



Living a “Stormproof” Life Matthew 7:24-29

Matthew 7:24-29 (NIV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Proverbs 28:26 (HCSB)

"The one who trusts in himself is a fool, but one who walks in wisdom will be safe."

Proverbs 15:5 (HCSB)

"A fool despises instruction, but a person who heeds admonition is sensible."

Psalms 107:43 (NIV)

"Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD."

I. Storms are Inevitable and *Sometimes* Powerful

Verse 25 – "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house..."

John 16:33 (HCSB)

I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

James 1:2-3 (HCSB)

"Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."

II. Foolishness is Optional and *Frequently* Dreadful

Verse 26-27 – “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

1 John 2:3-6

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.



III. Wisdom is Possible and *Always* Valuable

Verse 24-25 – “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”



1 Corinthians 1:30 (NIV)

“It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”