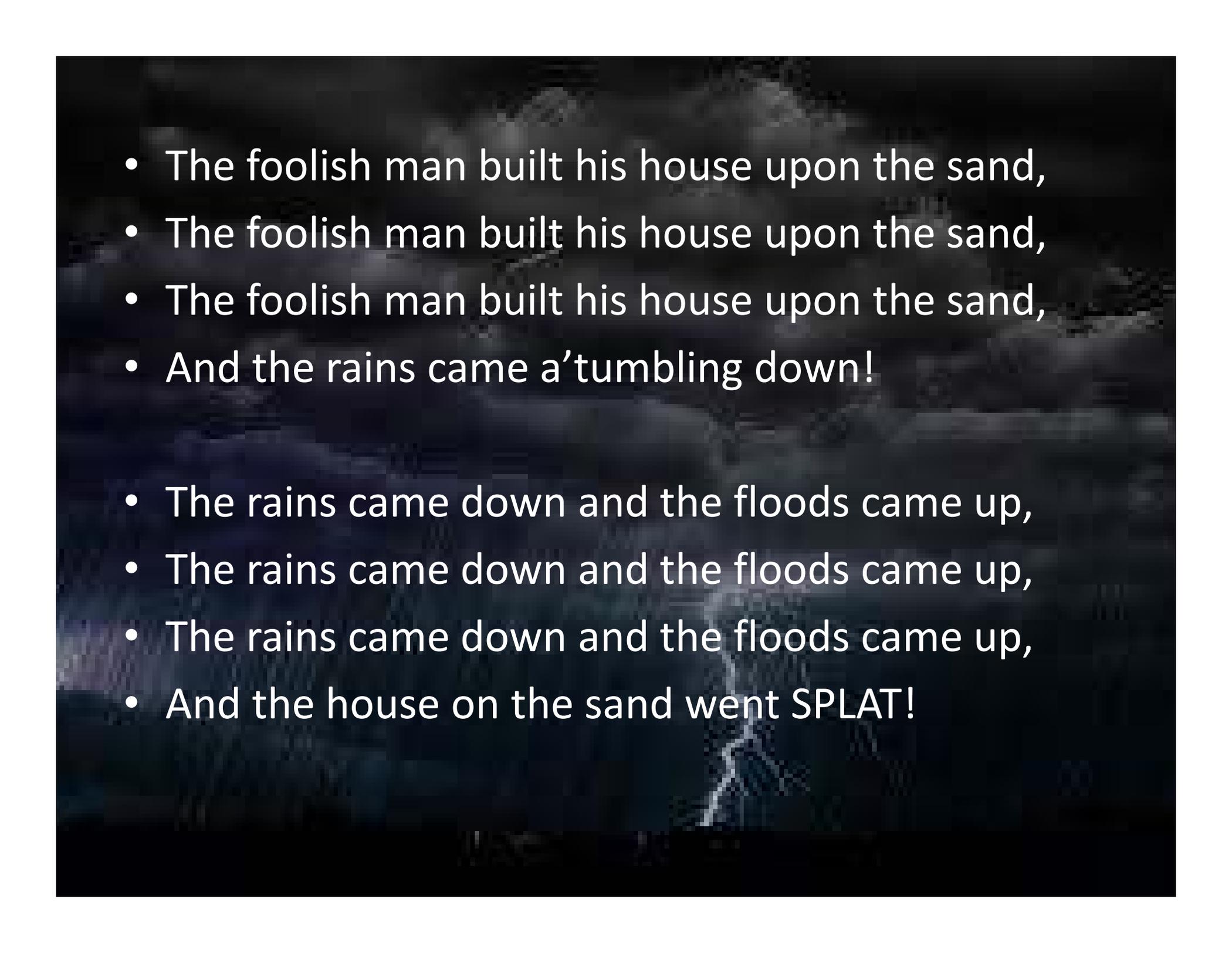


- The wise man built his house upon the rock,
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- The wise man built his house upon the rock,
- And the rains came a'tumbling down!

- The rains came down and the floods came up,
- The rains came down and the floods came up,
- The rains came down and the floods came up,
- And the house on the rock stood firm.

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- The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
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 - The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
 - And the rains came a'tumbling down!

- The rains came down and the floods came up,
- The rains came down and the floods came up,
- The rains came down and the floods came up,
- And the house on the sand went SPLAT!

- So let's build our house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
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- And the blessings will come down.

- The blessings come down as our prayers go up,
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- So let's build our house on the Lord Jesus Christ!



When the Rains Descend, the
Floods Rise, and the Winds Blow

Matt. 7:24-29

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- Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Similarities

- Both heard the words of Jesus
 - Matt. 7:24, 26
- Both built houses
- Both built in the same area
 - Matt. 7:27
- Both would have built similar houses

Similarities

- The purpose is about how hearers respond differently to the Gospel.
 - 1Cor. 15:3-4 - “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures”
 - Mark 16:16 - “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

Separations

- One man built his house on the sand
 - Sand is unstable, ever changing and moving. Sand offers no stability.
 - People build on the sand because it is easy. A life built on the sand requires little commitment, no sacrifice, and marginal faith.

Separations

- Sand builders are quick with cop-outs and excuses
 - Luke 9:57-62 - “Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, Lord, I will follow You wherever You go. 58 And Jesus said to him, Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head. 59 Then He said to another, Follow Me. But he said, Lord, let me first go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house. 62 But Jesus said to him, No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Separations

- One man built his house on the rock. “A large outcropping of rock; bedrock”
 - Rock builders do what God tells them to do in His Word. They pay any price, walk any path.
 - The house built on the rock is built by someone who realizes that God deserves his very best, his all. He honors the Lord.

Separations

- By this, the redeemed know they are redeemed
 - 1John 2:3-6 - “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

Separations

- All lives must be built on the Gospel of Christ
 - Matt. 16:16-18 - “Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Separations

- John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
- 1Peter 2:4-7 - "Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone"

Separations

- Acts 4:12 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- 1Cor. 3:11 - “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

Significances

- The house built on the sand could not face the storm designed to measure the purpose of a house, shelter and safety, and it collapsed, swept away as if it had never existed.
 - 1John 5:12 - “He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

Significances

- John 6:37-40 - “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Significances

- The house that was built on the rock experienced the same storm.
 - Beat means “to strike, to batter.”
 - It stood on a firm foundation.

Significances

- That's the point of the parable
 - You can build your life on keeping up appearances: attending services at church and being a good person in the eyes of other people and still be lost.
 - You can build your life on good works, moral living, and human creeds and be lost.
 - You can build your life around sincere dedication to intellectual atheism, human philosophies, or anything else you can name apart from the Gospel of Christ, and you will still be lost.

Significances

- But if you build your life on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, your life will mean something and you will be saved
 - Ecc. 12:13 - “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.”
- There is a storm coming, and your house is right in its path, only this storm isn't rain; it will be fire.
 - When that storm comes, and it surely will, the only houses that will stand are those houses built on the solid foundation of the Word of God.

Significances

- 1Cor. 3:11-13 - “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.”