

HAPPINESS: ROCK IT

Matthew 7:24-29

1. Take a minute to look over the different groups of people that Jesus refers to as “blessed.” As you look back at this series, were there any groups in particular that you found particularly insightful or surprising? Are you struggling with any of them?
2. Why do *most people* think they are supposed to obey God?
3. Read Matthew 7:24-29. Why do you think Jesus is so intentional about reminding people to *do* what he says? Isn’t that obvious?
4. Using his metaphor of building a house, Jesus, in essence, claims that obeying him is simply the *smart* thing to do. One could even argue that the one obeying Jesus is the one who benefits most from his or her obedience, not Jesus. Has there ever been a time when you’ve seen this play out in your own life—when you obeyed God, not knowing how it would turn out, only to find out that it was the smart thing to do?
5. What does this say about God as our advocate?
6. How do Moses and the recent scientific discoveries concerning the Old Testament Law shed light on God’s motives?
7. Practically speaking, how can we remind ourselves of these things when we reach our “breaking point”—the point at which we chose to deliberately disobey God?
8. Finally, read the last two verses of chapter seven (28, 29). What might the reaction of the crowds say about how this message was received?
9. If there’s one thing you walk away with from Jesus’ sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7), what would it be?

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God.*

*Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people
insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil
against you because of me.”*

**If we could see what God sees
we would do what God says.**