

MATTHEW 7:24-27

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# THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH BUILDERS

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**“Whoever hears these teachings of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall because it was built on rock. Whoever hears these teachings of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house. And it fell with a loud crash.”**



## **Matthew 7:24-27 (ERV)**



**“The teaching of the sermon on the mount is not meant to be admired but to be obeyed.”**

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R. T. France





**When testings and trials come, the strength of our foundation is the only thing that matters.**



**But don't just listen to god's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then god will bless you for doing it.**



## **James 1:22-25 (NLT)**



# Obedience to the teaching of Jesus Christ is the true foundation of Christian living. We must not only listen to Jesus. We must obey Him.



## Wise Builder

- Build on solid rock/foundation
- Heard Christ' teaching/Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- Doer
- Storm hit
- House stood still; survived enormous pressures; was kept intact; it was kept standing and standing stronger than ever

## Foolish Builder

- Build on sand/no foundation (Luke 6:49)
- Heard Christ' teaching/Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- Hearer
- Storm hit
- House collapsed
- Total disaster
- Mighty crash; great and complete fall







**SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE –  
“COATHANGER”**

**10 God, in his kindness, has taught me how to be an expert builder. I have laid the foundation and Apollos has built on it. But he who builds on the foundation must be very careful.**

**11 And no one can ever lay any other real foundation than that one we already have—Jesus Christ.**

**12 But there are various kinds of materials that can be used to build on that foundation.**



**1 Cor.  
3:10-15**





Some use gold and silver and jewels; and some build with sticks and hay or even straw!

13 There is going to come a time of testing at Christ's Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Everyone's work will be put through the fire so that all can see whether or not it keeps its value, and what was really accomplished.



**1 Cor.  
3:10-15**



**14 Then every workman who has built on the foundation with the right materials, and whose work still stands, will get his pay.**

**15 But if the house he has built burns up, he will have a great loss. He himself will be saved, but like a man escaping through a wall of flames.**



**1 Cor.  
3:10-15**





**“The two houses  
remind us that true  
faith in Christ will last,  
not only in the storms  
of life, but also in the  
final judgment.**



**4 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.**

**5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.**

*1 Peter 2:4-8 (NLT)*





**6 As the Scriptures say, “I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”**

**7 Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,**

**“The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.”**

*1 Peter 2:4-8 (NLT)*



**8 And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.**



*1 Peter 2:4-8 (NLT)*





# Pray with us

For “whoever calls on  
the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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