

Worship Guide

SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. — Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. — Matthew 7:26-27 (NIV)

Two Responses

“Hears these words of mine and puts them into practice.”

“Hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice.”

This is all of us: We either listen and do, or we listen and reason it away.

The only thing distinguishing the wise man and the foolish man in this life is whether or not they act on the words of Jesus.

Two Builders:

“Is like a wise man.”

“Is like a foolish man.”

We all are building a life.

There is a wise way and a foolish way.

Two Foundations

“Who built his house upon the rock.”

“Who built his house upon the sand.”

An attribute of sand is that it goes in the direction of the strongest current.

Three Tests

“The rain came down, the streams rose (floods), and the winds blew and beat against that house.”

Both houses are tested the same way.

Both houses go through the same things.

Rain

- Everyday troubles.
- A light drizzle robs the joy of the day.
- Downpours come with thunder and lightning.

Florida rain is unpredictable. We never know how severe or how quick and minor rain (troubles) will be.

Floods

- Life-altering situations.
- The death of a loved one.
- Divorce.
- Job loss.
- Illness.

Winds

- Personal attacks.

- Harsh, cutting, thoughtless remarks.
- Verbal attacks.

Two Results

“Yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”
“It fell with a great crash.”

The storms reveal the type and quality of the foundation.

FOUNDATIONS (sand/rock) dictate what can be built.

Jesus is not teaching us HOW or WHERE to **build a house** so there will be no storms.

Jesus is teaching us to **build on a foundation** that weathers the storms.

The wise will have shown **mercy and forgiveness**.

The wise will not have anger, lust, envy, or dishonesty in their hearts.

The wise will have prayed to their Father in Heaven, and asked God to **forgive them** as they forgive others.

The wise will have **invested their treasure** and heart in Heaven.

When I **forget the love** that God has for me, I build sandcastles instead of strong houses.

This is why communion is so important; It reminds us on what foundation we are to build a Christian life:. His forgiveness, His Grace, His guidance, His purpose for all things in our lives. The gift of His life.

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