The Rock of Assurance

The Sermon on the Mount: Don't Merely Be a Hearer—Be a Heeder Matthew 7:24-27 FBC Chris Mueller

Introduction:

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.

#1 H God's Word assures you of security in Christ through the storms of life and judgment to follow 24-25

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Job 23:12 "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

James 1:22 prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Romans 6:17 thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him

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Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.

4th The C moral learned.

25c for it had been founded on the rock.

2 Timothy 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

#2 Merely <u>H</u>_____

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Take this home:

A. Christ's parable asks, "Who do you _____ more?" Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

B. Your assurance and your eternity are based upon your Is yours rock or sand?

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C. Are you <u>A</u> or <u>A</u>

 Are you A
 or A
 future judgment?

 Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus
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Questions for Growth in Christ

- 1. What do most non-Christians build their life upon? What is their foundation, and what does that look like practically?
- 2. When Christ calls His followers to build their lives upon the rock, what is it and what does it look like practically in everyday life?
- 3. Why are there many viewpoints which consider teaching obedience as a 'salvation heresy' or as 'teaching legalism'? How do you answer them?
- 4. Prove biblically that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, but results in a life that seeks to obey God's Word. 5. Why is a profession to follow Christ insufficient for full assurance of salvation?
- 6. What kind of storms have tested your faith, and how can you grow stronger before the next big storm hits? Are you ready for future iudament?
- 7. What steps will you take to apply the truths of this passage this week?



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