

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

February 6, 2022

Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 14 **Choosing the Right Foundation** **(Matthew 7:24-27)**

This morning, we conclude our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon*. This also concludes the last major section of the sermon (Matthew 7:13-27) where Jesus issues a series of warnings. As we have previously discussed, the hallmark of this section is that it includes a series of warnings all offered in pairs.

All these warnings ultimately deal with the Kingdom of Heaven, righteousness, a choice, and eternal judgment. Today we will be looking at the final warning regarding two foundations found in verses 24-27.

1. P_____ I_____ (21-23; Luke 6:46)

This final warning regarding the two foundations, builds upon the previous one regarding the two claims that we looked at last week in Matthew 7:21-23. Jesus' emphasis in this previous warning was that obedience is required to be a true follower of God and not just lip service. This warning ends with the pronouncement that anyone who does not obey will be separated from God for all eternity. This dire consequence should elicit the attention of anyone who hears or reads these words from Jesus (Matthew 25:1-13).

2. P_____ I_____ (24-27; Luke 6:47-49)

The two foundations represent illustrations of those that hear the word of God and obey them, and those that hear the word of God and DO NOT obey them. Even if someone is not an expert on how to build a house, this illustration is still very simple, practical, and easy to understand. Unless you build a house with a good foundation, it is going to fail.



I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

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"We have more ability than willpower, and it is often an excuse to ourselves that we imagine that things are impossible"

- François de la Rochefoucauld

3. P _____ I _____

The illustrations should cause each of us to perform a self-evaluation, much like the previous warning about the two ways and gates in verses 13-14. This evaluation should be aimed at determining which foundation our life is built upon?

What is the rock foundation?

Jesus Christ and His Word – 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Ephesians 2:19-22

Why would I build without a foundation? Why would I hear and not obey?

- Because there is the illusion of a foundation (money, job, success, etc.) - One of the great lies of Satan and the world
- Because it is easier / more attractive (using rock requires difficult digging) – Luke 6:48b
- Because I can't do/have both (I don't want to let go of my foothold in the World) – Matthew 6:24

How do I build on the rock foundation?

- Study of God's Word – James 1:19-21
- Obedience – James 1:22

What will happen when the storms of life rise against my house? (Matthew 6:19-21)

PRAYER LIST

- **Freddie Brown** is still in St. Thomas West, but is feeling better and hopes to be in a regular room tomorrow
- **Isabel Johnson**, 16-year-old friend of the Agees with leukemia, will have a stem cell transplant in late February. Pray also for her sister, the donor.
- **Charlie Douglas** has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer
- **John Hayes** is doing well at home. He will have cataract surgery in May.
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, Ann Reed, and Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (February 6, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: M. Reed
Prayer: J. Walker

WORSHIP

Read: C. Baker
Wait On Table: D. Billingsley
Serve: D. Demonbreun, J. Buchanan
Prayer: E. Walker