

# Matthew 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

## Analysis

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The foolish builder hears Jesus's sayings but doesn't do them—building on sand. When storms come, the house falls, and its fall is great. Hearing without obeying is spiritual foolishness resulting in catastrophic collapse. Knowledge without obedience doesn't save; it condemns because it adds accountability without transformation.

## Historical Context

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Houses built on sand might look identical to those on rock—until storms came. External appearance doesn't reveal foundation quality. Similarly, false professors and true believers may look similar in prosperity, but trials and final judgment reveal true foundations.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. In what areas are you hearing God's Word without obeying it—building on sand rather than rock?
2. How would your life change if you obeyed everything you already know from Scripture?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ πᾶς ὁ ἀκούων μου τοὺς λόγους τούτους  
**And every one** G2532 G3956 G3588 **that heareth of mine** G191 G3450 G3588 **sayings these** G3056 G5128

καὶ μὴ ποιῶν αὐτοῦ ὁμοιωθήσεται ἀνδρὶ μωρῷ  
**And not doeth them** G2532 G3361 G4160 G846 **shall be likened** G3666 **man** G435 **unto a foolish** G3474

ὅστις ὠκοδόμησεν τὴν οἰκίαν αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὴν ἄμμον·  
**which** G3748 **built** G3618 G3588 **house** G3614 **them** G846 **upon** G1909 G3588 **the sand** G285

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 6:49** (Parallel theme): But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

**Jeremiah 8:9** (Parallel theme): The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

**James 2:20** (Parallel theme): But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

**1 Samuel 2:30** (Parallel theme): Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

**Proverbs 14:1** (Parallel theme): Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

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