

LIVING WISE IN 2025

Sunday, January 5, 2025 -- NEW YEAR msg -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

MATTHEW 7:24-27

Wise Man / Foolish Man

English Standard Version (ESV)

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like **a wise man** who built his house on the rock. **25** 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. **26** 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. **27** 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."

BACKGROUND and CONTEXT --

1) This illustrated spiritual _____ is the conclusion of Jesus's **SERMON ON THE MOUNT**.

- Jesus preaches this sermon at the beginning of his 3 year ministry before the cross
- This sermon reveals how God's true people are to live in the _____.
- This sermon uses _____ illustrations that the people could easily understand.
- Jesus is going after the _____, not just shallow religious living.
- Notice the ominous _____ that come just before the conclusion.

MATTHEW 7:15-23

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. **16** You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? **17** So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. **18** A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who **does the will of my Father** who is in heaven. **22** On that day **many** will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' **23** And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

TWO WARNINGS -- _____ (vs 15-20) and _____ followers (21-23).

ONE CONCLUSION -- _____ and _____! (vs 24-27)

2) The **SERMON ON THE MOUNT** calls Christ's true flock to follow the Good Shepherd in both _____ and _____.

3) The **SERMON ON THE MOUNT** gives great assurance of God's _____, answered _____ and _____ for _____.

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OBSERVATIONS and APPLICATIONS for 2025 --

1) Notice the _____ MAN. vs 24-25

- The wise man _____ the words of Christ.
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JOHN 14:15-17

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

JOHN 15:4-5

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

- The wise man withstands the deceptions, attacks and _____ of this life.
- 'The house' is your _____ at home, at work/school, at leisure, at church.

2) Notice the _____ MAN. vs 26-27

- The foolish man may _____ the words of Christ.
 - The foolish man _____ the words of Christ.
 - The foolish man has a _____ life followed by an even worse _____.
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| -- He _____. | Proverbs 15:32 |
| -- He is _____. | Proverbs 29:11 |
| -- He _____ wisdom and instruction. | Proverbs 1:7 |
| -- He <u>suffers</u> _____. | Proverbs 13:20 |
| -- He ultimately _____ <u>God</u> . | Psalms 14:1 |

FINAL APPLICATIONS:

- 1) Run to Christ -- **His words, His sacrifice** for His _____ that starts **NOW**.
- 2) Evaluate in which areas you may be _____ but not _____ the Words of Christ.
- 3) How might you deepen your _____ so it blesses yourself and others more? (being here more, building friendships, discipling, missions, actively serving, etc)