

BEWARE OF A FALSE FOUNDATION
(Matthew 7:24-29)

- I. The WISE Man (Matt. 7:24-25)
 - A. He's PAYING ATTENTION and LISTENING to Jesus
 - B. He's DOING what Jesus SAID to do (cf. Luke 6:46; John 8:31; 14:23-24)
 - 1. He's accepted JESUS' words as the FATHER'S will
 - 2. He's acknowledged Jesus' AUTHORITY as his LORD
 - C. He becomes a WISE BUILDER (cf. 1 Cor. 3:11-15)
 - 1. He's building on a SOLID FOUNDATION
 - 2. He's building to withstand the COMING STORM (cf. Jude 1:24)

- II. The FOOLISH Man (Matt. 7:26-27)
 - A. He's PAYING ATTENTION and LISTENING to Jesus
 - B. He's DISREGARDING what Jesus SAID to do
 - 1. He UNDERSTANDS that Jesus' words are the FATHER'S will

2. He thinks HIMSELF the final AUTHORITY for his life (Prov. 14:12; 16:25)

C. He becomes a FOOLISH BUILDER (cf. 1 Cor. 3:11-15)

1. He builds on a FOUNDATION of SAND
2. He builds to LOOK IMPRESSIVE

III. Applying the Principle

A. Throughout LIFE

1. The one whose life is built on CHRIST can STAND through the TRIALS and TESTS of life
2. The one whose life is built on SELF will COLLAPSE under severe TRIALS and TESTS of life

B. The coming JUDGMENT

1. Those founded on CHRIST are SECURE
2. Those founded on ANYTHING ELSE are DOOMED

IV. The AMAZED Crowd (Matt. 7:28-29)

- A. DUMBFOUNDED by the POWER of Jesus' words
- B. Acknowledged Jesus' claim to AUTHORITY
- C. Lacked FAITH for SALVATION