

Jesus Christ the Cornerstone

Job 38:6 – The divine voice from the whirlwinds asks regarding the world, “*Who laid its cornerstone?*” (**Job 38:3**). In **Psalms 33:9a** we read, “*For God spoke, and it was done.*”

Ephesians 2:20 Paul refers to God’s household and said: “*having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.*”

Dr. Joel Gregory said: “*In biblical times such a stone was structurally significant. It bound the building together.*”

We all know that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Author and Provider of the Redemption Message. It very interesting to see how Dr. Gregory presents Jesus as the Principal Stone, the Prophesied Stone, the Precious Stone, the Praise Worthy Stone and the Prudential Stone.

Let us consider the fact of our Lord as being the rejected Precious Stone. Read **1 Peter 2:4-10**. The word “*precious*” is a powerful word meaning *of great value, costly, priceless, not to be wasted or treated carelessly*.

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Henrietta C. Mears quotes [I Peter 2:7](#) “*Now to you who believe, this stone is precious*”. In fact, Peter speaks about 7 precious things:

1. Precious trial of faith – [I Pet.1:7](#)
2. Precious blood – [I Pet.1:9](#)
3. Precious cornerstone – [I Pet.2:4-6](#)
4. Precious Christ – [I Pet.2:7](#)
5. Precious Spirit – [I Pet.3:4](#)
6. Precious Faith – [II Pet.1:1](#)
7. Precious Promises – [II Pet.1:4](#) (8)

In the ancient times the cornerstone was the anchor of a building’s foundation. The scripture [I Peter 2:6-8](#) reveals that Christ is the chief cornerstone in this living building, and those who believe in him will never be disappointed, [vs.6](#).

We are to take our own angle and position from the Cornerstone, and line ourselves up on Him, or we can refuse to line by reference to Him, and stumble over Him instead – this is a vivid picture.