

A WISE MAN AND A FOOLISH MAN
(The Sermon on the Mount III)

Matthew 7:1-29
Key Verse: 7:24

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-6. What command and warning does Jesus give? Why are people not qualified to judge others? What should we do instead of judging or criticizing? What is Jesus' example?
2. Read verses 7-11. What can we learn here about how to pray? What does Jesus' promise mean to you? What assurance does Jesus give that God answers prayer? What should we ask for? How does verse 12 summarize Jesus' teachings?
3. Read verses 13,14. What does it mean to enter the narrow gate? Why should we? Why do only a few find it? In what way is Jesus himself the narrow gate?
4. Read verses 15-20. What warning does Jesus give? How can one recognize a false prophet and a truly great man? Read verses 21-23. Why must we know Jesus and become like him? How can we do this?
5. What did the two builders have in common? Which one was wise and which was foolish? Why? How does Jesus apply this parable? Think of some examples of wise and foolish men. How can we be wise Bible students?