

MATTHEW 7:24-29 TWO MEN AND THEIR HOUSES

INTRODUCTION

Jesus told the story of two men with similar tastes who each built a house. The houses were identical in every respect, except one - the foundations. Yet God called one man a wise man, and the other a fool.

BACKGROUND

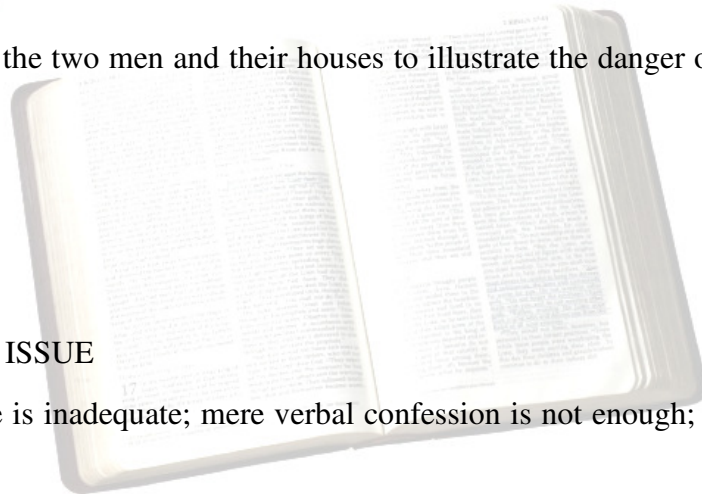
The rivers which drain the Holy Land are subject to sudden, violent flooding.

CONTEXT

Jesus told the story of the two men and their houses to illustrate the danger of a false profession of faith.

OBEDIENCE IS THE ISSUE

Intellectual knowledge is inadequate; mere verbal confession is not enough; obedience to the word of Jesus is the issue.



IS JESUS TRYING TO FRIGHTEN PEOPLE INTO THE KINGDOM?

YES: There is a heaven to be gained **and** a hell to be shunned.

NO: Jesus is not so much threatening as warning - "flee the wrath to come."

*"No reserve, no retreat, and no regrets."
- Borden of Yale*