



MY RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S WORD



Melissa Harris-Perry:
“We need to re-image the
Bible as a tool of
progressive social change.”

Paul Osterreich:

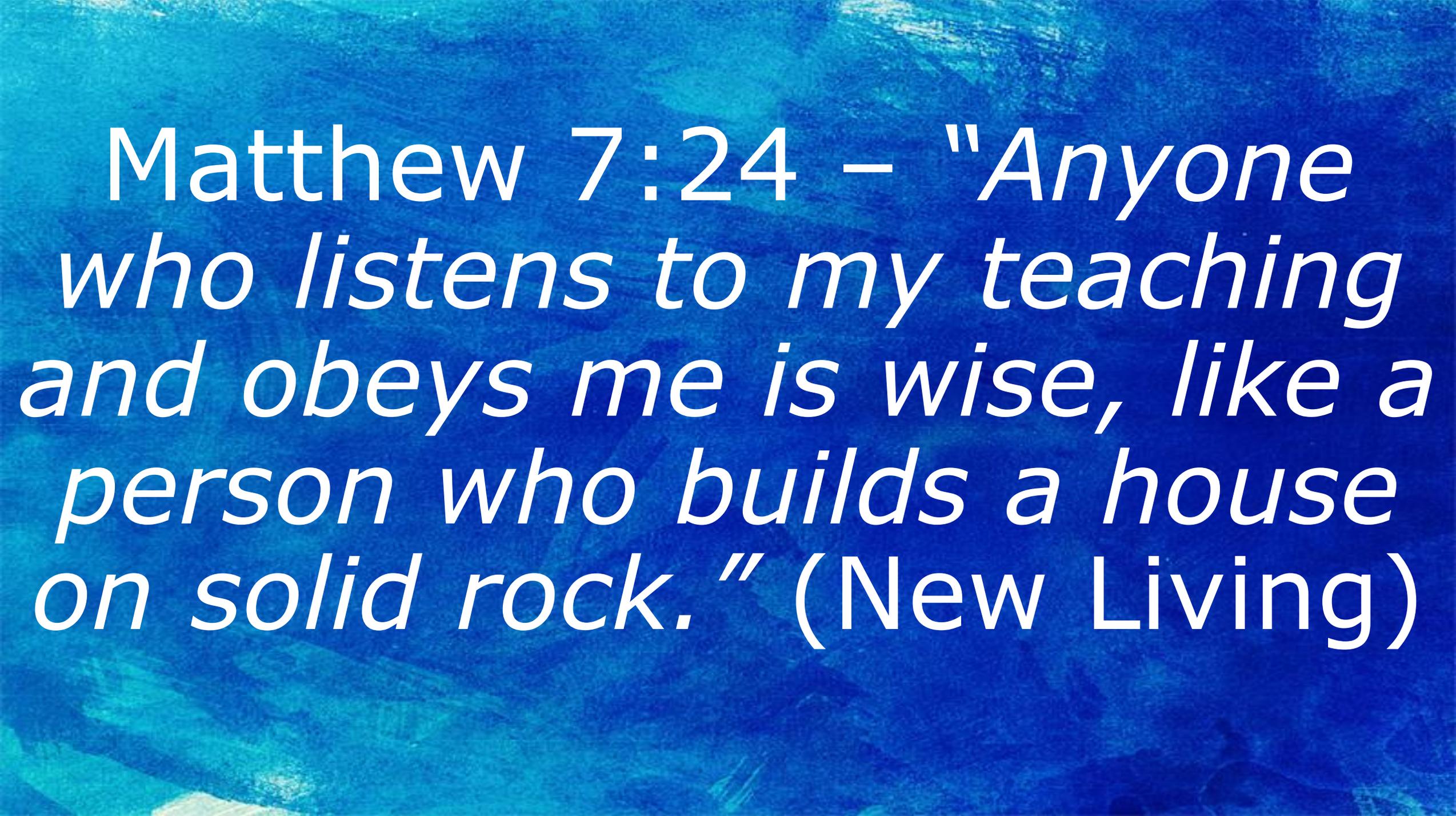
“Heterosexual, bisexual,
Jesus could have been any
of these. The homosexual
option simply seems the
most likely.”

Bart Ehrman:
“New Testament authors
were not just mistaken—
they were liars.”



Performance on a poor foundation.....





Matthew 7:24 – *“Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”* (New Living)

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Romans 10:17 – "*Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*"
(NIV)

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James 1:19-21 – *"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." (NIV)*

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Attitude #4 – Be teachable & willing to change: *"Humbly accept the word planted in you."*

RELATIONSHIP #2 –
I MUST LOOK AT GOD'S
WORD IN DETAIL

James 1:22-25 – [22] *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. [23] Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror [24] and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. [25] But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.”* (NIV)



We will be blessed when we
do the following:

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What this means: Reading the Bible and reflecting on it

**Don't Forget What
You Look Like in the
Mirror of God's
Word!**

James 1:22-25



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[2] *"Continues to do this"*

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What this means: Reviewing
the Bible

[3] *"Not forgetting what he
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What this means:
Remembering the Bible

[4] *"Do what it says"*

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What this means: Responding
to the Bible

RELATIONSHIP #3 –
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Acts 17:11 – *“The people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to check up on Paul and Silas, to see if they were really teaching the truth.”* (New Living)

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James 1:25 [I added the comments, Bruce]
– *“But the man who looks intently into the perfect law [that’s reading] that gives freedom, and continues to do this [that’s reviewing], not forgetting what he has heard [that’s remembering], but doing it– [that’s responding] he will be blessed in what he does.”*

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Matthew 7:24-27 – [24] *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*”

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[26] *But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (NIV)*

