

Mt.7.24-27 “Nothing In My Hand I Bring”
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REVIEW: vv.24–27

The second evidence that the many (vv. 3, 22) who are in the broad way will not enter the kingdom is that their lives are not built on the foundation of **Christ** & His **Word**.

1. SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS

- (1) Both builders have **heard** the Gospel.
- (2) Both proceed to **build** a **house** after they have heard the way of salvation.
- (3) Both builders build their houses in the **same** general location.
- (4) Both built the same **kind** of house.

2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS

The key is to understand

- ✚ that one **does act upon** God’s Word (**obedience**) &
- ✚ the other **does not act upon** His Word (**disobedience**).

The greatest difference is in the **foundations** they laid.

The **house** built on the **rock** is the life of obedience;

- ❖ It is a life of **genuineness**
- ❖ It is a life of God’s **righteousness**

The **sand** is always shifting & always **unstable**.

To build on **sand** is to be **unteachable** (II Ti.3.7).

The **wise man** builds his **house** the **hard** way, whereas the **foolish man** builds his the **easy** way.

The easy way is attractive because it is **quick**.

The foolish person likes the easy way because he is basically **superficial**.

The person who is superficial looks

- for what is **pleasing** rather than for what is **right**,
- for what is **enjoyable** rather than for what is **true**,
- for what satisfies **himself** rather than what satisfies **God**.
- He **receives** quickly & falls away quickly.
- He **likes** God’s promises but not His **requirements**.

The **foolish man** always has **excuses** when Jesus makes demands on his life.

The **only difference** about the storm in regard to the **wise** & the **foolish** men is in the way it **affects** their houses.

The greatest problem in evangelism is not follow-up but **conversion**.

- ✚ For one thing, the work we truly do **for** the Lord is the work He does **through** us.
- ✚ For another, the work that is truly done for the Lord is done out of **love**, not out of **compulsion** or fear.

The most tragic difference between the builders is in their final destinies.

RESPONSE TO THE SERMON vv.28-29

- ❖ They had never heard such a powerful & demanding description of **true righteousness** or
- ❖ such a relentless description & condemnation of **self-righteousness**.

The most remarkable thing that struck the audience that day was that Jesus taught with **authority**.