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Reading: Matthew 7v24-29

The Lord Jesus speaks of 2 men, the wise man and the foolish man.

The scribes had knowledge of the law in their head, they knew the letter of the law but not the spirit of the law. The Lord Jesus came to fulfil the law. “**I say unto you, love your enemy**”. Alms giving wasn't to be public, prayer wasn't just something to be seen “**Build up for yourself treasure in heaven**”.

“**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you**” (Matt 7:7). We ask God for our needs not our wants, seek things of God, not of this world.

You get folks to watch and folks who do. God wants us to be doers of the word.

When storm of judgment comes, if the foundation of your life is solid you'll stand firm. If your life is not on the solid foundation, everything will be destroyed. If your foundation is not the Lord Jesus Christ then there is nothing that can stand.

Reading: Luke 18v9-14

The Pharisee wanted to be seen as upright and good. In reality they looked down on other folk. As he prays, he tries to tell God how good he was, he had no concern for anyone else.

The Publican saw himself as he really was. He saw himself through God's eyes. He gave the high place to God. We all need to come to the conclusion that we are sinners and can do nothing.

In God's grace He offers salvation. “**By grace are ye saved through faith, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast**” (Eph 2:8-9).

Reading: Luke 23v27, v3233,v39-43

The women wept for their whole life was wrapped up in Jesus Christ. They saw that 3 crosses stood on the brow of the hill and 3 men were to be nailed to the cross.

The words the Lord spoke got to the ear of one of the men. He realised he deserved what was befalling him, he realised Jesus was innocent. On the cross “**God laid on Him the iniquity of us all**” (Isa 53:6). We can have our dirty souls cleansed by the blood of the cross.

Jesus made the man a promise that wouldn't be broken “**Today shalt thou be with me in paradise**” (Luke 23:43). The other malefactor condemned himself to an eternity of everlasting torment. Those who don't trust Christ must face an eternity of judgment.

He could say “**It is finished**” (John 19:30), the atoning work is done and complete. We cannot work for salvation, we cannot buy salvation. The only thing we can do to get salvation is to accept it as the free gift of God. “**The gift of God is eternal life**”(Rom 6:23).

Where do you stand? If you don't receive in your lifetime you have lost your chance. Be in time, why not trust Him now?