



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

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Two Builders ... similar homes ... similar tragedies ... but different endings

Foolish Builder

- Built on Sand ❌
- Shallow foundation ❌
- Built a house ✓
- Faced rains/floods 🌧️ 🌊
- House destroyed ❌
- Disobedient listener ❌

Wise Builder

- Built on the Rock ✓
- Dug deep ✓ (Luke 6:48)
- Built a house ✓
- Faced rains/floods 🌧️ 🌊
- House standing ✓
- Obedient listener ✓

Again, Lord's focus is on the 'internal'

Lord looks at our heart (I Samuel 16:7)

- Outwardly, both (House) looked similar
We can fake the externals and fool others
- But important part is the unseen internal foundation (which was different for the two houses)

What do the home/
rock/foundation/
rains & floods& winds
symbolize?



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House = our life in this world;
anything else? (our heavenly
home/calling/our ministry)

House = our life in this world

● Scripture reminds us of the Brevity & Fragility of our life

● “All flesh is like grass ... the grass withers” (I Peter 1:24)

● “Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1)

● “Lord make to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am” Psalms 39:4

● “For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust” (Psalms 103:14)

● “For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14)

Our life

Life is Brief & Fragile

But

With Christ our brief life is extended, and our weak life is made strong

With Christ our life is made meaningful, fulfilling, and complete

The Bible gives answers to 3 important questions relating to life:
origin of life? purpose of life? Life after death?

**Sermon on the Mount gives us the secret of
building a strong & beautiful LIFE/HOME**

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Secret of strong and beautiful life/home

Life's foundation must be built on the rock (solid ground) = Christ

“On Christ the solid Rock I Stand
All other ground is sinking sand”

Strong foundation built by **hearing & obeying** the Word of God ...
continuity & consistency in hearing & obeying leads to beautiful &
strong lives/homes.

It is a Blessing to hear ... it is even more blessed to obey!

- blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. **Matthew 13:16**
- blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!" **Luke 11:28**
- but be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **James 1:22**



Jesus Christ is the Rock (for believers)

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, **Ephesians 2:20**

The stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner (**Matthew 21:42**) Therefore thus says the Lord God:
“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; **Isaiah 28:16, I Peter 2:6**

“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. **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” I Corinthians 3:11**

Jesus Christ – the rock of offense & rock of judgement

To Jews (a stumbling stone and rock of offense)

- And a **stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence**, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed (I Peter 2:8) (Romans 9:32,33)
- But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a **stumblingblock** (I Corinthians 1:23)

To unbelievers (a stone of Judgement that destroys)

- On whomsoever it falls, it will grind him to powder (Mathew 21:44) (Daniel 2:34, 44-45)

Rains/floods/winds = Trials & Tribulations

- Will definitely come (John 16:33, Ye will have tribulations)
- Sent by God or due to our sins
- Vary in duration and intensity
- **Response & Result** depends on the quality of our foundation
(Paul fought a good fight and finished the race, **II Timothy 4:7**)
God's Plan includes rains/floods/winds- But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle [you], **I Peter 5:10**)

Let us not prematurely judge the quality of our fellow believer's homes/ministry of others

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

I Corinthians 4:5

Why aren't people building their homes on the rock despite warnings of rains, winds and floods?

Why are people ignoring warnings?

- Prefer Cheaper/faster/easier alternative of building on sand
- Foolish - do not listen to sound counsel
- Deceived – by false teachings, false appearances
- Disobedient – only hear, do not act
- Do not believe the warnings
- Self-confident, independent, risk lovers
- Short sighted

Which type of builder are you?
Are you confident that your house
will withstand future rains/flood?
If not, what must you do?

Which type of builder are you?
Will your house withstand future rains/flood?
If not, what must you do?

“What must I do?” Mathew 10:17 (Young man to Jesus)

“What must I do?” Acts 16:30,31 (Jailer to Paul & Silas)

“what shall we do” Acts 2:37 (Listeners to Peter’s sermon)

What should I do, Lord? Acts 22:10 (Paul’s conversion)

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What must I do?”

good question to ask the Lord everyday

Does the Lord give a second
chance to rebuild our home?

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YES ...

when we Repent

God Rebuilds and Restores

Reaction of Listeners (28-29):

What was the reaction of listeners at the end of the sermon?

Is that Lord's desired response to his teachings?

Reaction

- **Astonished** at his doctrine For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes
- Is Jesus satisfied that listeners were 'astonished' 'amazed' 'impressed' by his teachings?

Preferred reaction to teachings

When Jesus met disciples on the road to Emmaus

“Then their **eyes were opened** and they knew Him” “And they said to one another, “Did not our **heart burn** within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” **(Luke 24:31-32)**

When Peter preached his sermon after Pentecost

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, **what shall we do?**” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **(Acts 2:37-38)**

What's next?

Now that the sermon of the mount is over
... what should follow?

What should follow after
hearing a sermon?

OBEDIENCE

HEAR AND OBEY
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY 🙏



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