

The Gospel of Matthew #74**Sermon on the Mount: chapter 7: Climax of instruction & warnings**Overview of Matthew 7:

7:1-12: 4 Feelings: the danger when you hear chapters 5 & 6 is to still try to establish your own righteousness. That will lead to 4 feelings:

7:1-5: feel superior by Law → judge everyone

7:6: feel superior by "Love" → judge no one

7:7-11: feel hopeless; need enlarge confidence in the Father

7:12: feel confused; simplified summary

7:13-27: 4 Warnings: final invitations and warnings by means of 4 contrasts:

7:13-4 2 gates & roads: wide & narrow: enter the narrow gate!

7:15-20 2 kinds of fruit: bad & good: beware false prophets!

7:21-23 2 displays of "faith": religious involvement, reputation, activity v. simple obedience

7:24-27 2 foundations: sand & rock

Be very careful to know where you are!

WHAT IS YOUR FOUNDATION?**Matthew 7:24-27**Last of the four warnings:

I. What is the _____

A. Both hear the words of Jesus

B. Their houses may look the same

The foundations are unseen

C. They each get the same severity of storm

II. What is _____

A. Heeding Jesus' words (_____ foundation) v. NOT heeding

His words (_____ foundation)

Jesus Himself is the Rock (I Peter 2:6)

Examples

B. Result of STORMS: _____ v. _____

What are the storms?

1. Storms of life

Severe trials: broken relationships, poor health, losses

Go thru in peace v. bitterness

2. The Ultimate Storm: Day of Judgment

Cf. v13

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23

27

Psalm 1

C. Builders are called _____ v. _____

May not seem very important now to pay close attention to the words of Jesus, spoken 2000 years ago, and to *follow* what He says:

obedience (ch5-7)

Faith (Mt 1:21)

His way (I Peter 2:6)

The days are sunny and there are no storms on the horizon.

But One Day it will be the most important matter in all the world. The wise see that now.

So, which are you?

Again notice the contrast with the beginning of the Sermon

First word: Blessed/Happy

Last word: Crash

The Storms are coming.