

4. To whom does Jesus compare those who hear and obey his words? **To one building on a rock.**  
 5. To whom does he compare those who hear, but do not obey? **To one building on the sand.**

### TEXTS AT CHURCH.

Morning Text.....

Evening Text.....

### ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

#### The False Disciple.

#### I. HIS PATH.

- Broad is the way....many.... go. v. 13.*  
 "Love not the world." 1 John 2. 15.  
 "Be not conformed to this world." Rom. 12. 2.

#### II. HIS PROFESSION.

1. *Come to you in sheep's clothing. v. 15.*  
 "Transformed into an angel of light." 2 Cor. 11. 14.  
 2. *Saith Lord, Lord. v. 21.*  
 "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord?" Luke 6. 46.

#### III. HIS CHARACTER.

- Inwardly....ravening wolves. v. 15.*  
 "Wolves....not sparing the flock." Acts 20. 29.  
 "Try the spirits....false prophets." 1 John 4. 1.

#### IV. HIS INFLUENCE.

- Ye shall know them by their fruits. v. 16.*  
 "Bringeth forth that which is evil." Luke 6. 45.  
 "How can ye, being evil, speak good?" Matt. 12. 34.

#### V. HIS CONDUCT.

1. *Ye that work iniquity. v. 23.*  
 "The works of the flesh are manifest." Gal. 5. 19-21.  
 2. *Hearth....doeth not v. 26.*  
 "Be ye doers....not hearers only." Jas. 1. 22.

#### VI. HIS TRIAL.

- Rain descended....floods came. v. 27.*  
 "Fire shall try every man's work." 1 Cor. 3. 13.  
 "Discern....righteous and the wicked." Mal. 3. 18.

#### VII. HIS FATE.

- Great was the fall of it. v. 27.*  
 "Everlasting punishment." Matt. 25. 46.

### THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### Concerning Character.

- The opinions of the majority are not a correct standard of character; for the majority are oftener found in ways of sin than in paths of righteousness. God's people are apt to be a minority in the world. v. 13, 14.
- Character is often concealed under a false profession. There are bad men who have every appearance of being good. We may not always trust to the appearance of people. v. 15.
- The true test of character is its fruit in conduct. The deed and the word will often show what lies hidden within the heart. v. 16-20.
- A true character will show a life in accordance with God's commandments, which set forth the divine standard. We are to measure men by the rule which God has established. v. 21-23.
- The judgment to come will take notice of character, and not of rank or profession or the estimates of men. God sees men as they are, and as they are he will judge them. v. 22, 23.
- The only enduring foundation of character is the

Gospel of Christ, "these sayings of mine." He who would build well must build on this basis. v. 24.

7. Every character, whether good or evil, is sure to be thoroughly tested, and its true state revealed. v. 26-28.

### Berean Methods.

#### Hints for the Teachers' Meeting and the Class.

As a Review of the Sermon on the Mount and of the last six lessons of the quarter, the following outline might be taken: 1. Who are disciples? chap. 5, 3-12. 2. The character of disciples, 5, 13-48. 3. The duties of disciples, 6, 1-18. 4. The aims of disciples, 6, 19-34. 5. The judgments of disciples, 8, 1-6. 6. The prayers of disciples, 7, 7-13. 7. The tests of disciples, 7, 13-27. ...For an analysis of the lesson, take, 1. Two gates, vs. 13, 14. 2. Two paths, vs. 13, 14. 3. Two guides, v. 15. 4. Two trees, vs. 15-10. 5. Two professions, the disobedient and obedient, vs. 21-23. 6. Two foundations, vs. 24-27. 7. Two destinies, vs. 25-27. ...What Christ requires: 1. A right choice, vs. 13, 14. 2. A true character, vs. 15-20. 3. A loyal obedience, vs. 21-23. 4. A faithful conduct, vs. 24-27. ...ILLUSTRATION. On the coast of England is a dangerous reef, the Eddystone. Nearly two hundred years ago Winstanley, a London merchant, there built a light-house, which was washed away in a heavy gale, and with it the builder perished. Afterward Rudyard built another light-house of wood, which stood fifty years, and then was burned down. The third was built by John Smeaton, and stood until a few years ago, when it was taken down because the rocks beneath were found to be undermined by the sea. The new light-house now in process of erection has its foundation far below, upon the solid stone. This shows that in a building there is need of a good plan, enduring materials, and a strong foundation.

References. FREEMAN: Ver. 24: Foundations, 761. Ver. 29: The scribes, 648.

### CATECHISM QUESTION.

14. What was the Lord's deepest humiliation?

He was "reckoned with transgressors" (Luke xxii. 37), and endured the shameful death of the cross.

### Primary and Intermediate.

#### LESSON THOUGHT. *Jesus the Rock.*

To be taught: 1. That there are two ways, in one of which we must walk. 2. That our life-tree must bear good fruit or bad. 3. That our house must be built upon the rock or upon the sand.

1. Make a wide gate open upon a broad path. Tell what Jesus meant by the broad way that leads to destruction. It is the easy, careless way of serving mammon, of pleasing self. Many people go in this way. Little children, who love to please self better than they love to please Jesus, go in this way. But it leads down to death. Make a small gate and a narrow path. Teach that those who get through this narrow gate have to lay down their sins, for sin cannot get through. They have to ask Jesus to lead them through—the gate is so small they cannot get through alone. This path leads straight to heaven. All the disciples