

Series Title: **“Fatal Deception”**

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Sermon Title: **“The Storm of Judgment is Coming!”**

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Sermon Text: **Matthew 7:24-29**

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Introduction:

- There are three things that stand out in this story that we need to take a closer look at:

I. Everyone’s Life Is like A _____ That Is Under _____ (7:24-27)

- What is the significance of the word “Therefore”?

“If Jesus wasn’t the very Son of God, then these words would stand out as some of the most arrogant and prideful words ever spoken! But because He is God, the judge of both the living and the dead, how eternally significant is every word that He speaks!”

This house is our _____ of _____ !

II. Everyone’s Life Is Being _____ On A Very Specific _____

- *What was the geological significance of the area where the Lord was preaching this sermon, and what time of year was it?*
- **The difference between these two houses was found in the _____ that they were resting on!**

A. One man build his house on _____ (7:24)

- The word translated “rock” is the Greek word “petra,” and it’s a word that means “rock bed.” In the context of Matthew chapter 7, **this is not a reference to the _____ of Christ, but to the _____ of Christ!**
- ***Our hearing must result in doing. Our listening must be turned into living!***
- John 8:30-31; I John 2:3; Luke 6:48-49

B. One man build his house on _____ (7:26)

- ***The foolish man wants the _____ of the _____ life, but not the _____ of the _____.***

“You may have professed Christ, but such a profession is vain if it has not translated into obedience to Christ!”

- What distinguishes true Christianity from every other religion? It is its _____, its ultimate source of authority.
- *Listening to sermons is a very dangerous business if you don't put them into _____!*

III. Everyone's Life Will Undergo A _____ Of Intense _____ (7:25,27)

- What does this "storm" represent? (7:13, 19, 23)

"Every thought, every deed, every action, every detail of life will one day be exposed to the all-seeing, righteous eye of the Lord whose judgment will be final and forever!"

A. The house on the rock _____ (7:25)

- The only foundation on which a life can be built that will stand the blast of God's final judgment is the solid bedrock of _____ in the teachings of and the person of Jesus Christ!

B. The house on the sand _____ (7:27)

- What do the words "*and great was its fall*" indicate?
- *The higher that men's hopes have been raised, the lower they will fall!"*
- *Doing what Jesus says doesn't keep us from the storm, it keeps us from being _____ in the storm.*

Conclusion:

*The Day of Judgment is coming, so what is your response to His words?
Your eternal destiny depends on it!*