

## The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached: The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) #5

### ““Watch Out! True or False/Wise or Foolish”” (Matthew 7:15-29)

#### Introduction

\*The Sermon on the Mount through the Centuries: “When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him and he began to teach THEM....When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching because he taught as one who had authority, unlike the teachers of the law.”

\*The Affirmations/Challenges of The Sermon on the Mount-Heart of the Christian Life and Spirituality...

\*Jesus as The One who speaks The Truth in Love...The One who prays that we would be sanctified in The Truth.

\*The Call to seek The Truth, to Live the Truth, to Build Wisely...

#### I. Watch out for “False Preachers” and “False Followers” (Matthew 7:15-23)

A. False Preachers and Prophets (those who claim to speak for God to the People of God)

1. The Appearance of Sheep...(clothing)
2. The Reality of being Wolves...(ferocious)
3. The Results tell the truth... by their fruits you will recognize them...good trees bear good fruit/bad trees bear bad fruit.

**\*\*\*It is all about being faithful to God, to the Word of God and to the People of God...**

B. False Followers of Jesus Christ (those who do “good things” in the name of Jesus)

1. Not everyone who says to Jesus “Lord, Lord” will enter the Kingdom of God.
2. The Kingdom of God is for the ones who do the will of God.
3. Many will say “we did this and that (prophecy/drive out demons/perform miracles)” in your name...
4. Jesus’ Response: “I never knew you...Away from me you who do evil.”

**\*\*\*It is all about the Relationship with Jesus!**

## II. The Foundation of a Godly Life (Matthew 7:24-27)

- A. Wisdom from God's Perspective: Those who hear the Words of God and put them into life practice.
- B. Foolishness from God's Perspective: Those who hear the Word of God and DO NOT put them into life practice.
- C. The Metaphor for Life: A House and its Foundation in the Face of A Storm ("the rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew and beat against the house")
  - 1. Everyone builds their house...their life.
  - 2. Everyone chooses the foundation for their house....rock or sand?
  - 3. Everyone faces storms...will the house stand or fall?

## III. The Response to Jesus Then and Now (Matthew 7:28-29)

- A. The People were **amazed** at the Words he spoke...
- B. The People discerned that Jesus taught with a unique "**authority**" (unlike the teachers of the Law)

## Conclusions and Application

### Next Week:

A New Sermon Series begins entitled: "The Psalms: The Prayer Book and Song Book for God's People"

July 1 "An Introduction to The Psalms-How to Read, Pray and Sing the Psalms"