

Sermon on the Mount

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Foundations and Floods

- Kingdom life.

Jesus is ending with four warnings:

1. 2 gates and roads
2. 2 prophets
3. 2 kinds of disciples
4. 2 foundations

- Jesus ends His sermon with a decision.

James 1:22-25 (ESV) 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

So what does Jesus say?

Matthew 7:24-25 (ESV) 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. 25 And 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.

- Obedience.
- Wise man – is proven by what you do with what you hear.
- Luke 6:48 adds that the wise man "dug deep."

Matthew 7:26-27 (ESV) 26 And 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. 27 And 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.

- The storm reveals the strength of the foundations and whether your foundation was Christ or something else.
- The house that falls doesn't just fall—great is the fall. This is not just about hardship but eternal consequence.

Matthew 7:28-29 (ESV) 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.

- A variety of reactions but no commitments of faith.
- Fireworks vs. Bonfire