

## Christ, the Solid Rock

(Matthew 7:24-29)

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### Outline for Matthew 7:24-29:

#### A. Introduction:

Concluding verses of the Sermon on the Mount ó (Read Matt. 7:24-29).

#### B. “*Therefore...*” denoting:

1. All that has been said ó The Gospel of the Kingdom ó the reign of righteousness ó the way of salvation;
2. Immediate context ó read vss. 21-23 ó More specifically setting forth:
3. Dichotomy ó Either or, no mixing as it speaks of
  - a. 2 Ways of salvation
  - b. 2 Ends that correspond to the 2 ways.

#### C. The House Analogy ó All are building a house (We all have a hope)

1. The Evidence of a secure house (of a good hope) is found in the descriptions of the Builders provided in this passage. Here we see that:
  - a. Hearing not enough / Mental understanding not enough
  - b. One doeth these sayings / One doeth not. What does this mean? Read Jn 6:28-29, 39-40 and relate how we ðwork the works of Godð or ðdoeth these sayingsð by believing on Christ whom God has sent.
2. The Basis of a good hope ó Note that the only distinction between the two is found in the foundation. There is no mention of any other differences.
  - a. The one is built on rock ó likened to a wise man, the wisdom of God; And that is all that matters
  - b. The other is built on sand ó foolish built elsewhere ó not on the one and only foundation.

#### D. A storm is coming ó Read Isa 28:14-18

## E. Final Reaction of the Audience to whom Christ was speaking (read Mt. 7:28-29)

1. Comment on the authority with which Christ spoke (Ref. examples of this from earlier in His sermon: Mt 5: 21a, 22a, 27a, 28a, 43am 44a, etc.)
2. God's word as authority in contrast to the words of man, as scribes spoke. (Refer to the broad road that leads to destruction and the warnings to beware of false prophets from earlier in the Sermon on the Mount).

## F. Conclusion

1. Build upon this Rock!
2. Read Luke 6:46-49
  - a. "Dig deep" - Seek and do not settle on any hope until you've come to rest on THE Solid rock - the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - b. Strive to enter in the strait gate.
3. Reference closing hymn - "The Solid Rock."

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