

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 58. Hearing and Doing – Matthew 7:24-29**

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In Matthew 7:15-20 we examined the danger of being deceived by a false teacher. In verses 21-23 we saw the danger of being self-deceived, trusting our profession or activities for a measure of assurance. And now in verses 24-27 we see the true spiritual danger of desiring God's blessing, but not desiring God.

- I. The Wise and Foolish
  - A. They Hear
    - 1. To Listen – a willingness to hear
    - 2. To Accept what is said as authoritative
  - B. The Wise Man Does – to produce; obedience to what is heard
  - C. The Foolish Man Does Not Do – decides to disregard, disobey what is heard
- II. The Trials
  - A. Come on Both the Wise and Foolish
  - B. Response to Trials Proves the Foundation – James 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-13
- III. The Foundation
  - A. The Wise Man Dug Down to Find Rock – Luke 6:46-49
  - B. The Foolish Man Built on the Surface
    - 1. In a hurry, impatient
    - 2. Disregards instruction – Prov. 1:7, 32; 10:21; 12:1, 15; 14:16; 15:5, 32; 18:2; 19:27
  - C. The Only Difference in the Houses is the Foundation – MLJ Quote
  - D. What is Our Foundation?
    - 1. The foundation is critical – Psa. 11:3
    - 2. Seeking an everlasting foundation – Prov. 10:25
    - 3. The Only Foundation that will Stand – 1 Cor. 3:10-11; Eph. 2:19-21
- IV. The Results
  - A. The Wise Man's House Did Not Fall
  - B. The Foolish Man's House Fell
    - 1. A great fall
    - 2. Irreparable

MLJ Quote – “We cling to the notion that the differences between the true Christian and the pseudo-Christian is obvious. It is not obvious in the case of the men or the houses. The whole difficulty about the false prophet was that on the surface he was so extraordinarily like the true prophet. Only trials reveal the differences.”

## **Cross References**

### **James 1:2-3**

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

### **1 Peter 1:6-7**

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

### **1 Peter 4:12-13**

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

### **Luke 6:46-49**

46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

### **Proverbs 1:7**

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

### **Proverbs 1:32**

32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

### **Proverbs 10:21**

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

### **Proverbs 12:1**

12 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.

### **Proverbs 12:15**

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

### **Proverbs 14:16**

16 A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

**Proverbs 15:5**

5 A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.

**Proverbs 15:32**

32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

**Proverbs 18:2**

2 A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.

**Proverbs 19:27**

27 Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

**Psalm 11:3**

3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

**Proverbs 10:25**

25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

**1 Corinthians 3:10-11**

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 2:19-21**

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,