

# **ENCOURAGING WORDS MINISTRIES**

## **BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE**

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### **A. The Warning About False Pretenses and Profession: Who Will Enter the Kingdom of Heaven?**

**Matthew 7:21-29**

**Introduction:** Who will enter the kingdom of heaven? Will everyone who professes Christ enter? The Lord says, “No, There are some who profess my name only....” The false professor is a person who uses the Christian’s vocabulary, recites his creeds and prayers, attends his services, participates in his functions, yet he does not know nor accepts the Lord’s Word (Matthew 7:18; Luke 6:46). He does not really know Christ---not personally. Therefore, Christ says he shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

- 1. The law of entrance into heaven (v. 21).**
- 2. The plea of false profession: accept my works (v. 22).**
- 3. The rejection of false profession (v. 23)**

### **B. The Wise and Foolish Builder, 7:24-27**

**Introduction:** Jesus Christ was a carpenter by trade and profession. He knew houses: He knew the building trade. Several important matters about building a house need to be noted here.

1. Hearing instructions. This is critical, for a person must heed the instructions in order to know how to build the house.
  - a. A person must hear and follow (obey) the instructions.
  - b. A person must hear and build upon what he hears, ever learning the very best materials and methods for construction. Builders must always be “laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come....” (I Timothy 6:19).
2. Selecting the foundation. This is also critical, for selecting the site and material determine the future of the house.
  - a. A person must build upon a solid foundation. There is only one foundation upon which to build: the rock (I Cor. 3:11).
  - b. A person must make sure of his call and choice to build (2 Pet. 1:10).
  - c. A person must know that building upon rock takes time and skill.

3. Counting the cost. This, too, is critical: it is brought out by Christ in another passage. Beginning and not finishing the house brings mockery and shame. (Luke 14:28-30).

1. **(7:24-25) Life, Foundation: the wise builder is a man who hears the instructions and obeys them.**
  - a. **The wise builder builds a house.**
    1. Every person has a house to build, a life to build.
    2. God's own Son instructs a man how to build. A man hears and follows (obeys) the instructions or hears and rejects (disobeys) the instructions and builds his own way.
    3. As Christ says, His sayings, instructions, and words are the materials which determine the structure and fate of our lives. Our lives and our destinies depend upon how we respond to the sayings of Christ.
  - b. **The wise builder builds upon a rock.**
    1. Christ is the only Rock, the only foundation upon which we can build and structure our lives.
    2. The Lord is not a lifeless rock, but a "living stone" (I Peter 2:4)
  - c. **The wise builder faces a storm. There have always been storms in life, and there always will be. The wise man is not exempt from the storms because he builds an excellent house.**
  - d. **The wise builder builds wisely: the difference is the foundation.**

**(7:26-27) Life, Foundation: the foolish builder is a man who hears the instructions and does not obey them.**

- a. **The foolish builder builds a house, but note something of critical importance and interest.**
  1. He hears the instructions of the Master Builder. This means that he is in the church and he has some Christian influence from someplace.
  2. He is in a most dangerous position. He knows how to build, but chooses not to build according to instructions.
- b. **The foolish builder builds upon sand. This is the depth of foolishness, as Christ well illustrates.**
- c. **The foolish builder faces a storm.**
  1. The rain descended.

2. The floods came.
  3. The winds blew.
  - d. The foolish builder builds foolishly: there was great destruction---the difference was the foundation.
- C. The Teaching of Jesus and Its Impact, (7:28-29)

**Introduction:** No one has ever taught like Jesus. In fact, He was such a strong teacher that many who deny His deity will commit their lives to the ministry of His teaching.

1. The impact of the teaching: the people were amazed (v. 28).
2. The reason for the astonishment: Jesus taught with authority (v. 29).