

Pastor Vaughn

The Two Builders
Matthew 7:24 - 27
September 6, 2026

The builders

Matthew 7:21 - 27

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

The houses

22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

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.

The testing

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.

The results and application

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."

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Koinonia Groups at Heritage Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their discussion, please see Pastor Vaughn or e-mail Vaughn@hcgj.org.

1. In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that professed faith in Jesus that disregards His word isn't really faith at all. Do you agree? Why or why not?
2. In the context of the Sermon on the Mount, what does obedience to the Lord look like? Put differently, what characteristics might one expect to find in a disciple of Jesus that differ from the unbelieving?
3. Modern gospel presentations often rightly emphasize man's need for the forgiveness of sins and redemption in Christ, but deemphasize the need for repentance and striving after obedience to the Lord. Why do you think this is the case?
4. How does testing reveal whether professed faith in Christ is either authentic or spurious?
5. What similarities do you see between James 1:21-25 and the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27?
6. Do you think that James may have had this particular teaching of Jesus in mind as He wrote his epistle? Why?
7. Do you agree with Pastor Vaughn that the idea of disobedient Christianity is a dangerous delusion? Why?

Here are some resources that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Vaughn cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

MacArthur, John. **The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Matthew 1 -7.** Moody Publishers, 1985.

Morris, Leon. **The Gospel According to Matthew: Pillar New Testament Commentary.** Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992

Stott, John. **The Message of the Sermon on the Mount.** IVP Academic, 2020.

Turner, David L. **Matthew (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament.** Baker Academic, 2008

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