

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD – 9
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REVIEW:

- Answers life's three most important questions.
- Saves, heals, delivers, saves the soul, created and upholds all things, enlightens, prevents sin, and is ultimate truth.

CONTINUE – OVERCOME LIFE'S STORMS – LUKE 6:46-49

SERMON ON THE MOUNT/PLAIN

The sermon on the mount is Jesus' longest teaching on what living for Him and serving Him looks like. The sermon on the plain is a shorter version of the sermon on the mount. Jesus taught on: The Father's heart, the quality of life He wants us to have, prayer, giving, fasting, justice, not judging, fulfilling the law, loving our enemies and more. He closes His message with a question and a lesson on two foundations.

THE QUESTION – LUKE 6:46

“Lord” is a title, not a name. It means to have complete mastery over another. It means to live exclusively for Him, not self. So why call Him “Lord” if we're not going to do what He says?

THE TWO FOUNDATIONS – LUKE 6:47-49

The first one is firm and solid, but the second one is faulty and sandy. The first one weathers the storm, but the second is devastated. The difference involves what they did with the Word.

THE STORM

1. The fact of the storm must be expected.

JOHN 16:33

A. Rain = Adversity from above. Depression.

Winds = Adversity from around. Discouragement.

Floods = Adversity from beneath. Disturbances

B. No one is exempt from life's challenges. It makes no difference if you're rich or poor, upper or middle class, male or female, or saved or lost. Storms will come.

2. The fall of the storm will be revealed.

A. Both men appeared the same. Both went to church, heard the same sermon, marked in their bibles, and received the same message.

B. The wise man had a firm foundation. He heard the Word (added more rock) and obeyed the Word.

JAMES 1:22-25

C. The foolish man had a faulty foundation. He heard the Word, but chose another path.

PROVERBS 16:25 Sand is loose, unstable and moveable. This speaks of something composed of speculation, opinions, traditions and reasonings of men.

3. The force of the storm was endured.

A. The wise man believed the Word. “You must be born again.” **ROMANS 10:8-10**

B. The wise man acted on the Word. **ROMANS 10:13.**

C. The results are given: The life built upon the firm, solid foundation stands. The life built upon a faulty, sandy foundation falls.

CONCLUSION: JOHN 2:5, ISAIAH 59:19 – Knowing and doing God's Word can make the difference between overcoming life's storms or being devastated by life's storms. Obedience is the very foundation of the Christian life that will stand the test of time and eternity.