

## Matthew 7:24-29 – Kingdom Principles – Part 8

Scriptures:

24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of

G191 - VPAI

G3056 – (logous)

Notes:

**Kingdom Principle #19 – Christ-followers obey Christ.**

Last time, Jesus told us to watch out for false prophets, pastors, preachers, and teachers. He also warned us about being false believers. Just saying you are a Christian, doesn't make you one. The consequence of being a false believer is that Jesus will reject you from entering heaven. In this text, Jesus gives us a temporal consequence of being a false believer.

Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise

G3666 - compare

G5429 – “wise (judicious) adjs. — marked by the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical matters.”

Jesus uses house as a metaphor to illustrate His point. To understand the metaphor, we must understand that both the houses are the same. From the outside, they both look alike. In this metaphor, Jesus uses houses to describe the spiritual lives of these two men. To bring it into a modern setting, these could be two men that attend our church. We would look at them and say that they are spiritually at about the same place. They say the same kinds of things, they sing the same songs, they put their kids in the Children's Ministry class, they give generously, and they serve faithfully. From everything we can see, they are both heaven-bound believers in Jesus Christ.

man who built his house on the rock:

G3618 - construct

G4073 - bedrock

If anyone else on earth had said these things and then said that your eternal destiny is determined by what you do with what He said, you would consider him to be a lunatic. Jesus speaks as someone who knows the heart and mind of God and the ways, thoughts, needs, cares, desires, and hurts of every single person on earth. And He speaks these sayings with the humility of someone who has placed their trust wholly upon God, while at the same time is God.

Jesus describes one of these men as wise and the other as foolish. The root of the word that is translated as 'foolish' is the word we transliterate as 'moron.'

The criteria for determining which one you are found in the phrase 'hears these saying of Mine and does them.' The foolish man is focused on building a spiritual life that looks Christian but lacks obedience. The wise man builds his spiritual through obedience.

'hears' – VPA – Present tense, active voice. – This means that we are actively listening right now.

'these sayings of Mine...' – Jesus is not saying that He is speaking on behalf of God – He is speaking as God.

Scriptures:

Acts 20:22-24 - And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

25 and the rain descended, the floods came,

and the winds blew and beat on that house;

G4363 – strike  
against

and it did not fall, for it was founded on the

G4098 – be  
destroyed, ruined

G2311 – be  
established, be  
firm

rock.

Notes:

It is the storm that determines the quality of the construction of our spiritual house. If your house is built upon the rock, you can stand securely during the storm.

The ultimate understanding of the house falling or not falling is the final judgment. It also readily applies to the difficulties, trials, tribulations, and hard circumstances of life.

“Such is an interest in Christ, reliance on His promises, confidence in His protection, and a hope of heaven through His blood. Earthly calamities do not reach these; and, possessed religion, all the storms and tempests of life may beat harmlessly around us.” (Barnes, 1956) page 80

Storms will come in this life. Jesus is telling us that we can stand securely in them if we listen to His words and then put them into practice. Paul said something like that (Acts 20:22-24).

Storms are unavoidable. As I write this (July 2023), our dog Raisin is on hospice. She has been a part of our life for a long time and now we must prepare to say goodbye to her. The sadness Kelly and I are already feeling is countered by the thankfulness for God allowing her to be a part of our lives.

The storms that come prove the foundation your life is built upon. If the storm wrecks you, your foundation is not strong.

26 “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:

G3474 – “foolish  
adj. — devoid of  
wisdom or good  
sense or sound  
judgment.”

Scriptures:

<sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came,

Notes:

and the winds blew and beat on that house;

and it fell. And great was its fall.”

G3173 -

Scriptures:

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended

Notes:

these sayings, that the people

were astonished at His teaching,

G1605 – greatly  
amazed

G1322 -

Scriptures:

29 for He taught them as one having authority,

G1849 - (exousia)

Notes:

'scribes' – were the religious experts. They taught as the Law said and meant. They usually taught based on the teaching of their favorite rabbi. They were fond of arguing and debating the fine details of the smallest of details of the Law.

and not as the scribes.

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