



The Head Corner Stone

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It is a paradox of life that the road to exaltation often travel through the valley of humility. The high exaltation of Jesus (Philippians 2:5-11) came after He had humbled Himself unto death. We must not despise a humble beginning if divine exaltation is our goal.

“Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? 43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. 46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet” (Matthew 21:42-46).

“And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: 11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? 12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way” (Mark 12:10-12).

“And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? 18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. 19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them” (Luke 20:17-19).

1) Builders rejected a stone that later became the head of the corner. Builders are professionals whose opinions would be rated as ‘expert’. Their training, qualifications and years of practical experience gives their views

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some measure of credibility. This scripture points to the fact that experts can be fooled and their opinions could be wrong. **“Great men are not** always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment” (Job 32:9). Just like expert builders can be wrong, in the same way expert opinions in medicine, science, career, education, religion, etc. can also be wrong. The important thing is what God has said / purposed rather than expert opinions.

2) We can take this as a prophetic promise that the rejection of a child of God by professionals will pave way to their promotion by God. Jesus was rejected on earth, but God exalted Him above every other name in heaven, earth and underneath the earth. Moses was rejected by his people, but God made him a deliverer of the same people. Joseph was rejected by his brethren, but God exalted him above those brethren. David was rejected by Saul, but God made him a better king than Saul. Truly, we can agree with the scripture that “This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes” (Matthew 21:42).

3) **“Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder”**. No man can do anything against God's purpose. Saul learnt that “... it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks” (Acts 9:4). Gamaliel gave the wise admonition that it is futile for man to fight against God. “And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God” (Acts 5:38-39).

4) Rejection of God's word or being offended by it, is evidence of living in error (vs 19).