

# The Parable of the Two Foundations (Matthew 7:24-27)

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## Scripture Text:

24. “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.
25. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
26. 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.
27. 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 7:24-27 NASB1995)

## Outline:

- I. Hearing and Acting Upon the Truth is Wise (vv.24,25)
- II. Hearing and Not Acting Upon the Truth is Unwise (vv.26,27)

## Worksheet:

- I. Hearing and Acting Upon the Truth is Wise (vv.24,25)
  - a. “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.” (v.24)
    - i. **Therefore: What** is the therefore for? \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. **What** are the two components of success that are required for one to be considered “wise”?
      - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the words of Jesus.
      - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the words of Jesus.
    - iii. **What** about the words of others who claim to be wise and are esteemed as such by the world who say things that are contrary to the words of Christ. Does the same apply to their words too? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

iv. **What** are the key words of this verse that stand out to you?

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v. **Why** are they key words to you?

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vi. **“Rock” What** does the “rock” spoken of in this verse represent? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

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vii. **“Rock”** – [petra]: A rock, a large stone. Metaphor: A man like a rock, by reason of his fortitude, firmness and strength of soul.

viii. **“Stone”** – [Cephas/Kephas]: Pronounced: [Ka-fa’s] - a surname given to Simon (Peter) by Jesus.

1. He \*said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this **rock** I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.  
Matthew 16:15-18 NASB1995
2. He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called **Cephas**” (which is translated **Peter**).  
John 1:42 NASB1995
3. “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words

and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the **rock**; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”

Luke 6:46-49 NASB1995

4. just as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a **rock** of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

Romans 9:33 NASB1995

5. For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual **rock** which followed them; and the **rock** was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 NASB1995

6. For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.” This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “The stone which the builders rejected, This became the very corner stone,” and, “A stone of stumbling and a **rock** of offense”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

1 Peter 2:6-8 NASB1995

- b. “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.” (v.25)

i. List the type of adverse weather that threatened the structural integrity of the house?

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ii. **What** did these adverse weather conditions do against the house?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

iii. **What** happened to the house? \_\_\_\_\_  
**Why?** *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Compare this outcome to that of a believer's life that is built upon Jesus Christ the "Solid Rock"? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

v. **What** are some of the events and circumstances of the believer's life that can be compared to the "rains that fall", the "floods that come" and the "winds that blow and slam" against them? *[Discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

vi. **What** should be the expected end result of building one's life upon the "Solid Rock", Jesus Christ when faced by these trials? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

II. Hearing and Not Acting Upon the Truth is Unwise (vv.26,27)

a. "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." (v.26)

i. Was there any difference between those who heard and **did do** and those who heard and **didn't do** with respect to "**opportunity**"? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_

- ii. Was there any difference between those who heard and **did do** and those who heard and **didn't do** with respect to "outcome"? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- iii. Is this fair, just, upright, honorable, impartial, unbiased, nondiscriminatory, neutral, even-handed, dispassionate, above board, lawful, legal, legitimate, proper, good, legit, kosher, on the level, square, on the up and up? (all these are synonyms for "fair") If NO, is God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit unjust? \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. **What**, if anything does the choices of these individuals who had the same opportunity, but very different outcomes suggest about "choices" and the "consequences" that follow? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- v. Does "correlation" necessarily mean "causation" in this case? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- vi. **What** caused the house on the sand to fall? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- vii. **What** caused the house on the rock to stand? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall." (v.27)
- i. What besides the "outcome" is different from this verse (v.27) and verse 25? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ii. We not only see a difference in "outcomes" between the two people who both heard, but did not both do in accordance with what they had both heard, but we also see the magnitude of failure to hear *and* do as well. What does this mean? *[discussion]* \_\_\_\_\_  
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- iii. Have you every fallen and got up? Have you ever fallen and *couldn't* get up? Have you ever fallen and *didn't* get up? Has

your house ever been in a rain storm? Has your house ever been in wind storm? Has your house ever been in a tornado or hurricane? What is the difference between each? *[discussion]*

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- iv. A house is only as good as the foundation that it is placed upon...and your faith is only as good as the object that you place it in... Place it in Jesus and nothing else!



OR...



YOU DECIDE...