

“ARE YOU BUILDING ON THE SAND OR A ROCK?” (Parables of Jesus - *Matthew 7:24-27*)

Introduction: Jesus was an amazing teacher (*Matthew 7:28-29*)! He always used parables (*Matthew 13:34*). His first parable is in *Matthew 7:24-27*.

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF {HEARING} THE WORD!

**Matthew 7:24 *Hosea 4:6 *Matthew 4:4 *Romans 10:17*

Note: Ignorance of God’s Word is not an excuse for sin.

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF {OBEYING} THE WORD.

**Matthew 7:24 *James 1:22 *Matthew 7:26 *James 4:17*

**John 8:31-32*

Note: The theme of this parable is: Prepare for storms!

III. THE STORMS OF TESTING COME TO {ALL}.

**Matthew 7:25 *I Corinthians 10:13 *Matthew 7:27*

**John 16:33 *II Timothy 3:12 *Matthew 5:11-12*

Note: Either foundation will do until there is a storm!

IV. STORMS REVEAL OUR {FOUNDATION}.

**I Corinthians 3:11-13 *Matthew 13:20-21 *Ephesians 6:10-13*

Conclusion: This parable has ageless and universal application.