

Matthew 7:24-27

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

Having been a builder for well over twenty plus years, I started looking at these verses from that perspective. First of all, consider the options for the ground upon which the house is to be built. Either you or I will choose the Rock, meaning Jesus Christ to build our house on; or we will choose sand. Why do you suppose that Jesus gave two such contrasting grounds? Is it because there is not any other choice for the house that we are building? Clearly we see that the Rock is Jesus Christ, so what possibly could the sand be? The sand is anything other than Jesus the Messiah!! The sand is your traditions; perhaps it is your self-righteousness, your good works, the fact that your mother or grandmother is a devout woman of God. Understand church, none of these things can save you; in fact they were never intended to save you. The only foundation which any of us can build our lives upon that can save us from the battles of this life, as well as eternal damnation, is Jesus Christ. No amount of money that you ever give, or any amount of time that you donate to worthy causes, or meals that you deliver, or sick that you visit, will satisfy the payment for sin in your life. Clearly you and I have been given the choice to decide the ground which we're going to build our lives upon. The question is, which ground are you going to choose. Understand that this isn't a test where if you get it wrong in this life, that you will get a second chance to revisit and try this over again. Should any of us choose sinking sand as the ground for which we try to build our lives on, then hell will be the final consequence for that foolish decision.

Unfortunately far too often, people have been deceived into believing that there is more than one way to heaven; but that is nothing more than a lie from hell. We have been given the greatest single gift mankind has or will ever receive, and that is the Son of God coming to this sin infested world to pay for your sins and mine. This debt that Jesus paid cost Him everything that it should have cost you and me. It cost Him separation from His Father, severe pain through beatings and scourging, humiliation, mockery, and ultimately His life. Please understand that it is through everything that Jesus has done that we can build our lives upon, His fame, His reputation, His blood, and His Name!! Nothing you and I will ever do in this life can even come remotely close to what Jesus has done for us. Please consider **I Peter 2:7-8, ⁷ This honor belongs to those who believe. But to those who don't believe: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, ⁸ a stone that people trip over, a large rock that people find offensive."** The people tripped over the word because they refused to believe it. Therefore, this is how they ended up. Beloved, you have an opportunity today to choose to build your life upon Jesus, the Rock of Ages, and the Rock of our Salvation. Please choose wisely, your eternity is depending upon it.