



**Title: The Message of the King – The Sermon on the Mount (part 13) – The Warnings of the King – Obey God’s Word & the Conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount.**

**Text:** Matt. 7:24-29

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

**Introduction:**

1. “Therefore” – on the basis of everything that the King has said in the previous passages from chs. 5-7:23, the Sermon on the Mount.
2. In this last section, the Lord compares two builders – a wise man vs. a foolish man. The Lord frequently uses parables and simple object lessons in his teachings.
3. King Jesus will end His sermon and the people are astonished.

**I. The Wise Man vs. The Foolish Man.**

- A. Both men build houses.
- B. The important difference that distinguishes the wise man from the foolish man is obedience.
- C. It is not enough to hear the words of Christ – there has to be obedience.
- D. The foundation of obedience provides a solid fortress against the storms of life.
- E. Many Christians know the doctrines (perhaps not even) BUT knowing the doctrine is incomplete without practicing the doctrines.
- F. Take time to examine your life and the many areas of your life to see where you are not obedient to the words of Christ. NOTICE: those are weak areas that are liable to collapse when the storm comes.

**II. Christ Concludes His Sermon and the People were Astonished.**

- A. The people were astonished – amazed.
- B. The Lord taught His doctrine with authority. VS. the scribes – who taught in a cold and dead manner – not effective – they fail to touch their listeners. They taught the traditions and commandments of men instead of the words of God. They did not forgive and receive repentant people but desired to “lord” over them. They sought the “glory of men” instead of the glory of God.
- C. When we preach and teach we must be careful to declare with clarity and power AND we must make sure to proclaim God’s word on the matters.
- D. People need to hear Biblical messages and/or preaching and teaching.
- E. Jesus did not just deliver God’s word in an authoritative fashion but in authoritative substance also. He had “form” and “substance.” He is our example in preaching/teaching God’s word.

**Conclusion:**

1. There is not a greater sermon ever preached than these words – the words of Christ.
2. This message alone is evidence that the Lord Jesus was sent by God the Father.
3. If His disciples would just follow His words – what a great difference there would be.

