



Deep in the Bible

PODCAST

Choosing the Right Foundation

*Compare to Luke 6:46-49

2. A Practical Illustration

*The two foundations are illustrations of those who hear the **word of God** and **obey** them (**rock**), and those that hear the **word of God** and **DO NOT obey** them (**sand**).

*Even if someone is not an expert on how to build a house, this **illustration** is still very simple, **practical**, and easy to understand.

*Unless you build a house with a **good foundation**, it is going to fail.

“Hears” & “Does” ?

- Regular **study** of scripture
-Psalm 1:1-2
-James 1:19-25
-2 Tim 3:14-17
- **Prayers** offered to God in all situations
-Ephesians 6:18
-Phil 4:6-7
- Dedication to **fellowship** with other Christians
-Acts 2:42-47
-Hebrews 10:24-25
- Consistent offering of **praise and worship** to God
-Heb 12:28; 13:15
- Treating **EVERYONE** with **love**, patience, and kindness
-Matt 5:43-48
- **Helping others** / taking care of their needs
-Matthew 25:31-46
- Avoiding the **stain** of the **world** and the works of the **flesh**
-Galatians 5:19-21
-James 1:21, 27
- **Sharing the gospel** through words and actions
-Matt 28:18-20

The Sermon on the Mount ends with **four warnings offered in pairs:**

- (1) Two Gates/Two Ways (13-14)
- (2) Two Trees (15-20)
- (3) Two Claims (21-23)
- (4) Two Foundations (24-27)

All deal with:

- Kingdom of Heaven
- Righteousness
- A Choice
- Eternal Judgment



²⁴“Everyone then who **hears these words** of mine and **does them** will be like a **wise man** who **built his house on the rock**. <- Luke 6:48 “dug deep”

²⁵And the **rain** fell, and the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and beat on that house, but **it did not fall**, because it had been founded on the **rock**.

²⁶And everyone who **hears these words** of mine and **does not do them** will be like a **foolish man** who **built his house on the sand**.

²⁷And the **rain** fell, and the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and **great was the fall of it.** ●

Sermon on the Mount Matthew 7:24-29

1. A Pointed Indictment

*This warning builds upon the **two claims** that we looked at in **Matthew 7:21-23** (**Luke 6:46**)

*Jesus’ emphasis in the **previous warning** was that **obedience** is required to be a true follower of God and **not just lip service**.

*Anyone who **does not obey** will be **separated from God** for all eternity.

*This dire consequence should elicit the attention of anyone who hears or reads these words from Jesus (**Matthew 25:1-13**)

3. A Personal Interrogation

*This illustration should cause us to perform a **self-evaluation**, much like the **previous warning** about the **two ways** and **gates** in 7:13-14.

*This should be aimed at **determining which foundation** our life is built upon?

²⁸ And **when Jesus finished** these sayings, the crowds were **astonished** at his teaching,
²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had **authority**, and not as their scribes. <- John 1:1

Questions for Consideration:

- (1) What is the “rock” foundation? (24-25; 1Co 3:10-15; Eph 2:19-22)
- (2) How do I build on the “rock” foundation? (24; James 1:19-25)
- (3) What is the “sand” foundation? Is it *really* a foundation? (26-27)
- (4) Why would I build without a foundation? Why would I hear and not obey? (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; Luke 6:48b; Matt 6:24; 7:26)
- (5) What will happen when the storms of life rise against my house? (Matt 6:19-21; 7:25, 27)

EVERYONE will select SOMETHING upon which to build their lives