

Matthew 7:24-29 **Only Two Houses**

Introduction:

The Scriptures have much to say about houses. God essentially deals with nations and households or families. Heb. 8:10 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel.” So when “house” is used it does not always refer to a foundation, walls and roof. It so often refers to people, but not any people but people that belong to God by way of covenant. God is the initiator who establishes the terms of the covenant and we call this unilateral. House has a very personal meaning, think of a little man named, Zaccheus, a cheating tax collector for Rome. Jesus paid him a visit and he repented of his sin of theft and Jesus said salvation has come to this house. Luke 19:1-10 (Acts 16:31)

I. The House Without Foundation – v.26-27

A. Two Illustrations:

1. Horticulture – v. 17
2. Construction – v. 24

B. Similarities of the two Builders:

1. They both have a desire to build a house
2. They both have essentially the same design except for the foundation
3. They both will experience the same inspection

C. Christian and Pseudo-Christian

1. They are in the same place, the visible church.
2. They have the same spiritual power – Acts 8:9-25
3. They have a longing for heaven – 7:22

D. Characteristics of this foolish man:

1. He is in a hurry, no need for plans – Prov. 8:29; 2:7
2. He never thinks of eventualities, lacks wisdom – Pro. 8;11

II. The House with Foundation – 24-25

A. He starts right from the beginning – I Cor. 3:11

1. Sound doctrine based upon the apostles, prophets and chief corner stone – Eph. 2:20-22; **Turn To: I Corinthians 3:10 – 15**
2. Through the storms of life he endures – Rom. 8:22

B. Positive characteristics of the wise believer

1. He does not pick and choose certain parts of the Bible but allows every part to speak to him – Psalm 73:25
2. He humbles himself under the Word of God, he acknowledges his unworthiness and hungers and thirsts for righteousness
3. He obeys the commands of Christ rather than talking about doing it. He “does” rather than “says” v.21

Conclusion: v.28-29

1. *It is clear that many people were impressed not only by what Jesus said but the way He said it.*
2. *All four gospel writers have this common consensus that Jesus taught with authority – Mark 1:22; Luke 4:32; (The scribes said, “you have heard it said” but Jesus stated, “but I say unto you” (Matt. 5:21,27,31,33,38,43 cf. 5:22, 28,32, 34, 38 44) John 7:46; Matt. 5:17-19*