

The Wise and Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴“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. ²⁵The 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. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Psalms 119:68

You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.

Psalms 119:71

It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.

Psalms 119:89

Your word, LORD, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.

Psalms 119:99

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Psalms 119:127-128

Because I love your commands
more than gold, more than pure gold,
and because I consider all your precepts right,
I hate every wrong path.

Psalms 119:138

The statutes you have laid down are righteous;
they are fully trustworthy.

Two claims made by Jesus

Everyone who hears these words and puts them into practice withstands the storms.

Everyone who hears these words and DOES NOT put them into practice is crushed by the storms.

The storms endured by people

Jesus is talking about how His followers are to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God even while they receive pressure and temptation from a culture that does not know God.

Two very different outcomes by those who endure those storms

Build on the rock – your house stands.

Build on the sand – your house falls.

This week: Begin a lifelong journey of getting to know God through His Word.