difference in the two.

This nation is spending $9,640,000,000 annually buying liquor to drink. More than 75 billion dollars has been spent for alcoholic drinks since Repeal. That has been a terrible waste. Much poverty is the result of drunkenness. Millions of lost working hours because of hangovers due to drink. Much sickness with which this nation is burdened is caused also by drink, and millions of needless heartaches, etc.

But all of this put together does not constitute the worst drain that liquor brings to this country. The most terrible drain is what it does to the people spiritually - robs them of spiritual values. The woman who keeps beer in the refrigerator isn't growing spiritually. She is not trying to reach the lost for Christ. Those who attend the cocktail parties and give them are not growing spiritually. They may be Christians but are not growing as Christians. They are the ones you will find arguing that whiskey should be sold in liquor stores so as to be controlled, so the government will get the revenue. They are not considering the consequences. Alcoholic drinks form a wedge, so to speak, between the individual and his Maker. They may be excellent mothers when it comes to physical and mental growth of the children; but they fall far short when it comes to the spiritual growth. They may send them to Sunday School occasionally, but seldom teach them at home any thing about the Bible. Liquor destroys the foundations on which the Kingdom of God is built in this world.