

Rock-Solid Humility

Matthew 7:24-27

Two Foundations Illustration

- Closing arguments to a three chapters long sermon.
- What did Jesus actually say to do?

The Sermon on the Mount

- The gist of the whole sermon: *Humble yourself under the Father so that you will look like the Son.*
- Weightiness of Matthew 5:48 at the center.

Three Areas of Living Out Rock-Solid Humility

- In your Private life.
 - Rock (Matt. 5:1-6) vs. Sand (Matt. 6:19-21)
 - Jesus' heart revealed in Matthew 4:1-4.
- In your Relational life.
 - Rock (Matt. 5:44) vs. Sand (Matt. 5:46)
 - Jesus' actions revealed in Matthew 9:35-36.
- In your Public life.
 - Rock (Matt. 5:19) vs. Sand (Matt. 7:28-29)
 - Jesus' witness revealed in Matthew 27:50-54.

Two Test Sites: 1. Earth 2. Eternity

For Further Study

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Questions for personal reflection and Life Group discussion...

1. Going back to the first of the Three Areas discussed,
 - How does your coming under the weight of the Father (thinking of God's holiness, truth, and love), shape your prayers, meditations, petitions, and confessions?
 - Where do you see the first signs of spiritual erosion resulting from the lack of faith-affirming prayers and meditations?
2. Going back to the second of the Three Areas discussed,
 - How does your coming under the weight of the Father (thinking of God's holiness, truth, and love), prompt you to approach a person differently—for both positive and negative circumstances—in the manner of Christ's example?
 - Where do you see the continuing signs of spiritual destabilization resulting from the lack of distinctly *Christian* manners and grace?
3. Going back to the third of the Three Areas discussed,
 - How does your coming under the weight of the Father (thinking of God's holiness, truth, and love) move you to take a particular platform that is *wholly consistent* with the teachings of Christ, his apostles, and his church?
 - Where do you see both individuals and cultures imploding under their denial of Christ's finished work?