

I. Jesus Introduces Two People

A. A wise & faithful person (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."

1. He listens to the words of Christ - "Everyone then who hears these words of mine..."

2. He believes the wisdom of Christ

3. He obeys the will of Christ - "...and does them..."

B. A wayward & foolish person (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."

1. He listens to the words of Christ - "And everyone who hears these words of mine..."

2. He may or may not believe the wisdom of Christ
If he believes not, he is proud. If he believes but disobeys, he is a rebel.

3. He disobeys the will of Christ - "...and does not do them..."

II. Jesus Explores Two Philosophies

A. A dependable foundation for life- "...a wise man who built his house upon a rock..."
This foundation is simple but strong: Faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ and His revealed truth.

B. A deceptive foundation for life - "...a foolish man who built his house upon the sand..."
This foundation is shifting and sinking: Anything that holds our confidence other than Jesus Christ and His revealed truth

III. Jesus Introduces One Storm (25, 27)

A. Storms come through events you can't control - "And the rain fell..."

B. Storms bring fears you can't escape - "...and the floods came..."

C. Storms materialize problems you did not anticipate - "...and the winds blew..."

D. Storms expose weakness you had not acknowledged - "...and beat on that house..."

IV. Jesus Examines Two Potentials

A. A triumphant potential - The house of the wise man "did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

B. A tragic potential - The house of the foolish man "fell: and great was the fall of it."

C. "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."