

Mt.7.24-27 “Hearers & Builders: Great Was the Fall of It”
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II. EMPTY HEARTS vv.24–27

The second evidence that the many (vv 13, 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 land agents selling lots on the sand are - false prophets.

Those who created & followed the pharisaical laws took no account of;

- ❖ obedience to God’s Word,
- ❖ purity of the heart,
- ❖ spirituality of the soul, or
- ❖ integrity of behavior.

But the **wise man** builds his house upon a rock - God’s Word = *“these words of Mine.”*

It is the bedrock of God’s Word, the only rock on which the Christian life can be built.

To profess knowledge of God & His truth but not follow God obediently & live His truth is to be deceived.

The only validation we can ever have of salvation is a life of obedience.

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

III. RESPONSE TO THE SERMON vv.28-29

The most remarkable thing that struck the audience that day was that Jesus taught with authority. **was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.**

The Lord wants full hearts that produce the good works for which they are recreated.