

Luke 6:47-49

Prepare to be shaken!

“Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and acts upon them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood rose, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.” “But the one who has heard, and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.” ~ Jesus

Sobering words from our Savior. Jesus is describing to us what will take place once we have found Him and been taught from His word. We will be tested. He does not say here - if a storm comes, but - when a storm comes. The storm will come that will seek to shake us to the core and destroy our foundation. As a Christian it is inevitable that a great storm will come our way. So how do we prepare for it? Jesus states it plainly. - If we hear His words and act upon them - only then will we survive the shaking. Sometimes we marvel at the challenging places we find ourselves in and are greatly tempted leave our dependence upon God for the, “Staff of Egypt” (the world’s solution and our old way of life). Jesus says - when, not if, a storm will come. We can expect storms that are so violent that no earthly thing will hold us in place but only the Solid Rock. Our Heavenly Father knows what He is doing and He allows the storms to test the very core of His people. Verse 46 says, *“And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”* The Lord allows real storms to sweep away real people. Seeking to follow after Him is not a game to Him, it is real life and death. *It is a very real Heaven and a very real Hell.* The storms are real. They are not meant to just scare us, but to shake us to the point where only a real foundation is going to hold us. And for those of us who have found ourselves shaken, it is a strong call from God to get a firm foundation under us. It is a call to be a doer of the word and not just a hearer.

Perhaps we have been drifting along in a surface relationship with Jesus. This is why the storm comes. Storms make us dig the foundation. Understanding the threat of a storm makes us prepare seriously. A real storm requires real preparation. Our Greatest need as Christians is to dig into our relationship with Jesus. To spend serious time with Him each day. He will bring us to the bedrock which is Himself. And He says, “He who hears My words, and acts upon them.” This is our great responsibility, to pray for His help to be a doer of His words and not just a hearer.

May we all seek Him more earnestly then ever so that we may come through the storm on His solid rock foundation!

God bless you all!

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