

A Life Built On The Rock Matthew 7:24-29

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1. Jesus tells the story of two foundations upon which are built two lives. The story is simple and to the point. Even though it may be familiar, let me encourage you to read it as if for the first time.
2. Beginning in chapter 5 and concluding with this passage, Jesus uttered the greatest sermon ever preached.
3. Before diving into these verses, it is important that we notice the response of the people as they heard Jesus preach. Verses 28-29 says they were **"astonished at His teaching for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."**
4. Let's examine four eternal truths emerging from this parable.

I. We Are All Responsible to God. (Matt. 7: 24)

- A We need to remember that Jesus is the only way to heaven.
 1. (Matt. 7: 13; John 10:9; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim.2:5)
- B Everyone will answer the question, "What have I done with Jesus?"
- C Each of us is responsible to God. You will answer to God about Jesus.

II. We All Choose Our Own Foundation For Life. (Matt. 7: 24)

- A Let's examine the man who built his house on a firm foundation (v.24).
 1. The idea of a man building a "house" in this parable is synonymous with each of us building our lives. We all choose what we will believe and not believe.
- B Examine the man who built his house on a shifting foundation (v.26a).
 1. Notice that Jesus very bluntly describes this person as a "foolish man."
- C Third, notice that these houses seem similar from the outside.
 1. Jesus uses almost identical language in **vv.24 and 26**. The houses seem to be hit by the same storm. There is little external difference.

III. We All Have Our Own Storms. (Matt. 7: 27)

- A Jesus describes a variety of storms that fell on both houses.
 1. **Vv.25 and 27** are almost identical. He says that "the rain descended" and "the floods came" and "the winds blew."
- B We experience different types of storms.
 1. There are storms of sickness, finances, depression, death.

IV. We All Experience The Consequences of our Choices.

- A First, examine the consequence of building on a solid foundation.
 1. Jesus says the "wise man" experienced all the forces of the storm.
 2. When you build your life on Jesus, you can let the storms howl.
- B Second, examine the consequence of building on a shifting foundation.
 1. Jesus says that the "foolish man" who built his house on shifting "sand" faced the difficult storms of life and his house "fell."