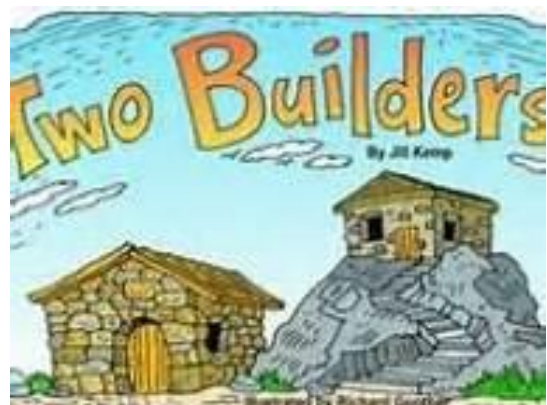




Have the Best Foundation.

This story is easy to understand and not very long- but the message is for everyone ... be wise and not foolish. (Matthew Chapter 7:24-29 & Luke 6:46-49)

Jesus told of a man who built a house. He worked hard and made a good foundation for his house ... it rested on the rock below ground. (Today with no rock to build on, a builder can make a strong concrete or stone foundation). Then Jesus said, "that when the wind and heavy rains came ... the house built on the rock ... fell not, because it was founded on rock." But a foolish man built his house on sand, not bothering about a firm foundation. The wind and heavy rain came and a torrent (storm) came and his house fell and ... "great was the fall of it." Jesus told this story to help his listeners understand that many of them were like the wise man and listened carefully to the message of Jesus and put them into practise and their lives were good and helpful to others. When the 'Storms of life' came along it did not cause serious trouble and the family were safe because Jesus, in an unseen way, helps those who follow Him. The foolish man simply listened to the words and messages of Jesus but could not be bothered changing his lifestyle to obey Jesus. It all seemed too hard and the rewards could not be seen. A shallow thinker indeed.



There is a hymn that Christians sing which sums up a contented life as a Christian called: [Trust and obey](#): Click here and you can see and hear it sung on your PC - on Youtube.

*When we walk with the Lord, In the light of his word
What a glory he sheds on our way, when we do his good will,
He abides with us still and with all who will trust and obey.*

Basically it means that all the good things God has for us is freely given to us if we follow His ways ... like praying daily including the Lord's Prayer (Matthew Ch 6:5-14) and following The Ten Commandments. This is '*The Lord's prayer*' that Jesus taught his Disciples when they asked Him to teach them to pray: You might like to pray it right now: just read it aloud or silently in your mind...

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever , Amen."

That last sentence is not strictly in scripture but somehow was added by a Godly writer and we don't know his name, but Christians love it and I am sure God is not offended. ALL Christians love it because it is such a good ending.

Please note that when Isaiah wrote about "a virgin having a son" he continued: "these will be his royal titles: 'Wonderful', 'Counsellor', 'The Mighty God,' 'The Everlasting Father', 'The Prince of Peace'. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. HE will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of his father David." (Isaiah.9:6-7) God hears all our prayers, but sometimes what we ask for may not be good for us - or in His long term plan for us. But also ... God cannot give his best rewards to those who believe in him ... but keep on lying, stealing, gambling, cheating, drinking and committing adultery and disobeying Him.



Learning can be very good, sometimes difficult, and sometimes very strange and not understood. (This writer had a fall at home and broke his back ... and believed God had deserted him. Yes, I did for a time.) However I had no idea that God would use that accident - He did not cause it - and I became a teacher, at 46 years old.

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These answers are now put here on the world-wide-web at: www.theanswerer.com.au ... and now these Bible stories are here for you ... because so many people like the way I write - simple and easy to understand. Many readers write very nice 'Comments' about my writing. These make me very happy ... and I thank God that he caused me to begin to write 'Answers' over 20 years ago, even though I am still in a wheelchair and 82 years old.