

Bible/College Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 131

The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

This week – The Lord Jesus Christ is the Rock, the only foundation to trust in for Heaven.

The Lord Jesus said, “Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which builds his house upon a rock.” *Matthew 7v24*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 7v21-29 (The Lord teaches us to build on the Rock)	
Monday	Matthew 5v1-16 (We are blessed if we trust the Lord)	
Tuesday	Matthew 5v17-32 (The Lord came to fulfil the Law)	
Wednesday	Matthew 5v33-48 (We must love our enemies)	
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3v10-23 (Christ - the only foundation)	
Friday	Psalms 14 & 53 (It is foolish to say ‘There is no God’)	
Saturday	Psalms 40 & 61 (Christians stand on Christ the Rock)	

Important Lesson for us Today. Beware of the dangers of man’s wisdom. The wisdom of this world says that **“There is no God.”** “There is no creator, designer, upholder of all things.” “We are evolved, higher animals.” “There is no such thing as a human soul.” “Heaven and Hell are not real.” “Live as you please, there are no lasting consequences for what we think, say, or do.” “We can manage our own destiny.” **How foolish!**

The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, proclaims that God is the Creator and Sustainer of Life, giving man a living soul, a spiritual being which needs a close relationship with Him. He has set His rules for life (10 Commandments) but we have broken these. In His loving kindness, mercy, and grace, He has provided His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be a Saviour. Be wise, seek Him with repentant hearts today. Be ready to spend eternity with Him.

Hymn 506 – To build our lives upon the Lord Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

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| 1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. | 2. When darkness seems to veil His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. |
| 3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the ’whelming flood:
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. | 4. When I shall launch in worlds unseen
O may I then be found in Him,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before His throne. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

Is our Approach to Living Wise or Foolish?

- **The Lord’s Parable challenges us to ask** – Are we Wise or Foolish?
 - **Two house building methods contrasted** – which do we follow in our lives?
- **The Wise Man’s House** – Built by following best practice: -
 - **On a Good Site** – One with solid rock upon which to lay a sure foundation.
 - **Proper Preparations** – Time, energy used to dig deep, removing sand and roots.
 - **Sure Foundations** – Securely laid on solid rock, to withstand the storms.

A Picture of The Believer’s Life. Following Closely God’s Rules for Living.

- **The Site of Repentance** – All secret sin must be removed; forgiven by Christ.
- **The Solid Ground of Faith** – Placing complete trust in Christ’s death on Calvary.
- **The Foundation of God’s Word** – The Bible is our reliable source of information about God, His holiness, His mercy and grace, and His promises to bless, forgive.

- **The Foolish Man’s House** – Built by totally ignoring best practice: -
 - **No Site Survey** – He hastily picked his sandy site and rushed to build.
 - **No Preparation** – He pressed ahead, concentrating on outward appearance.

A Picture of The Unbeliever’s Life. Totally ignoring God’s Rules for Living.

- **No Repentance.** Without any concern for deep rooted sin in the heart and soul.
- **No Security.** Filling life with sinful and selfish pleasures. No thought for eternity.

- **The Sudden Storm** – The wind and rain beat against both houses.
 - **The Foolish Man’s House Collapsed.** Without foundation it could not stand.
 - **The Wise Man’s House Stood Firm.** Saved by a solid and firm foundation.
- **The Storm’s of Life** – Life is full of trials and difficulties. How can we stand?
 - **Temptations to Sin** come thick and fast. One sin leads to another. No peace.
 - **Difficulties** – Family arguments, money problems, illness, fear of death, etc.

Without the Lord, we will have NO permanent help - NO Heavenly Friend to turn to, NO rule of God to guide us, NO Saviour to shelter us from the schemes of Satan.

Wise or Foolish? It is easy to see the folly and danger of breaking all fundamental building rules in house building. Do we have the God given wisdom to see that obeying God’s tried and tested path to Heaven, as clearly taught us by God in His Word, is the only way for the eternal safety of our soul? **Are we spiritually wise?**

Let us wisely respond in repentance, faith, and obedience; to build our lives on the sure and solid foundation of the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must build **on Christ** and be **in Christ** for the certainty of our eternal salvation.

Isaiah wrote, “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion (the believing Church) for a foundation, a stone (The Lord Jesus Christ), a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.” *Isaiah 28 v16.*