

Matthew 7:24-29
Building Our Lives on the Words of the King

Matthew 7:21-29 – *“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 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. 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. 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.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”*

Kingdom life is faithfully lived out in the hearing and doing of the word of the One who has ultimate authority, King Jesus.

Kingdom Life is...

I. Intentional and Active.

Proverbs 12:15 – *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.”*

J. Ligon Duncan – *“We are not only forgiven by the grace of God, but by the grace of God, God is going about the business of remaking us into the image of His son.”*

Proverbs 3:13-15 – *“Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.”*

James 1:22-25 – *“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.”*

Psalms 127:1-2 – *“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.”*

II. Strong in the Midst of Life’s Circumstances

Strength, security, unwavering attitudes, and guaranteed stability cannot come from our own strength.

John 16:33 – *“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

Isaiah 41:10 – *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Q: Where will your life stand when the storms come and the judgment is at hand?

Result:

1. Our lives are a testimony to the strength of the Rock, Jesus.

Joshua 14:6-13 – *“Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’ And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.” Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.”*

Response:

Q1: Where have you built your foundation? Is it on the Rock, King Jesus?

- *Embrace the gospel.*

Q2: Are you being a foolish person or are you being wise in this season?

- *Repent and seek the Lord’s guidance.*