

BUILD YOUR HOUSE ARIGHT!

ENTRY INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT AUTOMATIC JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE 'BORN FROM ABOVE'!

Matthew 7:21 *Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Condition for entry . . . DOING FATHER'S WILL

Some can say, "Lord, Lord" and it will come from their oneness with their Lord. It is implied here that most will say the words but will not have the reality in them!

(22) *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?*

Moving in the gifts of the Spirit on its own, without a real relationship with Father, is not sufficient. 'My ministry' is not on the 'pass' for entry into the Kingdom of God!

'I never knew you' . . . 'knew' = Gk. *GNOSKO*¹⁰⁸⁷ = UNDERSTAND; PERCEIVE; BE IN UNION WITH. It could be written, *'We have not become fully acquainted.'*

(23) *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

'iniquity' = LAWLESSNESS = unharnessed ways of man that have ignored God's ways.

We must seek that relationship with Father . . . for out of it will come His will, His way and His timing . . . above all, His will in regard to building one's house is of paramount for knowing Him and entering His domain, the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE HOUSE-BUILDING TEST!

This house is your whole life (spirit, mind and body) wherein God dwells as you.

The WISE MAN is one who KNOWS His God well, not just knowing ABOUT Him. It will be evident because this wise man can and will hear these words and, by God's grace, **do like He says**.

(24) *Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

Building on rock is harder and takes longer than building on sand . It has to be done with great thought as to its detail. The foundation is solidly joined into the rock and its top surface is level to receive the superstructure and roof. Once the house is complete, the foundation usually gets covered up and will look just like the house that is built upon sand. However, . . .

2 Tim 2:19 *Nevertheless **THE FOUNDATION OF GOD** stands sure, having this seal, The Lord KNOWS them that are his. And, Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

Just like we say that our house has a *foundation of concrete*, here we must have the testimony that our life's *foundation is God*. . . our foundation, when examined, will show that God is very present in every part.

The only reliable (true) foundation in the building of one's life is Christ. Christ in you is the Living Word in you which is solid and cannot be moved/changed. *We have the mind of Christ* once our foundation has been laid in our lives. Our foundation must be laid correctly as to size and content. There are no short-cuts! Does the foundation of your life match up with the parts shown in Hebrews 6? . . .

(1) *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection (the completion of one's house); **not laying again the foundation** of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*

(2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (3) And this will we do, if God permit.

HOW YOU BUILD YOUR 'HOUSE' is very important FOR EVERY 'HOUSE' (LIFE'S BUILDING) WILL BE TESTED

The test will come as . . . **'rain'** = 'words' from the 'religious' realm coming to you — pounding on your roof (head!). Friends who do not understand where you are coming from, will do everything (including threats) to convince you to come back to their way of building one's house.

'floods' = all sorts of words muddled with the 'earthly' thinking of man who just cannot soak up the true life giving content . . . beating upon one's thinking! **The scriptures will be quoted at you without any semblance of revelation**, and they expect you to submit to their building code!

'the wind' = of adversity . . . whereby circumstances just seem to overwhelm us . . . testing whether we have that relationship with Father. All these things happen to you because you are **not traditional or conventional**.
(25) *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

TEST RESULT = 'PASSED'!

NOW BY CONTRAST

These ones heard the word of the Lord also. . . BUT either didn't understand them by the Spirit or would rather go with the crowd — anyway, they did not do what Father desired.

(26) *And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

'foolish man' = one devoid of wisdom and understanding that comes from the Holy Spirit that would set him free from the traditions of men.

'sand' depicts people and their words that are not compacted together for when the test comes, it is every man for himself! Here comes the same TEST.

(27) *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

TEST RESULT = FAILED!

THESE SAYINGS OF JESUS — whether done or not — will show up the strength of your 'house'. These teachings go back in context to include the whole 'Sermon on the mount', which is the foundation of God.

(28) *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine:*

'doctrine' = teaching.

(29) *For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

AUTHORITY COMES FROM RELATIONSHIP

Jesus taught with authority BECAUSE HE had a perfect relationship with His Father.

The Scribes knew the Word of the Lord but they did not know the Lord of the Word.

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven is more than being 'born' into the family of God. In the same way, the Children of Israel of old were brought out of Egypt by the blood of the Lamb, they still had to **WALK INTO** the Promised Land which equates to the Kingdom of God . . . we too have to walk it out. The wise ones will make it, but the foolish ones will not. Remember the foolish virgins of Matthew 25 were still in God's plans, but not a part of those 'first-fruits' that were ready! *Let us press towards the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* §