



Matthew 7:21-27

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

The Preaching of Jesus

▼ *There is a will of God*

21 he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven

▼ *There is a word of God*

24 everyone who hears these words of mine

Subjects Covered in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

• humility • passion for God • showing mercy • spiritual purity • faithfulness during persecution • godly character • anger • forgiveness and right relationships • lust and adultery • faithfulness in marriage • keeping your word • loving your enemies • giving, praying, and fasting to be seen by God • faithfulness in prayer • storing up treasures in heaven • refusing to serve money • trusting God and not worrying • putting the kingdom of God first • judging others • faith in prayer • false teachers

The Parable from Jesus

▼ *Consider the framing of two houses*

24 a wise man who built his house — 26 — a foolish man who built his house

▲ *Each man was responsible for construction*

▲ *Each man was responsible for the consequences*

▼ *Consider the foundations of the two houses*

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. — 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand."

▲ *Learning and doing lays a solid foundation*

▲ *Listening and disregarding lays a shifty foundation*

▼ *Consider the flooding of the two houses*

25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; — 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house,

▲ *The storms of life came against both houses*

▲ *The storms of life come against believers' houses*

▼ *Consider final fate of the two houses*

25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. — 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

▲ *Note the secure folks in the one house*

▲ *Note the sad fall of the other house*

1. *This is about earthly consequences*

2. *This is also about eternal conclusions*

The Prediction of Jesus

▼ *Judgment is looming*

21 Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

▼ *Jabbering jaws are Lord, Lording*

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

▼ *Jesus is a large and literal Lord*

23 Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

▲ *Some will be entering the kingdom of heaven*

▲ *Some will be excluded from the kingdom of heaven*

1. *Increase your learning curve* — Ephesians 5:9 Live as children of light — 10 and find out what pleases the Lord.

2. *Intensify your lifestyle compliance* — James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.