

Matthew 7:24-29

Verses 24-27

- This section of verses starts with “therefore” which links the upcoming verses with the preceding verses. In the previous verses, Jesus teaches that not every one that says “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but those who DO the will of the Father.
- The will of the Father is sanctification ([1 Thess 4:3](#)), obedience ([John 14:15](#)), and being conformed to the image of His Son ([Romans 8:29](#)).
- The message is simple: whoever hears the words of Jesus, believes His words, and is obedient to His words with sincerity and with proper motives will be standing on the solid rock not only in this life, but also when the rain of God’s judgment on the Last Day comes and will be saved from judgment and the eternal fall. Those who do not heed the words of God, believe His words, or do not act on them from a sincere heart will have no foundation to stand in this life or on the Last Day. Their fall will be great, and the wrath of God will immutably be poured out on them forever.
- The Church was built on the rock which is Christ.
 - [Matthew 16:13-18](#) Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, ^[a]Elijah; but still others, ^[b]Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He *said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are ^[c]the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon ^[d]Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are ^[e]Peter, and upon this ^[f]rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- Jesus is the cornerstone and the foundation was built upon the prophets and the apostles.
 - [Ephesians 2:19-22](#) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the ^[g]saints, and are of God’s household, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy ^[h]temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Verses 28-29

- The sermon on the mount is over and people are amazed at His teaching. His teaching was with authority not like the scribes that were teaching the people. His words have authority and truth as He is the Truth and His words are truth. He has all authority in Heaven and on earth ([Matthew 28:18](#)).

Sitting on the side of a mountain, the greatest preacher ever, delivered the greatest sermon ever. The words that He spoke have all authority and are all truth. We have heard His words. Do we believe His words? Do we act on and obey His words? If so, we are standing on the rock of ages and can say with all sincerity, affection, and love: Lord, Lord!