

Sermon on the Mount Series
“A Firm Foundation”
Matthew 7:24-29

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

Build on the Rock

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“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.’
And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

The Wise and the Foolish Builders

- They both had the same intentions to build a house.
- They both heard the same teaching.
- They made different choices in the foundation – Rock or Sand.
- Each went through a storm that they could not escape.
- The house on the rock stood fast, and the house on the sand crashed.

Jesus was talking about our lives and the importance of establishing values and determining our priorities based upon biblical truths. We can choose the narrow or wide gate. (Matthew 7:13-14)

- The foolish builder heard the same message but chose not to respond to the call of Christ.
- The teachings of Jesus are given in order to change our lives and prepare us for the storms of life.
- Only a life that is built on the teachings of Jesus Christ will endure.

Jesus warned us of false prophets (Matthew 7:15), and Paul wrote:

2 Timothy 4:3-5 “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

Jesus Taught with Authority.

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Jesus is the Only Way.

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”