

Matthew 7:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Analysis

The wise builder's house survives storms because it's founded on rock—hearing Jesus's sayings and doing them. Knowledge alone doesn't save; obedience validates hearing. The storms represent trials, suffering, persecution, temptation, false teaching, and final judgment. Only those who build on Christ's words will stand.

Historical Context

Palestinian houses built on rock foundations withstood winter rains and floods, while houses built on sand washed away. Jesus's audience understood this practical reality. Paul similarly warns about building on Christ's foundation with quality materials that survive testing (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Are you a hearer only, or a doer of Jesus's words—and what evidence supports your answer?

2. What storms have tested your faith and revealed whether your foundation is solid?

Interlinear Text

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| καὶ | κατέβη | ἡ | βροχὴ | καὶ | ἦλθον | οἱ | ποταμοὶ | καὶ |
| And | descended | G3588 | the rain | And | came | G3588 | the floods | And |
| G2532 | G2597 | | G1028 | G2532 | G2064 | | G4215 | G2532 |
| ἔπνευσαν | οἱ | ἄνεμοι | καὶ | προσέπεσον | τῇ | οἰκίᾳ | ἐκείνῃ | |
| blew | G3588 | the winds | And | beat upon | G3588 | house | that | |
| G4154 | | G417 | G2532 | G4363 | | G3614 | G1565 | |
| καὶ | οὐκ | ἔπεσεν | τεθεμελίωτο | γὰρ | ἐπὶ | τὴν | πέτραν | |
| And | not | it fell | it was founded | for | upon | G3588 | a rock | |
| G2532 | G3756 | G4098 | G2311 | G1063 | G1909 | | G4073 | |

Additional Cross-References

James 1:12 (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

1 Peter 1:7 (Parallel theme): That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Colossians 2:7 (Parallel theme): Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

1 Peter 1:5 (Parallel theme): Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Acts 14:22 (Parallel theme): Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 3:17 (Parallel theme): That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Matthew 16:18 (Parallel theme): And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1 John 2:19 (Parallel theme): They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

Malachi 3:3 (Parallel theme): And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

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