

Series: Standing on the Promises

FOR IT WAS FOUNDED UPON A ROCK

MATTHEW 7; LUKE 6; PROV. 1:33

Text: Luke 6:48

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Proverbs 1:33

³³ But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Introduction:

I heard an amazing story a few years ago about a builder who lived in Canada who developed a subdivision. It was a magnificent and very expensive community. The houses ranged from \$200,000 and up.

Only the elite and very wealthy people could live in these houses. It was one of the most beautiful sights on the outside that you have ever seen. The subdivision was finished at the beginning of the summer. The houses sold very quickly. The people

began to move in. Everything was going along just fine until the winter came. During the winter, the snow began to fall; the hard freeze began to set in; the rain began to fall ...

All of a sudden, one house collapsed ... then another ... then another. One by one the houses, without any explanation whatsoever, began to sink into the ground. They tried to figure it out, but there were no solutions.

They finally got a hold of the developer. Under pressure he finally admitted that he had taken the cheap way out of building a subdivision. What this builder had done was, rather than taking the time and money to prepare the sight and lay a foundation - he had built that entire subdivision on a garbage dump.

Here in our text, our Lord teaches us a valuable lesson. He teaches us how we can build lives that will last. The Lord teaches us that we need to build our lives on the right foundation.

Now, the most important part of a building is not 'what you build' ... It is not 'how you build' ... but it is 'where you build'.

There are two things necessary to have a firm foundation. What two things make the rock?

EXAMPLE:

You are better off to build a log cabin on a rock, than you would to build a mansion in a swamp.

Everyone that is here right now is going to face problems.

- You may face a time of Depression.
- You may face a time of Discouragement.
- You will face a time of Disturbance.

Now the Lord Jesus teaches us (here in this passage of Scripture) that not only will storms come into your life, but He teaches us that during this time of trouble, that each one of us can build a life that will be durable, dependable, and have a destination that will take you straight to Heaven ...

But you must have the right foundation.

It is good to build a nice looking life - but it another thing to build a long lasting life. The key to building a life that will last forever Jesus said is to build that life upon a rock ...

In this passage we note two builders.

They both have the same basic purpose. They're both house builders. As a matter of fact, they are both building their houses in the same basic place. Because the same storm that hit one, hit the other. And they probably all used the same basic plan. Remember when you build a house, there is the floor, the walls, the roof, well you can have different designs, but there is the same basic plan.

But there was a vital difference in these two. But the difference was below the surface.

The difference is not what we see when we look around. The difference is in the foundation.

Note:

1. THE FACT OF THE STORM THAT MUST BE EXPECTED

According to this story that Jesus told, there were 2 men that built 2 houses ...

- A. They Built For The Same Purpose
- B. They Built With The Same Plans
- C. They Built In The Same Place

1. The reason we know this is that we are told the storm hit both houses.
2. The fact that one man (according to Matthew's Gospel) was a wise man who built his house and the other man was a foolish man who built his house made absolutely no difference to the storm.
3. The [rain] fell - the [winds] blew - the [floods] came on both houses.

This helps us to understand the truth that was given at the beginning of this sermon. Every person will face problems. Every person will experience pressures.

If you read (Matthew 7:24-27) you will find as Jesus was describing the storm, He described it as (rains falling) - (winds blowing) - (floods rising).

D. Why did Jesus use these 3 elements to describe the storm?

1. Rain - speaks of the pressure from above
2. Winds - speaks of the pressure from around

3. Floods - speaks of the pressure from below

(Matthew 5:45) "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Note not only The Fact of the Storm That Must Be Expected but also:

2. THE FALL IN THE STORM THAT WILL BE EXPOSED

(Luke 6:49) "But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."

- A. These houses were basically built with the same structure.
- B. These houses had basically the same design.
- C. These houses had been built out of basically the same materials.
- D. There was only one basic difference between those 2 houses.

E. The people on the outside couldn't see it - but the builders knew it

1. One house was built on a Firm foundation

2. One house was built on a faulty foundation

a. One house had a (solid) foundation

b. One house had a (sandy) foundation

F. Jesus gives us to requirements for building a good foundation

We all want to enjoy the promise of stability in this life but what are the condition.

- THERE MUST BE THE HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

(Luke 6:47) "Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:"

Both of these men heard the Word of God.

It is one thing to hear the Word of God (and this is a must) ... But in order to build a good foundation ...

- THERE MUST BE THE HEEDING OF THE WORD OF GOD

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Jesus is not saying that a 'Wise man' is one who just hears the Word of God he is one that takes the Word of God, receives the Word of God, and then does what the Word of God commands him to do.

(James 1:22-25) "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. {23} For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: {24} For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. {25} But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Note not only The Fact of the Storm That Must Be Expected and The Fall In the Storm That Will Be Exposed but also:

3. THE FORCE BY THE STORM THAT CAN BE ENDURED

(Luke 6:46-48) "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? {47} Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: {48} He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock."

- A WISE MAN WILL HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

There are people in this place right now that claim to believe the Word of God - but their lives speak otherwise.

Someone has said, 'What you really believe you live - the rest is just religious talk.'

(James 2:17) "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

(James 2:26) "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

- A WISE MAN WILL HEED THE WORD OF GOD

On Christ the Solid rock I stand, all other ground in
sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.'

- THE BIBLE WAS NEVER INTENDED JUST TO BE WRITTEN DOWN, IT WAS INTENDED TO BE LIVED OUT!!
- BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK OF SALVATION
- BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK OF SCRIPTURE
- BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK OF SUBMISSION