



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## Hearing and Doing

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**In the Gospel According to Luke** (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Capernaum and the Galilee region became Jesus' unofficial ministry headquarters. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, sharing scripture and teaching. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly shared the Kingdom of God. On this occasion, Luke shares what Jesus said about the actions and character of people that love and serve Him. They will hear His words and act on them.

*“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? “Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. “But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.” (Luke 6:46-49 NASB)*

**Jesus is Lord.** Luke records that Jesus said that *“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”* Matthew records; *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.” (Mt. 7:21)* Jesus is Lord; with this statement in these two passages He is sharing that those that call Him Lord will fall into two possible groups. One that does what He says and one who does not do what He says.

Lip service is not the sign of a true disciple. As previous verses relate, the sign or test of a true disciple is the fruit produced. Obedience to the will of God will be evident in the believer. Jesus wants our works and not just our words. Jesus wants doers of His word and not just hearers.

**A Firm or Weak Foundation?** Luke shares that Jesus provided a parable to illustrate His point. He relates the true disciple as one who builds on a firm spiritual foundation. This person is similar to one who takes time to build a house on a solid rock foundation. When the storms of life batter the true disciple of Christ they will not be destroyed spiritually because they built their faith on Christ.

However, the one who has heard the truth of Christ and has just provided lip service to His Lordship and not acted upon the hearing and is not obedient to His will, will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus likens that house and person to a poor foundation which would be destroyed by a storm.

### For Your Consideration:

- Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior in word only and not in your heart and not acted in obedience to His will?
- Are you a hearer and a doer?
- Are you building your spiritual foundation on Jesus, the Rock?

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### BIBLE STUDIES

LEGISLATORS: SESSION OR HEARING WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30AM, STATEHOUSE RM. 44

STAFF, LOBBYISTS AND CAPITOL SQUARE COMMUNITY: WEDNESDAYS AT NOON, STATEHOUSE RM.44