



# Build Your Life On A Sure Foundation

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*Obedience to Jesus' teaching is  
the only sure foundation to life.*

**Matthew 7:24–29 (ESV)**

**<sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

**<sup>25</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.**

**<sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.**

**<sup>27</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”**

**<sup>28</sup>And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,**

**<sup>29</sup>for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.**

## **Jesus' Words Are God's Words.**

*“Everyone the who hears these words of mine...”*

- **Jesus speaks with God's authority.**

Jesus clearly declares His words are God's words. —

*Matthew 4:17, 4:23, 8:26, 8:32, 9:2, 9:25, John 11:43*

Jesus is identified as “The Word” of God. — *John 1:1-2, 14; Hebrews 1:2-3*

Jesus declares He is Jehovah. – *John 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1, 8:24, 8:28, 13:19, 18:5-6, 8:58-59*

- **The crowds recognized His authority.**

***“the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority...”***

He fulfilled the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount as stated in Matthew 5:10.

Jesus did not rely on the authority of others like the scribes, but declared His own authority.

## **Obedient Hearers Build Their Lives On A Sure Foundation.**

***“a wise man who built his house on the rock”***

- **This is a life of stability from diligent, intentional obedience.**

The metaphor of a rock is a picture of solid, stable, immovable foundation in the Old Testament. – *Psalm 40:1-2*

The metaphor of the rock is used by Jesus to identify the truth on which our faith is built. - *Matthew 16:18*

When the tests come, even the final test of the judgement of God, the obedient hearers will stand and not fall.

## **Disobedient Hearers Build Their Lives On An Unstable Foundation.**

***“a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”***

- **This is a life of instability because they know the truth but do not obey the truth.**

This path of life appears wide and easy. – *Matthew 7:13*

When the tests come, even the final test of the judgement of God, the disobedient hearers will fall and not stand.