

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 7: 24 - 27

**THEREFORE
EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS
OF MINE AND ACTS ON THEM,
MAY BE COMPARED TO A WISE MAN
WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK.**

**AND THE RAIN FELL, AND THE FLOODS
CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND
SLAMMED AGAINST THE HOUSE, AND
YET IT DID NOT FALL,
FOR IT HAD BEEN FOUNDED ON THE**

MATTHEW 7: 24 - 25 (NASB,

ROCK).
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24 「所以，凡听见我这话就去行的，好比一个聪明人，把房子盖在磐石上； 25 雨淋，水冲，风吹，撞着那房子，房子总不倒塌，因为根基立在磐石上。」

马太福音 7：24-25 (GUNPSS,
上帝)

**EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS
OF MINE AND DOES NOT ACT ON THEM,
WILL BE LIKE A FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT
HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND.**

**THE RAIN FELL, AND THE FLOODS CAME,
AND THE WINDS BLEW AND SLAMMED
AGAINST THAT HOUSE;
AND IT FELL - AND GREAT WAS ITS FALL.**

MATTHEW 7: 26 - 27 (NASB, 1999)

26 凡听见我这话不去行的，好比一个无知的人，把房子盖在沙土上； 27 雨淋，水冲，风吹，撞着那房子，房子就倒塌了，并且倒塌得很大。」

马太福音 7：26-27 (GUNPSS, 上帝)

BUILT ON THE WORD

**MATTHEW 7:24
-27**

**SERMON 1 OF 4 PART
SERIES "STARTING
STRONG"**

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**“ THEREFORE
EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE
WORDS OF MINE AND ACTS ON
THEM...”**

MATTHEW 7: 24 a (NASB, 1999)

IT IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF HEARING
JESUS' WORDS BUT ALSO OF DOING THEM.
IT IS A MATTER OF OBEDIENCE

“

所以，凡听见我这话就去行的

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MATTHEW 7: 24 a (NASB, 1999)

这不仅是听耶稣的话语，更是要遵行。

这是顺服的问题。

BACKGROUND

MATTHEW 5: 1 - 7: 23

**“WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS, HE
WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN; AND AFTER
HE SAT DOWN, HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO
HIM,
HE OPENED HIS MOUTH AND BEGAN TO
TEACH THEM...”**

**THE PRINCIPLES OF THE KING
AND HIS KINGDOM**

BACKGROUND

MATTHEW 5: 1 - 7: 23

THE BEATITUDES (5: 3 -12)

DISCIPLES AND THE WORD (5:13- 20)

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS (5: 21 - 48)

GIVING TO THE POOR AND PRAYER (6: 1 - 15)

FASTING, THE TRUE TREASURE, WEALTH (6:16 - 24)

THE CURE FOR ANXIETY (6: 25 - 34)

JUDGING OTHERS (7: 1 - 6)

PRAYER AND THE GOLDEN RULE (7: 7 -12)

八福 (5:3-12)

门徒与圣言 (5:13-20)

人际关系 (5:21-48)

施舍穷人与祷告 (6:1-15)

禁食、真正的财富与财宝 (6:16-24)

克服焦虑 (6:25-34)

论断他人 (7:1-6)

祷告与黄金法则 (7:7-12)

BACKGROUND

MATTHEW 5: 1 - 7: 23

WARNING #1: A CHOICE OF TWO GATES
or
A MATTER OF DISCIPLESHIP (7:13 - 14)

WARNING #2: FALSE PROPHETS
or
A MATTER OF FRUIT (7: 15 - 20)

WARNING #3: FALSE PROFESSIONS
or
A MATTER OF LIFESTYLE (7: 21 - 27)

警告一： 两条路的选择 或 门徒之道（7:13-14）
警告二： 假先知 或 果子之事（7:15-20）

警告三： 虚假的职业 或 宗教生活方式还不够（7:21-27）



JESUS IS WARNING THAT BEING RELIGIOUS IS NOT ENOUGH

**ENTRANCE TO THE KINGDOM IS CONTINGENT ON
ONE'S RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS.**

**A REFUSAL TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS WILL
RESULT IN US BEING JUDGED AS "WORKERS OF LAWLESSNESS"**

**SCRIPTURE PRESENTS JESUS AS BOTH SAVIOUR AND JUDGE
ON "THAT DAY"**



***“ A LIVING FAITH IS NOT ONLY A LISTENING
FAITH BUT ALSO A DOING FAITH.
TRUE BELIEF MAINFESTS ITSELF IN
ACTION - AND IN SOME CASES, IN
INACTION***

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ALISTAIR BEGG, DECEMBER 28, 2025

LOOK AT JAMES CHAPTER 2, VERSE 1.

**JAMES, THE BROTHER OF JESUS, IS POINTING
OUT THAT TRUE FAITH IS KNOWN NOT ONLY BY
WHAT IT DOES BUT ALSO BY WHAT IT DOES NOT
DO - AS IN THIS CASE BY NOT SHOWING
PERSONAL FAVORITISM**



A METAPHOR ABOUT TWO LIVES USING HOUSES

JESUS USES THE HOUSES
AS METAPHORS FOR TWO MEN'S RELIGIOUS LIVES

THE HOUSES LOOK ALIKE

THEY HAVE BEDROOMS, A LIVING ROOM, A FAMILY ROOM, A MODERN KITCHEN, DOUBLE GARAGE, A WELL-KEPT GARDEN

**Metaphor - an expression, often found in literature, that describes a person or object by referring to something that is considered to have similar characteristics to that per*



A METAPHOR ABOUT TWO LIVES USING HOUSES

LIKEWISE

**THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF THESE TWO MEN'S
LIVES ARE THE SAME**

**THEY ATTEND THE SAME CHURCH, THEY SING THE
SAME SONGS, THEY ARE ACTIVELY PART OF THE
CHURCH'S SMALL GROUPS,
THEY SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO THE SAME SCHOOLS**

IT IS ALL OUTWARD, IT IS ABOUT STYLE!

TELLING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES

**ON THE SURFACE, THE HOUSES ARE SIMILAR
BUT
FROM A BUILDERS PERSPECTIVE,
WHAT DETERMINES IF THE HOUSE STANDS OR
COLLAPSES?**

FOUNDATION

**AND THE FOUNDATION WILL BE CHECKED
(TESTED)**

TELLING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO MEN

LIKEWISE,
THE LIVES OF THE TWO MEN WILL BE EXAMINED

JESUS CALLS ONE MAN “**WISE**”

THE OTHER “**FOOLISH**”*

* Greek word is “móros” μωρῷ - foolish, dull, stupid
It is the root of the English word “moron”

**HOW DOES JESUS
DIFFERENTIATE
BETWEEN THE
TWO HOUSES?**

**HOW DO WE TELL
THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE
TWO MEN'S
LIVES?**



A MATTER OF FOUNDATION

THE WISE MAN BUILDS HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK

**HE DIGS DOWN TO THE BEDROCK AND GROUNDS HIS
HOUSE UPON IT.**

**THE FOOLISH MAN HIS IDENTICAL HOUSE BUILDS ON
THE SAND**

**THE SAND SHIFTS...THE FOUNDATION IS NON-
EXISTENT.**

THE TESTING OF THE FOUNDATION

THE TESTING/EXAMINATION OF THE TWO HOUSES IS
SIMILAR.

***“THE RAIN FELL, THE FLOODS CAME, THE WINDS
BLEW AND SLAMMED AGAINST THE HOUSE”***

AND
SO FOR ALL MEN, THE EXAMINATION WILL COME,
THE RAIN WILL COME, THE FLOODS WILL COME,
THE STRONG WINDS WILL COME



**WHY THE
EXAMINATION?**

**WHAT IS THE
POINT OF THIS
PARABLE?**

**THE STORMS, THE WINDS,
IT IS ALL BECAUSE HE IS OUR FATHER & HE CARES.**

**JESUS REMINDS US THAT THE STORMS WILL
REVEAL WHETHER
WE HAVE THE TRUE FOUNDATION OR NOT.**

**HAVE WE DUG DOWN INTO THE SOLID ROCK OR
NOT?**

**JESUS PRIMARY REFERENCE IS THE FINAL
JUDGEMENT**

***“ JESUS WILL JUDGE WHETHER WE
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE OR NOT
BASED ON HOW WE RESPOND
TO HIS WORDS***

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**THE ULTIMATE QUESTION OF JESUS' TEACHINGS
IN MATTHEW 5 - 7 IS “WHAT DO YOU THINK OF
ME AND MY TEACHING?”**

**DO WE RECOGNISE JESUS AS THE ONE WHO HAS
ALL AUTHORITY OVER HEAVEN AND EARTH
(Matthew 26:18)**

***“ FOR THE LORD IS OUR JUDGE,
THE LORD IS OUR LAWGIVER,
THE LORD IS OUR KING;
HE WILL SAVE US ”***

ISAIAH 33: 22 (NASB, 1999)

**JESUS IS LAWGIVER, JUDGE & KING
SALVATION IS IN HIS HANDS
HE ALONE SAVES US**

**NOTICE THAT
THE RAIN, THE WIND, THE STORMS IMPACT
BOTH HOUSES EQUALLY.**

**LIKEWISE
EVERY LIFE, EVERY CHARACTER TRAIT, EVERY
MINISTRY
WILL BE TESTED.**

**WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION WE HAVE BUILT OUR LIVES
ON?**

**OUR STANDARD MUST BE BASED UPON JESUS'
STANDARDS,
HIS ETHICS. HIS TEACHINGS.**

STORMS? WHAT STORMS?



BELOVED, JESUS IS VERY CLEAR - "THE RAIN WILL FALL, THE FLOODS WILL COME, AND THE WINDS WILL BLOW AND BEAT UPON THE HOUSE" IT WILL SURELY HAPPEN, SOONER OR LATER, TO EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE WORDS OF JESUS - BOTH TO THE WISE & THE FOOLISH



THERE WILL BE FLOODS OF OUTWARD AFFLICTIONS OR INWARD DESIRES. THERE WILL BE STORMS OF ANGER, PRIDE, FEAR, OR DESIRE. THERE WILL BE FINANCIAL REVERSES, EPIDEMICS, MORAL FAILURES, PROBLEMS BETWEEN HUSBANDS AND WIVES, ETC.

- ❖ **IT IS NOT WHAT HAPPENS TO US IN LIFE THAT MATTERS, IT IS HOW WE RESPOND TO WHAT HAPPENS.**
- ❖ **THE LORD ALLOWS THESE THINGS TO HAPPEN TO US BECAUSE WE ARE HIS CHILDREN AND HE IS OUR FATHER, & HE WANTS US TO GROW UP.**
- ❖ **HE IS IN THE STORM WITH US even if you may not think He is. He is praying for you.**

THE STORMS WILL COME.

BE PREPARED TO MEET THEM

EMBRACE THEM WITH THE ARMS OF OBEDIENCE.

EVERY

**OBEDIENCE MAKES THE NEXT STORM EASIER TO GO
THROUGH**

**JESUS LEARNED OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS HE
SUFFERED**

(Hebrews 5:8)

WHY DO WE THINK WE SHOULD BE EXEMPT

**I HAVE GIVEN AND DELIVERED TO THEM YOUR
WORD; AND THE WORLD HAS HATED THEM,
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD - DO NOT
BELONG TO THE WORLD, [JUST] AS I AM NOT OF
THE WORLD.**

**I DO NOT ASK THAT YOU WILL TAKE THEM OUT
OF THE WORLD BUT THAT YOU WILL KEEP AND
PROTECT THEM FROM THE EVIL [ONE].**

**SANCTIFY THEM - PURIFY, CONSECRATE,
SEPARATE THEM FOR YOURSELF, MAKE THEM
HOLY - BY THE TRUTH.
YOUR WORD IS TRUTH**

JOHN 17: 15 -17 (THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

CONCLUSION





**SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOLLOWS
A PATH
SIMILAR TO THE NATURAL**



**A CHILD OF GOD IS
EXPECTED TO
GROW...
...& TO KEEP
GROWING DESPITE
WHAT MAY COME**

A LIFE THAT IS GROWING SPIRITUALLY...

**RESPONDS TO GOD IN
TOTAL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE**

OBEDIENCE SHOULD BE BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL.

***“RELUCTANT OBEDIENCE IS A DANGEROUS RESPONSE.
SPIRITUALLY GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS IS A RISKY
BUSINESS.”***

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Jonah: Beyond the Tale of a Whale (B&H Academic)

A LIFE THAT IS GROWING SPIRITUALLY...
KNOWS AND APPLIES THE WORD OF GOD

SEE ALSO
PSALM 119:105
HEBREWS 4:12
ISAIAH 40:8

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***“ DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE
WORD, AND SO DECEIVE
YOURSELVES.
DO WHAT IT SAYS ”***

JAMES 1: 22 (NIV, 1984)

WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW SCRIPTURE,
WE MUST APPLY IT.

**TO KNOW AND NOT TO DO IS TO
NOT REALLY KNOW AT ALL**

**“ IF YOU *CONTINUE* IN MY WORD,
THEN YOU ARE TRULY DISCIPLES OF
MINE, AND YOU WILL KNOW THE
TRUTH,
AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE ”**

JOHN 8: 31, 32 (NIV, 1984)

**IF WE SAY WE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT & SEEK GOD’S RULERSHIP IN
OUR LIVES**

**WE NEED TO BE A “CONTINUER”
SO THAT WE MAY RECOGNISE AND
RECEIVE THE TRUTH THAT JESUS IS TEACHING.**

**GOD NEVER SAID THAT
WALKING WITH HIM WOULD BE EASY,
BUT
HE DID SAY THAT IT WOULD BE WORTH IT.**

**GOD CARES ABOUT THE ETERNAL,
NOT JUST THE TEMPORAL.**

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