

Matthew 7:27

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: and great was the fall of it.

Analysis

Rain descended, floods came, winds blew and beat upon the sand-founded house—and it fell with a great fall. The identical storms test both houses. Trials and judgment come to all—professors and possessors alike. Only those whose faith is real and obedience genuine will survive. The great fall is eternal destruction.

Historical Context

This sobering conclusion summarizes the entire Sermon on the Mount. Jesus has presented Kingdom ethics, righteousness exceeding the Pharisees', and heart religion versus external conformity. Now He warns that hearing without obeying results in catastrophic judgment.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How seriously do you take Jesus's teachings—as helpful suggestions or as authoritative commands requiring obedience?

2. What storms in your life have revealed weaknesses in your spiritual foundation that need addressing?

Interlinear Text

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	προσέκοψαν	τῇ	οἰκίᾳ	ἐκείνῃ	
blew	G3588	the winds	And	beat upon	G3588	house	that	
G4154		G417	G2532	G4350		G3614	G1565	
καὶ	ἔπεσεν	καὶ	ἦν	ἡ	πτῶσις	αὐτῆς	μεγάλη	
And	it fell	And	was	G3588	the fall	of it	great	
G2532	G4098	G2532	G2258		G4431	G846	G3173	

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 3:13 (Parallel theme): Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.