

# 'Storm-Proofing Your Life'

Parables – Part 1

Matthew 7:21-27

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## 1. IF YOU'RE HUMAN STORMS WILL HIT YOU.

*'Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 'But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.'* Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV)

*"Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house; and a messenger came to Job and said, 'The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, when the Sabean raided them and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!' While he was still speaking, another also came and said, 'The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!' While he was still speaking, another also came and said, 'The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!' While he was still speaking, another also came and said, 'Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!' Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.'" Job 1:13-21 (NKJV)*

❖ **Bottom-Line Truth: Storms of life reveal the quality of my foundation.**

## 2. IF YOU'RE FOOLISH STORMS WILL HURT YOU.

*'But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.'* Matthew 7:26-27 (NKJV)

❖ **Bottom-Line Truth: Danger comes when I hear God's word but do not heed it.**

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* James 1:22 (NKJV)

## 3. IF YOU'RE WISE STORMS WON'T HARM YOU.

*'Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.'* Matthew 7:24-25 (NKJV)

*"When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation."* Proverbs 10:25 (NLT)

❖ **Bottom-Line Truth: A storm-proof life is one that believes and obeys God's word.**

*"And we can be sure that we know Him if we obey His commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love Him. That is how we know we are living in Him."* 1 John 2:3-5 (NLT)