



Sermon Questions: *The Wise and Foolish Builders*

Date: *October 10, 2021* | Scripture: *Matthew 7:24-27*

1. What is the difference between the houses in the parable? Consider beginning, middle and end.
2. What do the builders have in common in the parable?
3. What is the difference that Jesus is illustrating in this parable?
4. ***Foundations are costly, expensive and time-consuming.*** How is this true in various areas of life? How is it true spiritually? Consider answers from scripture and your own experience.
5. ***We grieve with hope, suffer without despair, and cry out with trust.*** Both houses faced the storm, as will all followers of Jesus. Consider what blessings God does promise in this life (see box) and consider where you have seen these in believers facing suffering.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love ^[a], peace of conscience ^[b], joy in the Holy Ghost ^[c], increase of grace ^[d], and perseverance therein to the end ^[e].

[a]. Rom. 5:5 [b]. Rom. 5:1 [c]. Rom. 14:17 [d]. 2 Pet. 3:18 [e]. Phil. 1:6; 1 Pet. 1:5

from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner, rather than the whole group.

1. If we consider our relationship with God primarily as a contract, we get angry with God when he doesn't seem to hold up the bargain. How does wrestling with the idea of grace change the way we experience suffering, and see God's character in it?
2. Many build on sand and do very well. How are you experiencing that present reality at the moment? What would you say to someone building on a flood plain?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Job 28
- Psalm 73
- Isaiah 28:14-22
- Matthew 5-7
- John 16:25-33
- 1 Peter 2:1-12

Listen to the Spotify playlist, [The Storytelling Savior: Parables in the Gospel of Matthew](#)

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