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BUILDERS

MATTHEW 7:24-27

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- Luke 6:43-49; Matt.7:24-27;
- Most of us have probably seen the results of building or not building on a solid foundation
- Jesus was speaking of foundations in the context of False teachers, and deceived followers
- He was speaking to religious people who thought their religious activity would get them to heaven.
- Ja.1:22-27;2:18-19

# The Two Builders

- On the outside they are the same
- There are no differences in the builders apart from their belief system
- There are no differences in the buildings apart from the foundation.
- There is no difference in the location apart from the solid rock.

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- The first built his house on the rock.
- Luke tells us he “dug down deep”
- This is the person who hears the word, digs deep into the word and puts it into practice.
- It is not simply “believing” a truth, but applying the truth to our lives so that it transforms us to people of love
- Eph.2:20; John 15:4-5; Ja.2:18-26

# What Is The Foundation?

- What is the foundation we need to build our lives on?
  1. That Jesus is the promised Salvation of God – the Messiah, the sent one, King of kings and Lord of all
  2. Jesus is the eternal king, and all authority is found in Him and that we must renounce our allegiance to other “gods” and announce our allegiance to Him alone.
  3. We must apply this truth to daily living and allow Him to transform us give us hearts of love to become people who love

# The Second Builder

- The second builder believes in appearance over substance.
- Fast and easy. On the ground, no depth
- This person hears the word but does not apply it to their life.
- This person builds their beliefs on pithy sayings, pamphlets, songs, books, but does not know or apply the Bible

# The Storm

- What is the Storm?
- The storms of life – death, persecution, job loss, interpersonal conflict, enemies, cultural moral change
  - The church in Iran – Movie “Sheep Among Wolves”
  - The moral decline in western culture
- The wrath of God poured out in Judgement
- Without the foundation of a belief system that has changed the way I think and therefore, act, we would be lost.

# Living the Storm

1. A disciple, a follower of Jesus, is one who applies Jesus' teaching to their lives and is therefore, more like Jesus today, than they were 1 year ago.
2. A disciple is one, who through asking<sup>(7:7)</sup> has found the narrow gate<sup>(7:14)</sup>, who is one of the "few"<sup>(14)</sup> whose house is built on the rock and known by God