

**Title: Kingdom Precipice**

**Text: Matthew 7:24-29**

**Target:** The Sermon on the Mount from Jesus was an invitation to a better way of living that was expressed by an illustration of relevance leading to a decision of pertinence.

**I. The Comparison of Two Builders:**

- A. **Defining Decision:** *“Everyone then who **hears** these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”* (Vs. 24)
  - 1. **Willingness of the Builder:** *“does them”*
  - 2. **Wisdom of the Builder:** *“wise man”*
  - 3. **Work of the Builder:** *“built his house on the rock.”*
- B. **Definitive Decision:** *“And everyone who **hears** these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”* (Vs. 26)
  - 1. **Failure of the Builder:** *“does not do them”*
  - 2. **Folly of the Builder:** *“foolish man built his house”*
  - 3. **Foundation of the Builder:** *“on the sand”*

**II. The Challenge of Two Builders:**

- A. **Reality of the Storm:**
  - 1. **Unavoidable:** *“And the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house”* (Vs. 25)
  - 2. **Unmistakable:** *“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against the house”* (Vs. 27)
- B. **Results of the Storm:**
  - 1. **Unshakable:** *“but it did not fall”* (Vs. 25)
  - 2. **Unstable:** *“and it fell”* (Vs. 27)
- C. **Revelation of the Storm:**
  - 1. **Undeniable:** *“founded on the rock”* (Vs. 25)
  - 2. **Unconceivable:** *“and great was the fall of it”* (Vs. 27)

**III. The Choice of Two Builders: “Location, Location, Location!”**

- A. **To whom will you base your life?** Eternal Vs. Temporal
- B. **How will you build your life?**
  - 1. **Receive Jesus as Savior**
  - 2. **Obey His Word**
  - 3. **Controlled by the Holy Spirit**
  - 4. **Kingdom Minded**

- C. **What will brace your life?** A Storm is Coming!

**Take Away:** *“The Teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is not meant to be admired but to be obeyed.”* - R.T. France

