

## ESTABLISHING YOUR HEART

### I. What it is not

### II. What it is

- A. The Hebrew word (*kuwn*) is used for God's activities.
  - a. In creation
    - 1) "When He *established* the heavens, I was there" (Prov. 8:27).
    - 2) The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding He *established* the heavens" (Prov. 3:19).
    - 3) "Thus says the LORD who made {the earth,} the LORD who formed it to *establish* it, the LORD is His name" (Jer. 33:2).
    - 4) "The LORD has *established* His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all" (Psalm 103:19).
  2. The word is used in relation to His people and their worship.
    - 1) "Is not He your Father who has bought you? He has made you and *established* you" (Deut. 32:6).
    - 2) " You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your dwelling, the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have *established*" (Ex. 15:17).
- B. We are made in the image of God, so not surprisingly, this word is also used to refer to what we do.
  1. When used in a moral sense, the word means *to be directed or fixed aright, to be steadfast*.
    - a. "And not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not *prepare* its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God" (Ps. 78:8).
    - b. "Oh that my ways may be *established* to keep Your statutes!" (Ps. 119:5)
    - c. "Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be *established*" (Prov. 4:26).
    - d. "By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is *established*" (Prov. 24:3).
  2. Specific examples
    - a. Rehoboam (II Chron. 12)
      - 1) "He did evil because he did not *set* his heart to seek the LORD" (v. 14).
      - 2) How did this manifest itself?
        - a) **DOWN** (II Chron. 10):
        - b) **UP** (II Chron. 11:4):
        - c) **DOWN** (II Chron. 12:1):
        - d) **UP** (II Chron. 12:6):
        - e) "A double-minded man [is] unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).

- b. Jotham (II Chron. 27)
  - 1) “So Jotham became mighty because he *ordered* his ways before the LORD his God” (v. 6).
  - 2) What did this look like?
    - a) Verse 2:
    - b) Verse 2b:
    - c) Verses 3-5:
    - d) Verse 6:

C. *Setting our hearts* is recognizing God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to rule in \_\_\_\_\_ area of our lives and \_\_\_\_\_ accordingly.

1. God’s right to rule (Genesis 2-3)

2. Romans 1:18-26a

1) The first step to moral decline:

2) The second step:

3. The solution

a. Recognize God’s right to rule your life in \_\_\_\_\_ area of life.

- “My heart is *steadfast*, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul” (Ps. 108:8).

b. Let \_\_\_\_\_ be your unchangeable rule of life.

- “*Establish* my footsteps in Your word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me” (Ps. 119:133).

c. Get busy \_\_\_\_\_!

- “The horse is *prepared* for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the LORD” (Prov. 21:31).
- “By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is *established*” (Prov. 24:3).
- “Take away the wicked before the king, and his throne will be *established* in righteousness” (Prov. 25:5).

d. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

I’ve found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!  
 So kind and true and tender,  
 So wise a Counselor and Guide,  
 So mighty a Defender!  
 From Him, who loves me now so well,  
 What power my soul can sever?  
 Shall life, or death, or earth, or hell?  
 No; I am His for ever.

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