

## Two Builders

### Introduction:

- A. "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man" is a song most children love.
  - B. But there is a vital lesson here for every adult. - Matthew 7:23-27
  - C. What is the lesson of the Parable of the Two Builders?
  - I. The subject of the parable is entrance into the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 7:21
  - II. The rock is the teaching of Christ. - Matthew 7:24
    - A. No house is more secure than its foundation. - e.g., Skyscrapers in Houston, Texas must have very deep foundations, because they are built on clay. Those in Manhattan are built on bed rock, and the foundation doesn't have to be as deep.
    - B. The doctrine of Christ is the only lasting foundation.
    - C. Christ is the foundation we must build upon. - 1 Corinthians 3:11
    - D. But we cannot accept Christ without accepting His Word. - John 12:48
    - E. His Word is an everlasting foundation. - Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:24-25
  - III. The wise man both hears and obeys the Word of Christ. - Matthew 7:24
    - A. The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom. - Psalm 111:10
    - B. This wisdom is proven by obedience. - Ibid
    - C. This wisdom is demonstrated by preparation for the future. - Matthew 16:26-27
  - IV. The foolish hears but does not obey the Word of Christ. - Matthew 7:26
    - A. He was foolish, not because his house was not well built, but because he built on the wrong foundation. - e.g., Acts 10:1-2,22; 11:13-14
    - B. Any foundation other than the Word of Christ is sand.
      - 1. faith only - Matthew 7:21
      - 2. good works of human origin - Matthew 7:22-23
  - V. The storm is the judgment. - Matthew 7:22-23
    - A. For the wise it will be the greatest triumph. - Matthew 7:25; 25:34,46
    - B. For the foolish it will be the most horrible defeat. - Matthew 7:27; 25:41,46
- Conclusion:
- A. The lesson of the Parable of the Two Builders is that one must obey the commands of Christ to withstand the judgment. - Matthew 7:21
  - B. Have you built securely upon that sure foundation?
  - C. Are you ready for that great day when the foundation of your life will be tried?