

“Two Houses, Two Foundations”
Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus provides for us the ultimate question: **What does a man do with His Words?**

1. The Great Issue: Doing Christ’s Words **vv. 24, 26**

(1) Jesus’ Authority Unrivaled!

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them...”

- Jesus is the One to whom every man will answer!
- Jesus’ Word constitutes the only standard of judgment!

(2) Mere hearing, mere familiarity with Jesus’ words is not enough!

(3) The Great Divide

- This determines and reveals whether one is a wise man or a fool!
- This determines every man’s ultimate destiny!

2. Two Houses – Two Lives The Similarities

(1) Every man builds a “house!”

(2) Lives, like houses, may on appearance look very similar.

(3) Both the wise man and the foolish man are familiar with the words of Jesus.

3. Two Houses – Two Lives The Differences

(1) The Wise Man

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock”

- 1- He is concerned not with mere appearance; he is concerned to have a sure foundation.
- 2- He has come to understand that the words of Jesus Christ are foundational to all of life.
- 3- When testing comes, it is very clear what the “superstructure” of his life rests upon.
- 4- When the ultimate test comes – the judgment, it is made manifest to all.

(1) The Foolish Man

“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand”

- 1- He is concerned only with appearance, with what other men see.
- 2- He is not truly interested in things foundational. He is “in a hurry” to do his own thing.
- 3- Though familiar with the words of Jesus, he has never believed them or done them.
- 4- When testing comes, the fragility of his life is revealed.
- 5- When the ultimate test comes – the judgment, all will collapse in a moment of time.

Further Application