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Matthew 7:24-27
**Is Your Eternity
Built on the Rock of Israel?**
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Contrasts in Eternal Destiny

Matt. 7:13-14 – Two Ways
Matt. 7:15-20 – Two Trees
Matt. 7:21-23 – Two Claims
Matt. 7:24-27 – Two Builders

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The Wise Build on the Rock

Matthew 7:24–25
Therefore everyone who **hears** these words of Mine **and acts on them**, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and **yet** it did not fall, **for it had been founded on the rock.**

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The Fool Builds on Sand

Matthew 7:26–27
Everyone who **hears** these words of Mine **and does not act on them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—**and great was its fall.**

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Applications

1. We must understand the rich Messianic imagery behind the “rock” in the Scriptures.
2. We must understand that all who trust upon the “rock” will never be disappointed.

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Israel’s Rock in the Wilderness

Exodus 17:6
Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and **you shall strike the rock**, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Numbers 20:8
Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and **speak to the rock** before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink.

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Israel's Mediating Rock

Exodus 33:21-23

Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there on the rock*; 22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in *the cleft of the rock* and **cover you** with My hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

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David's Rock of Refuge

2 Samuel 22:2-3

He said, "The **LORD is my rock** and my fortress and my deliverer; 3 **My God, my rock**, in whom I take refuge, My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My savior, You save me from violence."

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The Rock Worthy of Trust

Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, *we have an everlasting Rock.*

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, *I am laying in Zion a stone*, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone *for the foundation*, firmly placed. **He who believes in it will not be disturbed.**"

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Trust in Christ: The Rock of Israel

Romans 9:31-33

but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at *that law*. 32 Why? *Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone*, 33 just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

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