

“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and [a]acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who [b]dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the [c]torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.⁴⁹ But the one who has heard and has not acted *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the [d]torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”

v.46

Sets the stage for the following parable. Within the teachings of Jesus there is emphasis upon acting in response to his words. Many throngs of people would be near Jesus, saying ‘lord, lord.’ But were ultimately rebuked by Jesus for not acting upon the words he taught.

In Lk 8:15, parable of sower> But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with [d]perseverance.

Later, in verse 22, his mother and brothers show up and want to take him away but he responds, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”

Jas 1:22> But be (AN)doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

The social acceptance of nominal faith is dwindling to the point where the only people left standing are the ones who believe and integrate the faith into their daily walk.

Church attendance is down relative to 20 years ago...That’s great!!

This is inversely proportional to the number of people who identify with No Religious affiliation...Even Better!!

Over time, it has become more costly to carry the name of Jesus. There was a time when it was socially advantageous to say that one was a Christian. However, the historic tenets of the Christian faith are becoming stranger and stranger.

E.g. Resurrection and return of Jesus.

vv.47-48

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

Draw near to Jesus, hear his words, and acts upon them.

Construction in the teachings of Jesus:
Nazareth was very close to Sepphoris

At the time of [Jesus](#), Sepphoris was a large, Roman-influenced city. At the time of Jesus's growing into maturity one mile away, Sepphoris could be described as:

Rich, cosmopolitan, deeply influenced by Greek culture, and surrounded by a panoply of races and religions, the Jews of Sepphoris were the product of the Herodian social revolution”

It has been suggested that Jesus, while living in [Nazareth](#), may have worked as a craftsman at Sepphoris,^[19] where, during his youth 'the largest restoration project' of his time took place.

Joseph was a tradesman who most likely would have found work wherever he could. Joseph was described as a Carpenter. This comes from the word Tekton Which is more accurately described as: craftsman, tradesmen, skilled-worker. Therefore, Jesus would have had exposure to construction and how to do it well and also the consequences of doing it wrong.

Dig deep and lay a foundation.

How do we dig? Excavate with care and diligence? Requires the exertion of effort and a degree of planning. This planning necessitates prudence > foresight leading one to avoid error.

Contrast of plastic sand scoop and Liebherr 966 Excavator.

Are you really serious about digging into the deep things of God?

Not just digging for the sake of digging.

One thing that confuses us is observing people of other religions who are more devout and zealous. We assume that if someone is that focused, they must be right. However, we have to dig down deep and build upon the true foundation. CONTRADICT: Jn. 14:6, They can't all be true.

Have to ask ourselves, what in our reality is immovable? What is the true foundation we're digging towards and building upon?

Our own strength? Our possessions? Our Position? Wealth, prestige, status, social class?

Democracy? The Constitution?

The continent? Planet? The sun?

Your family?

When all is stripped away, there is nothing we have left but the very word of God. "The grass withers, and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever" (Is40:8)

Who is the very manifestation of God's word? (in church, therefore Jesus!)

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Lk 21:33).

Therefore the sure foundation upon which we are to build is upon Jesus himself, for he is the rock that we are dig into.

The flood occurred and the torrent burst, but could not shake it.
Chose NASB because of usage of the word torrent. Only context we use it for is an adjective describing powerful rainstorms that are blinding and overwhelming.
Jesus presupposes that the flood will come. Today can seem peaceful and serene, but the day of testing is on the horizon.
Current teaching in 1 pet has been focused on the blessings of suffering and how it produces endurance and reveals the quality of work.
Similarly, hearing and doing Jesus' words builds a sure foundation so that when suffering comes, it will be unable to shake the sure foundation of our lives.
Well built.
Good, appropriately; constructed, build up, edify.
I want you to become a well-built Christian. A complete and sound representation of Christ here on Earth, able to withstand anything that comes against you.

Jesus then paints a picture of someone who doesn't act on his words.
How do we not act on his words?
Hear and dismiss.
Ignore his working.
What is the first thing on your mind when you wake up?
You know you need to pray and when you do, that thought sticks right at the forefront of your mind. Ignoring God speaking is not a lifestyle of one his children.
Ignoring and easily dismissing what Jesus speaks has dire consequences.
What are those things that Jesus offers in his words...hmm. Eternal life, redemption, forgiveness, inheritance, resurrection from the dead.
To not act upon them results in being like a man who built a house on no foundation.
Example of house on sand when the hurricane struck.

As we said before the flood and torrent will burst against what you have built.
Under the illusion of security and ease when the air sirens go off and the torrent pushes hard against what you have been living upon. Will it stand? Nope.

The parables are obviously parabolic in nature. The meaning extends into the spiritual realm with eternal implications. Living a life that is built on anything other than Jesus will result in eternal separation from God.

Who is the one who spoke this parable.
He heard from his father what he ought to do.

This lead him directly to the cross. However, his foundation was so well built and unshakable that not even death itself could cause him to collapse.
He rose from the dead. And the house he built? Well it's still standing. Took a look around at one another. WE ARE the house that he built. WE ARE still standing strong and no torrent that world or satan throws against will be able to topple the body of believers.

And he will return to recompense and vindicate his chosen ones and we will rejoice and exclaim in that day, this is our God for whom we have waited, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!!

So my friends, I challenge you to consider upon what you are building. Are you responding to the words of Jesus or do you dismiss them easily? Your foundation will be exposed on the day of his visitation. Will you stand in the day of torrential suffering or will you collapse? Consider carefully how you listen to the words of Jesus. Do not take him lightly. For he commands and demands that we will rely upon him only for deliverance in the day of trouble. Receive his words and respond accordingly.

Prayer in the back.