

## These Sayings Of Mine

### **Matthew 7:24-29**

Intro:

- A. **Jesus is nearing the end of His, "sayings."**
1. They have included many topics and subjects.
  2. He has spoken the beatitudes.
  3. He has spoken of the law.
  4. He has spoken of charitable giving, of alms giving, of public prayer, of private prayer, of fasting.
  5. He has spoken of riches, and anxiety.
  6. He has spoken of critically judging one's brother.
  7. He has spoken of God's willingness to hear His children.
  8. He has warned His hearers of false prophets.

- B. **Jesus makes an application of His sayings.**
1. They are His sayings. "of mine".
  2. They are what is "heard"
  3. He has spoken much more than, "how to be saved," for this is more assumed than taught.
  4. His sayings here are more about the proper way to put one's life together for service than of the plan of redemption. He speaks of a foundation.

#### I. Jesus Teaches By Illustration.

- A. **"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine..." v.24**
1. heareth = ακουω = "to give ear", "to listen", "to learn by hearing", "to be informed."
  2. sayings = λογος = "the word spoken as an expression of what one believes, "the expression of one's thoughts"
  3. mine = μου = "of me"
  4. "...listens to this teaching of mine"... - TCNT
- B. **"...I will liken him..."**
1. liken = ομοιωω = "to make to resemble any other objects of the same kind, to compare"
  2. "I will compare him..."

## II. Building Upon The Solid Rock.

A. **Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. V.24**

1. heareth = λογος = (see A,I,1.)
2. doeth = ποιω = to make, to form, to produce, what one does repeatedly, continually."
3. wise = φρονιμος = "understanding," "thoughtful", "practically wise", "sensible", "common sense"
4. built = οικοδομω = "to build a house"
5. rock = πετρα = a rock, a projecting rock not a πετρος, a rolling stone might be thrown. ("look at that rock", not, "hand me that rock")

B. **The time of testing. V.25**

1. "And the rain descended" = καταβαινω = "to come down," "to descend from higher to lower."
2. "...and the floods came..." = ποταμος = "a river", "a stream," "to flow as a river"
3. "and the winds blew..." = πνεω = "to blow", "to breath"
4. "and beat upon that house" = προσπιτω = "to fall upon or before," "to rush against."
5. "and it fell not;" = πιτω = "fall down"
6. "for it was founded upon a rock." = θεμελιω = "to lay the foundation of anything"
7. This does not speak of the building material, but of the foundation.
8. Luke gives a more revealing account. Luke 6:47, here 3 acts are noted, cometh, heareth, and doeth. Luke 6:48 = "digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock:"

## III. Building Upon The Shifting Sand.

A. **"And everyone that heareth these saying of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. V.26**

1. heareth = same
2. sayings = same

3. doeth = same
4. likened = same
5. foolish = μωρος = "dull", "not acute"  
"silly in one's thinking"
6. sand = αμμος = "sand", "sandy ground"

B. **The time of Testing. V.27**

1. "And the rain descended..." = same
2. "and the floods came..." = same
3. "and the winds blew" = same
4. "and beat upon that house:" beat upon =  
προσκοπτω = "to strike against"
5. "and it fell" = same
6. "and great was the fall of it." = μεγαλα

IV. The Reaction Of The Hearers.

A. **"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings..." v.28**

1. "When Jesus closed the address..."
2. ended = τελω = "to complete"

B. **"the people were astonished at his doctrine."**

1. astonished = εκπλησσομαι = "to be driven out of one's senses by a sudden shock, to be exceedingly struck in one's mind." "to be astounded."
2. doctrine = διδαχη = "teaching," "thing taught"

C. **"For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." V.29**

1. taught = διδασκω, with εμι, to be; = "was teaching". He was teaching them..
2. authority = εξουσια = "delegated authority to do anything", "permission" (here of God)
3. They perceived that He spoke by the authority of God.

D. **"...and not as the scribes."**

1. They taught by referring to the ancients.
2. They used what others said and not what God said.

