

10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON Building Something Matthew 7:21-29

Before watching the video: What do you already know about the Sermon on the Mount? What teachings from it might you know already? What are you most curious about regarding these chapters?

Now read the passage twice. Take time to notice every sentence and phrase. You may even want to start and stop the video to spend more time with each. What stands out to you?

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' ²³Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.' ²⁴"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" ²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes. – *Matthew 7:21-29*

After watching the video: How do verses 21-23 sound to you; what is your first reaction to them, and why? Think further about v. 21 and what Jesus means about doing God's will.

Think about the difference that Jesus wants to make between the two men who build houses in vs. 24-27. What provides the real foundation in each case? What does Jesus want to convey by sharing this parable?

If you have been following these lessons this summer, think back over the different parts of the Sermon on the Mount. What has been most challenging? What are you inspired to do as a result of this study?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."