

Obedience as the Firm Foundation

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”	“Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.” (Genesis 6:22)	Both the wise builder and Noah show faith through action—obedience is the solid foundation.
“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”	“For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing... I will blot out.” (Genesis 7:4) Yet Noah’s ark stood secure in the flood.	Both face storms/floods. Only obedience preserves life through trials.
“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.”	The people of Noah’s day ignored God’s warning and lived as they pleased until the flood came (Genesis 6:5–7, Matthew 24:37–39).	Disobedience leads to destruction; ignoring God’s word leaves no foundation when judgment comes.
“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”	“All flesh died that moved on the earth... Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.” (Genesis 7:21, 23)	The foolish house and the ungodly world both collapsed because they rejected God’s word.

Key Takeaway

Noah and the wise builder both demonstrate that true wisdom is *not just hearing God’s word but obeying it*. Obedience provides the only secure foundation when storms, trials, or even judgment come.

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”	“This Moses did; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did.” (Exodus 40:16)	Both the wise builder and Moses show wisdom by obeying God’s word precisely. Obedience is the foundation for God’s blessing.
“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”	Moses faced storms of opposition—Pharaoh, Israel’s complaints, and rebellion (Exodus 7–14; Numbers 16)—but his leadership endured by following God’s commands.	Storms test the foundation. Moses’ secure footing was his obedience to God’s word.
“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.”	At Meribah, God told Moses to speak to the rock, but he struck it instead. Because of this, he could not enter the Promised Land (Numbers 20:7–12).	Disobedience, even for a faithful leader, leads to consequences. A life not grounded in obedience collapses like a house on sand.
“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”	Israel’s disobedience in the wilderness brought judgment (Numbers 14). Only Joshua and Caleb entered the land.	Like the fallen house, disobedience to God’s word brings downfall.

Key Takeaway

Moses illustrates the truth of Matthew 7:24–27.

- When he obeyed, God’s presence and blessing rested on Israel.
- When he disobeyed, the foundation cracked, and consequences followed.

Obedience remains the rock on which to build a secure life.