

**Building on the Rock**  
**Matthew 7:24-27**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of building on the right foundation.

Intro: 1.  
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- I. “These sayings of mine and does them”(v.24-25)
- A. hears these sayings of Mine (v.24a)
1. ”hears”
    - a. Hearing means we listen to the words of Christ.
    - b. Just hearing (as we will see) does not make one faithful.
  2. “sayings of Mine”
    - a. We are told the wise hear but we are also told what they hear.
    - b. They hear the words of Christ. They consider the commands of Christ were the foolish do not even consider the words of Christ.
    - c. The sayings of Christ are not words of advice but commands to live by if we are to gain eternal life.
    - d. The words of Christ are words that bring peace when they are obeyed (Ps 85:8).
- B. “and does them..”(v.24b)
1. Those who are hear and desire to be faithful must also be doers (James 1:22).
  2. “does them” – means the wise person does what Christ commanded.
- C. “built his house on the rock (v.24c-25)
1. The wise man builds his house on the rock.
  2. The house represents his faith and the rock represents Christ.
  3. If our faith is built upon Christ (the rock) it will stand forever.
- D. Rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew
1. Just like everyone else in life difficult times do come.
  2. We see how the hardships are described and that since his house(faith) is secure because it’s founded on the rock.
  3. The righteous will face many hardships as they strive to remain faithful (Acts 14:22).
- II. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them...” (v.26-27, Lk 6:46)
- A. The foolish has the same options as the wise.
1. He hears the sayings of Christ also, however, he does not do them.
  2. Just because someone hears and hears the same thing doesn’t mean they will act upon the sayings of Christ (His commands).
- B. The foolish man’s house is not stable
1. The foolish man disobeys God and as a result cannot stand during the storms of life.
  2. **Proverbs 1:27-29**

### III. Where are you building today?

#### A. Example of building on the rock

1. Avoiding those who can pull you away from building on the rock (**Pro 14:7**).

#### B. Example of not building on the rock

1. Those who follow after their own desires instead of God's commands (**Gal 1:10**)

#### Conc: 1.

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3. Full Invitation