# Kingdom Citizens – The Sermon on the Mount-Lesson 21 Women of Grace | GraceLife Church

"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."
28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching;
29 for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes. --Matthew 7:24-29

## Day 1—Verse 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. --Matthew 7:24

1. What is the "therefore" there for?

2. What is the significance of Jesus saying "these words of Mine"?

a. How much of the Bible is Jesus' Words?

3. What does the rock represent?

a. Who is the wise man?

- 4. What do these verses teach us about obedience?
  - a. 1 Samuel 15:22

b. Luke 11:28

c. John 14:15

d. Acts 5:29

e. Romans 6:16

f. James 1:22

5. What is the heart attitude of the one who builds on the rock?

6. What does Scripture say about where our wisdom comes from?

### Heart Check:

"In my lifetime, I have noticed that the people who possess the most wisdom are the ones who are most obedient to the word, whereas the people who are the most foolish are the ones who are not obedient to the word."

- When you look at your daily life and what fills your time, would you say wisdom is your pursuit?
- Are you obedient to the Word? What areas do you desire to work on?
- Would others say you are the wise woman from Proverbs 31, building her home upon the Rock? Do you need to make any changes?

## Day 2—Verse 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. --Matthew 7:25

1. When we look at Jesus' words in context of Matthew 7:1-29, what do the rains, floods, and winds represent?

2. Read Matthew 16:13-20. Who does Jesus identify as the rock in this passage?

3. How does 1 Peter 2:4-8 give us and even greater illustration of Christ's words in 7:25?

4. From 1 John 5:1-5, how does a true believer build her house?

5. Which gate/path did the wise man choose?

a. Which types of teachers does he listen to?

b. What is the final destination of the wise man?

#### **Heart Check:**

• How often do you thank the Lord for placing you on the narrow path with your final destination being in His glorious presence? Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His kindness to you?

#### Day 3—Verse 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. --Matthew 7:26

1. Define foolish.

2. Who is the foolish man?

3. What does Scripture say about the fool?

4. What does the sand represent?

5. What is the heart attitude of the one who builds on the sand?

6. Why do some who hear the words of Jesus build on the sand?

7. What do John 14:24 and James 1:22 say about the foolish man who merely hear God's Word but do not act on it?

#### Day 4—Verse 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." -- Matthew 7:27

1. Does the builder of this house know that it is unstable?

2. Which gate/path did the foolish man choose?

a. Which types of teachers does he listen to?

3. Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. What does this passage tell us about how both the wise and man and the foolish man may look on the outside?

4. What do the rain, floods, and winds represent?

a. What do Romans 14:10 and Hebrews 9:27 say about the rain, flood, and storm?

5. What happens to the house? What is the double emphasis in this verse?

6. What is the final destination of the foolish man?

## Day 5-Verse 28-29

When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes. --Matthew 7:28-29

1. Why were the crowds amazed by Jesus' teaching?

2. In your own words, summarize Jesus' teaching in this passage.

3. Jesus began his sermon by talking about those who are poor in spirit; who mourn over their sin; who are meek, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers; who hunger and thirst for righteousness; and who rejoice when persecuted. He ends it by talking about a wise man and a foolish man. How do these two passages connect?

4. Why did their scribes not teach with authority?

5. What is the source of Jesus' authority? Use Scripture to support your answer.

6. What kind of power and authority do our teachers/preachers have today?

7. What choice is Jesus calling his hearers to make?

a. What choice is Jesus calling us to make?

b. What choice have you made?

#### Heart check:

• What is your foundation?

## **Dig Deeper**

1. Take time to go back through all our lessons on the sermon on the mount. Use a journal to go through all the heart check questions to make sure you are sealing God's Word to your heart.