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## Build on the Rock

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## Build on the Rock

Matthew 7:24-29 NKJV

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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## Build on the Rock

In Matthew 7, Jesus is talking to the individual, not the body of believers. Why is that important? Because being with the right people is NOT the same as building on the Rock. Yes, associating with people who are themselves building on the Rock will provide a positive influence, BUT building on the Rock is first a personal matter, not a corporate matter. Build on the rock > you will stand in the storm Build on the sand > you will fall in the storm ALWAYS. And the storm IS coming! Two parts to building on the Rock 1. Hearing the Word 2. Obeying the Word -Make first-hand truth a priority, i.e. Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy. Be careful how much time you devote to second-hand sources. -Don't let your theology or religious experience be built on SECOND HAND sources. Unfortunately, we have become excessively dependent on what others say about the Bible, that we know little of the Bible for ourselves. Our faith MUST be founded on Scripture, NOT on what others say ABOUT Scripture. -We will NEVER be tested by whether or not we were faithful to the teachings of some person, book or ministry -Second-hand teaching that calls us back to the claims of Scripture is very helpful, but someone else's understanding of Scripture must never be the foundation of our faith. We MUST answer for what we know and do.

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## Danger: Partial Truth

Partial truth can be a lie. Stand on the WHOLE truth.

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## Matthew 4:6

Matthew 4:6 NKJV

and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

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## Danger: Allegorical Interpretation

Seek to understand just what the author intended and avoid making theological conclusions / applications that the Bible does not SPECIFICALLY indicate. What is allegorical interpretation? (Used by ancient religious teachers Philo and Origen) “Allegorizing is searching for a hidden or secret meaning underlying but remote from and unrelated in reality to the more obvious meaning of a text. In other words the literal reading is a sort of code, which needs to be deciphered to determine the more significant and hidden meaning. In this approach the literal is superficial, the allegorical is the true meaning.” Roy Zuck. “Allegorical interpretations have no more authority than the one announcing them.” James R. White If the Bible doesn't indicate that something is a type or symbol, then simply take it at face value.

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## **2 Peter 1:20, 21**

2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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### **Danger: Well-intentioned People**

Good people CAN be wrong. Personality and attractiveness should never substitute for the authority of truth. See 1 Kings 13

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### **Danger: Tradition over Scripture**

Tradition has its place, but never as a substitute to Scripture.

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## **Mark 7:11-13**

Mark 7:11-13 NKJV

But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.'

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### **Danger: Science over Scripture**

Science changes. Not long ago, leading medical advice included smoking as a remedy for lung problems. In archaeology, researches once denied the existence of Belshazzar(spoken of in Daniel) because they could not find evidence of his existence. However Nabonidus' cylinder, found in the late 1800's, affirmed his existence as a ruler in Babylon.

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## **2 Peter 3:4-6**

2 Peter 3:4-6 NKJV

and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

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### **Luther at the Diet of Worms**

On April 17 Luther was challenged to answer for his writings. After spending the night and part of the next day in careful consideration and prayer he came, prepared to give his answer, which included the following:., Johann Eck, an assistant of the Archbishop of Trier (Richard von Greiffenklau zu Vollrads at that time), acted as spokesman for the emperor. Martin Luther[edit] "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen." May we make the Scriptures our safe-haven as did Luther.

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