

“CHRISTIAN CONSTRUCTION VS. FLIMSY FOUNDATION”

MATTHEW 7:24-27 BIBLE STUDY

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CHRIST:THE SOLID ROCK

- Heaven and earth will pass away, but **my words will never pass away.** (Mt 24:35, NIV; cf. Is 40:8)

CONTEXT:
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- **“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the (bed)rock” (Mt 7:24, AT)**

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- “Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a **mountainside** and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.” (Mt 5:1-2a, NIV)

CONTEXT:
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- “Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law or the Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. (Mt 5:17, NIV)
- So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up **the Law and the Prophets**. (Mt 7:12, NIV)

CONTEXT:
FOUR WARNINGS,
TWO PATHS

- “13 Enter through the **narrow** gate. For **wide** is the gate and **broad** is the road that leads to **destruction**, and **many** enter through it. 14 But **small** is the gate and **narrow** the road that leads to **life**, and only a **few** find it”
(Mt 7:13-14, NIV; cf. Lk 13:24-27)

CONTEXT:
FOUR WARNINGS,
TWO PATHS

- 15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear [lit. do: *poieō*] good fruit is cut down and **thrown into the fire**. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. (Mt 7:15-20, NIV)

CONTEXT:
FOUR WARNINGS,
TWO PATHS

- “21 Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who **does** [*poieō*] the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ (Mt 7:21-23, NIV)

MATTHEW 7:24
HEARING AND ADHERING

- Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the (bed)rock (Mt 7:24, AT)

MATTHEW 7:24
HEARING AND ADHERING

- When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has **said** we will **do**." (Ex 24:3, NIV)

MATTHEW 7:24 HEARING AND ADHERING

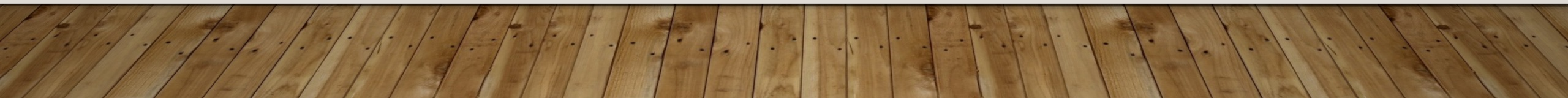
- Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may **fear the LORD your God** all the days of your life, and **keep all his decrees and his commandments** that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. (Dt 6:1-2, NRSV)
- “**Hear** therefore, O Israel, and be careful to **do** them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey” (Dt 6:3, ESV)

MATTHEW 7:24
HEARING AND ADHERING

- **4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Dt 6:4-5, NRSV)**

MATTHEW 7:24 HEARING AND ADHERING

- 30 As for you, mortal, your people who talk together about you by the walls, and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to a neighbor, “Come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.” 31 They come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they **hear your words**, but they will **not obey them**. For flattery is on their lips, but their heart is set on their gain. 32 To them you are like a singer of love songs, one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; they **hear what you say**, but they **will not do it**. (Eze 33:30-32, NRSV)



MATTHEW 7:24
HEARING AND ADHERING

- “My mother and my brothers are those who **hear** the word of God and **do** it.” (Lk 8:21, NRSV; cf. Mt 12:50)
- So be **doers** of [the] word and not only **hearers** – deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22, AT)

MATTHEW 7:24
SOLID ROCK

He is the Rock, his works are perfect,
and all his ways are just.

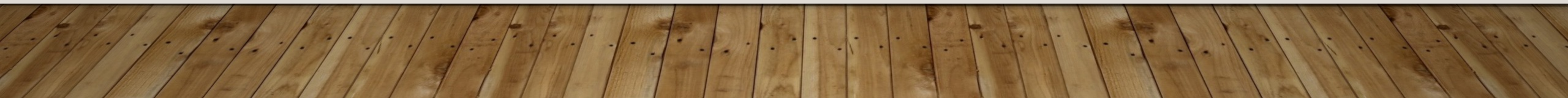
A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is he. (Dt 32:4, NIV)



MATTHEW 7:24
SOLID ROCK

“There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is **no Rock like our God.**

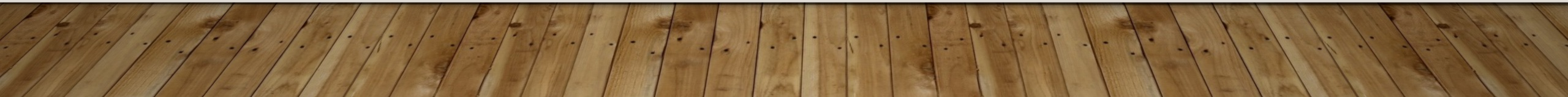
(1 Sam 2:2, NIV)



MATTHEW 7:24
SOLID ROCK

The LORD is my **rock**, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my **rock**, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

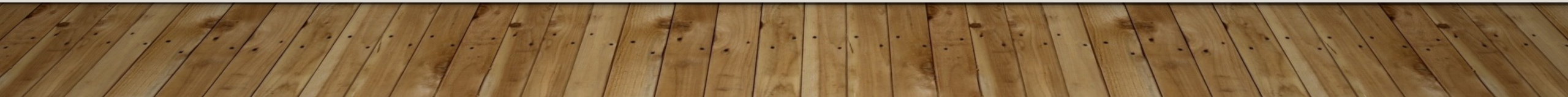
(Ps 18:2, NIV)



MATTHEW 7:24
SOLID ROCK

“ ‘The **stone** the builders rejected
has become the **cornerstone**;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

(Mk 12:10-11, NIV; cf. Psalm 118:22-23)



MATTHEW 7:24
SOLID ROCK

6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,

a chosen and precious **cornerstone**,

and the one who trusts in him

will never be put to shame.” [Is 28:16] (1 Pet 2:6, NIV)



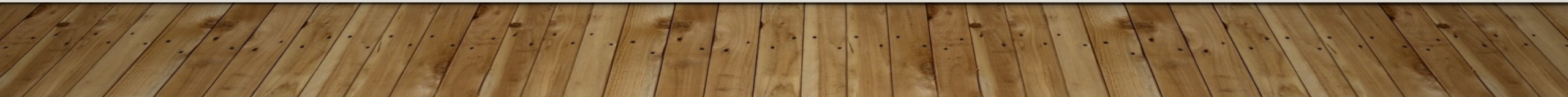
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7 Now to **you who believe**, this stone is **precious**. But to those who do **not believe**,

“The stone the builders **rejected**
has become the **cornerstone**,”

and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a **rock** that makes them fall.” [Is 8:14] (1 Pet 2:7-8a, NIV)



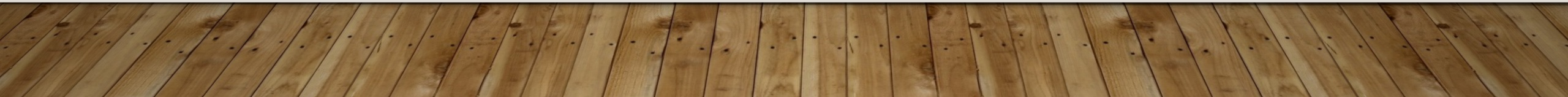
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11 **Jesus** is

“ ‘the **stone** you builders rejected,
which has become the **cornerstone.**’

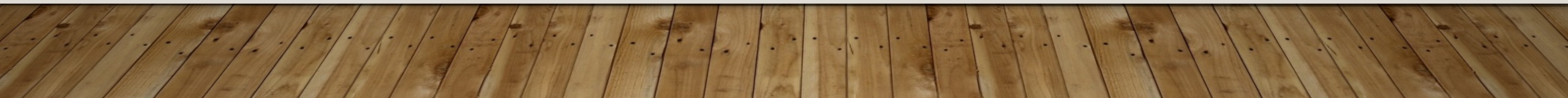
12 **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name**
under heaven given to mankind **by which we must be saved.**”

(Ac 4:11-12, NIV)



MATTHEW 7:25
WITHSTAND THE RAIN

- The rain downpoured, and the floods came, and the winds blew and fell upon that house. But it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. (Mt 7:25, AT)



MATTHEW 7:26
FOOLISH BUILDER

- But 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. (Mt 7:26, AT)



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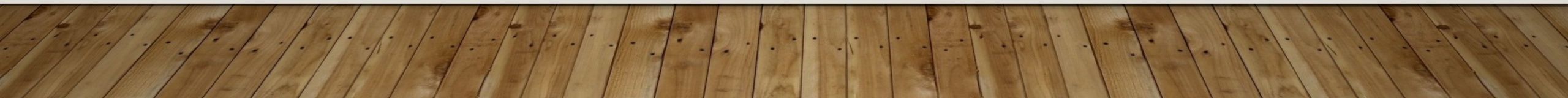
The **fool** says in his heart,

“There is no God.”

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;

there is no one who does good.

(Ps 14:1, NIV; cf. Ps 53:1)



MATTHEW 7:27
FOOLS FALL

- The rain downpoured and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house – and great was its fall. (Mt 7:27, AT)



MATTHEW 7:27
FOOLS FALL

When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,
but the righteous has an **everlasting foundation**.

(Pr 10:25, NASB)

The wise of heart will heed commandments,
but a babbling fool will come to **ruin**. (Pr 10:8, NRSV)



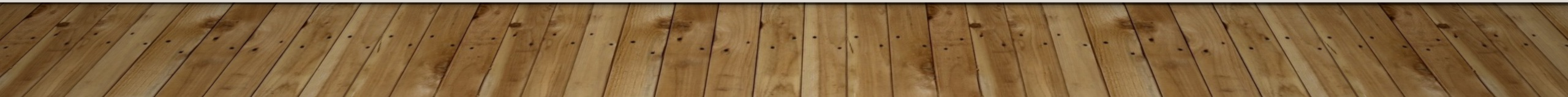
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FOOLS FALL

The wicked are overthrown and are no more,

but the house of the righteous will **stand**. (Pr 12:7, NRSV)

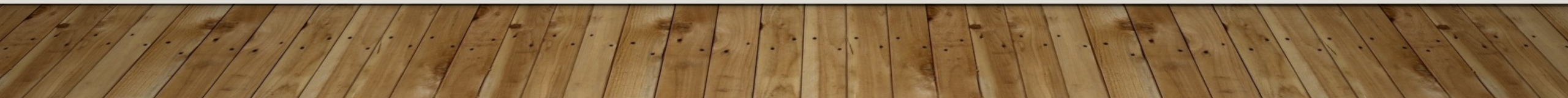
The house of the wicked will be **destroyed**,

but the tent of the upright will **flourish**. (Pr 14:11, ESV)



CHRISTIAN CONSTRUCTION VS. FLIMSY FOUNDATION

- You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who **stands firm to the end** will be **saved**. (Mt 10:22, NIV cf. Mt 24:13)
- Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not **do** what he commands is a **liar**, and the truth is not in that person. (1 Jn 2:4, NIV)



CHRISTIAN CONSTRUCTION VS. FLIMSY FOUNDATION

- “Whoever is **not with me** is **against me**, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.” (Mt 12:30, NIV)
- For he has set a day when he will **judge** the world with justice **by the man he has appointed**. He has given **proof** of this to everyone by **raising him from the dead**” (Ac 17:31, NIV)

