
This evening, we come to the end of the greatest sermon ever preached:

If Matthew 5-6-7 were the only three (3) chapters that we had from the Word of God, we could consider ourselves to be spiritually rich; greatly blessed of God.

A few weeks back, as we learned, the Lord Jesus confronted us and commanded us to go toward the strait gate and narrow way which leads to life; He WARNED US about the wide gate and broad way that leads to destruction.

There are 2-kingdoms, 2-fathers, 2-eternal destinations that confront every human soul!

Few find the strait gate and the narrow way that leads to life, but MANY (the mass of humanity) are headed toward the wide gate and broad way that leads to destruction ~ eternal damnation!

The Lord Jesus THEN WARNED US about false prophets; WOLVES who would come to us disguised as sheep; to deceive and scatter us from Christ, to influence and to point us away from the strait and narrow way; BUT also, to KEEP lost sinners with false professions going toward the wide gate and broad way that leads to destruction!

EVERY one of us must take heed and beware of false prophets & teachers entering in among us and lying to us and deceiving us as children of God!

Matthew 24:11, 23-25

And then, from Matthew 7:21-27: The central message of the Lord (to US is) DOING the will of my Father, which is in heaven!

Don't ever forget one of the signature marks of a pretend Christian or a hypocrite (Pharisee): *Matthew 23:1-5, Luke 11:46*

We understand the deity of Christ here; (V21-23): he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven; and in (V24-27): whosoever heareth and doeth MY SAYINGS! *John 10:30: I and my Father are One!*

TO HEAR and DO these sayings of the Lord: Likened to a wise man, who built his house upon a rock, which stood through every adversity, trial, and storm of life. These endured to the end!

TO HEAR and NOT DO these sayings of the Lord: Likened to a foolish man, who built his house on the sand, and the house fell at the first sign of adversity or trial. *Luke's text helps us a bit: Luke 6:46-49*

Both men-built houses, but only one man dug deep and laid the foundation for his house upon the solid rock.

The question for each of you (me) this morning is, what kind of a builder are you? Your house is your life and the salvation of your soul. What are you "BUILDING UPON"? Christ? Or is your hope of eternal life rooted and built upon your own faulty merits and righteousness. Are you even thinking about the mortality of your soul?

Have you considered that your life is but a vapor that appeareth for a short time, and then vanisheth away? What then? What are you giving in exchange for your soul?

Many have have HEARD my sayings, but are you DOING THEM saith Christ? (Are you DOING MY SAYINGS).

Those that have built their house and their hopes upon Christ; their lives will be characterized by the fact that they are HEARERS and DOERS of the Word, the commands of Christ!

If this, is YOU, you possess saving faith that works, saving faith that motivates and drives you to happy and willing obedience to Christ! This is strong evidence of that you are born from above! 1 John 2:29

Have you built (and are you building) your life and your hopes upon Christ and Christ alone? Is Christ your SOLE and ONLY HOPE of salvation? Or is your life built upon what you can get and gain out of this perishing world?

1 Corinthians 3:11: "For other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ". Isaiah 28:16: A sure foundation, one that will never be moved! Matthew 16:18, Acts 4:11-12

I love this passage in Proverbs 10:28, I think it fits nicely to that one who built his/her life, trusting solely in Christ for the salvation of their soul!

"The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish". Jude 1:20

The 2nd builder (the foolish builder) hears the Words of Christ but is not serious about them.

One of the most conspicuous marks of a child of the Kingdom of Christ is obedience to Christ. John 14:15, 21-24

Foolish builders are those that hear the Words of Christ, the Word of God, but they will NOT do them. They MAY talk about the strait gate and narrow way but IN PRACTICE they are continuing toward the wide gate and broad way that leads to destruction.

They claim faith in Christ, they profess faith in Christ, but their lives and their salvation is NOT founded upon Christ.

Job 8:13-15, 27:8, Proverbs 11:3-7