

## What Is Your Foundation?

Matthew 7:24-27

### Main Idea

Jesus final words repeatedly ask, us, “What are you going to do with me and my teaching?” Specifically, regarding verses 24-27, Jesus tells us we can either build our life on him, the solid rock, or on ourselves/the world, shifting sand.

### Overview

- **Examining the Foundation of Your Life (vv. 24, 26)**
  - This sermon is for those who “hear my words”
  - Everyone is building their house on someone or something
  - Everyone is building on the rock or sand
    - Rock – that which is secure, steadfast, immovable; Jesus words, which equate to God (cf. Dt. 32; Psalm 19; 31; 62)
    - Sand – that which is weak, fragile, and insecure
  - Building requires hearing and doing
    - Knowledge alone is not enough
  
- **Evaluating the Outcome of Your Foundation (vv. 25, 27)**
  - Jesus does not say “if the rain, floods and wind” come, but “and the rain, floods and wind” come – the storms are coming no matter where you build
  - The rains, flood, and wind represent both temporary troubles and eternal judgment
    - We know they ultimately point to eternal judgment because this is the subject on Jesus’ mind (cf. v. 13, 19, 23)
  - “On that day” everyone will stand on the solid rock of Christ or great will be their fall

### Questions

1. Read Matthew 7:13-27. What do you notice about Jesus final words in the Sermon on the Mount? Why do you think he chose to end his sermon this way?
2. Jesus says, “*those who hear these words of mine.*” What does that tell us about the audience and why is that important to understand?
3. What does it mean to build your life on the rock? On the sand?
4. What are some of the “sand” things people try to build their life on? Why do they fail us?
5. Practically speaking, according to Jesus, how can we determine which foundation we’re building on? What does that look like in the day-to-day?
6. It appears the rain, floods, and wind represent both temporary troubles and eternal judgment:
  - a. Why is it important to realize Jesus is talking about temporary troubles and eternal judgment?
  - b. What helps us get through the temporary troubles in this life?
  - c. How does context help you see that Jesus is ultimately pointing to eternal judgment?
  - d. Discuss how God can be a God of love and a God of judgment.
7. Where does the gospel apply to Jesus words and what hope does that give us?

**Accountability Question:** *Are there areas of your life in which your foundation is more sand than rock?*