



**Sermon on the Mount**  
**Sermon Notes - Part 28**  
**Title: Ready for the Storm**  
**August 10th, 2025**

**Main Scriptures:** Matthew 7:24-27; Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 18:2; Isaiah 43:1-3

**Main Idea:** Wisdom isn't just hearing Jesus' words—it's putting them into practice before the storm hits.

**1. Where we've been** (Matthew 5:1-7:23)

- Jesus **redefines** the good life (blessed)
- Jesus' Word **reshapes** us to reflect God's heart with a greater righteousness
- The narrowing road **refines** us—inviting us to check our heart

→ The **truths** we build our lives on **actually matter**

**Note:** Jesus' words **activate** Old Testament scenes like a **hyperlink** opening a whole story in the minds of His listeners. Today we'll look at two: the house on the rock and the storm.

**2. Image #1 - the house on the rock** (Matthew 7:24, 26)

- (v24) "wise man" naturally **activates** King Solomon (2 Chronicles 1)
- The Temple is often called the House of God (Psalm 65:4)
  - **Temple #1** - Built by Solomon - the glory of the LORD filled the Temple
    - destroyed by Babylon years later - God's people in exile
  - **Temple #2** - Rebuilt, but no mention of the LORD filling the Temple
    - elders wept—it was nothing like the first (Ezra 3:12, Haggai 2:3)
  - **Temple #2.1** - Renovated by Herod the Great
    - *still* no record of God's glory filling the Temple
    - the hearts of the religious leaders mirrored the Temple—impressive on the outside, empty on the inside (Matthew 23:27, 38)

→ Outward impressiveness isn't a **foundation**—obedience to Jesus is

- Our true foundation is God Himself, our Rock (Psalm 18:2)

### 3. Image #2 - the storm (Matthew 7:25, 27)

- “The streams **rose**” = “the rivers **came**” (literal translation)
  - This was a warning—sudden flash floods were a familiar real life illustration for those listening to Jesus on the hillside
- “the rivers came” naturally *activates* Noah’s Flood (Genesis 6-8)
  - Noah’s “house” stayed above the flood because it was **built according to God’s Word** (see Matthew 7:24)

→ Hearing + Doing (for the right reasons) = **Building**

**Consider This:** Matthew 7:24-27 isn’t just *wisdom*, it’s a *warning*. Jesus is encouraging His listeners to not be caught unaware.

### 4. Will we recognize Jesus?

- (Luke 19:42-44) The very presence of God—Jesus, the Word became flesh—is finally walking back into the Temple. But the tragedy is that His own people didn’t recognize Him.
  - Their empty, whitewashed hearts culminated in another “flood”—Jerusalem’s destruction in 70 AD
  - Are we living **unaware** of God’s presence?

→ No matter how strong the storm is, **Jesus**, our steadfast hope, **anchors us**

### 5. Reflection Questions

- What’s my real foundation right now—what do I actually trust in the storm? (God, money, reputation, control, a person, etc)
- What’s one part of my life built on “sand”? What’s one step I can make this week to move it onto the Rock? (prayer, forgiveness, generosity, surrender, etc)
- READ: Isaiah 43:1-3 - How does this passage encourage you in the storms?
- PRAY: *Lord, please show me one place I’m building on sand—and give me the courage to move it onto the Rock.*

### 6. Digging Deeper

- Bible Project Podcast — Sermon on the Mount (Episode 37)  
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