

## A story about two houses

**Matthew 7:24-27**

*'Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock'*

As people listened to what Jesus had to say, the people divided into groups.

Many were eager to hear more. They wanted to know how to please God.

Some were suspicious or angry at the way of teaching. It was different from the teaching of the scribes and Pharisees. So Jesus told a story.

'If you listen to me, and do what I say, you will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock. Before he started work, the man made sure that his house had firm foundations on the rock. Then when the rain battered against the house, and the wind blew around it, it did not collapse. It remained firm and solid.

'If you take no notice of what I have said, you will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. When the wind blew and the rain beat against his house, it had no foundations and so it fell down. The walls and roof, the door and all his belongings were swept away.

'Don't be like the foolish man, regretting his mistake when it was too late to change things. Be like the wise man; listen well and act on what you hear.

