

# A wise man [house foundation]

Message 1: [\*I am with you always series\*](#)

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If I asked you, “Who is a wise man?” You would probably think of Einstein, the great scientist, or perhaps King Solomon, the one with 700 wives. Perhaps you would mention one of the tech billionaires who have given us great inventions.

The Bible, however, takes this world’s “seemingly foolish and simple things” and uses them for the glory of God. Here, then, is what the scriptures say about a wise man:

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.” Matthew 7:24-27 NASB1995*

According to Jesus, who spoke these words, a wise man does two simple things:

1. He hears Jesus’ words
2. He acts on them.

Let’s break down the steps or actions that a wise man might take when building a physical house and consider how we can apply them to spiritual things, which come before physical things—as the scriptures show.

When the wise man is building, he is thinking of the future—he considers the rain, the flood, the heavy winds, and all the things that will come to the house.

- Will I have enough money to finish the building?
- Do I have enough for emergencies and daily living after I start building?
- Will my family be safe in such a house?

If this is how we think of natural things, the Lord is saying, let’s use his words, which are “life and spirit,” to make wiser decisions about many things. For example, let us ask ourselves:

- What does the Bible say about wealth savings?
- What does the Bible say about a good marriage?
- Can I learn how to do excellent work based on the Bible’s teachings?
- What does Jesus say about preparing for difficult times? Conflict in marriage, money troubles, or sickness?
- What about when the flood comes - that is a dangerous time. Mass unemployment in the age of AI, famine, strange stories of aliens and supernatural things? What’s the Bible’s view on these things?

## Examples of wise and foolish people

We hear stories of people going to mental asylums, taking drugs and alcohol to mask pain, and others failing to handle the pressure of life, so they end up committing suicide.

The Lord Jesus, however, says a house he builds, with him as the foundation, can withstand difficult times—this house being our lives.

Consider this story to help you understand the hard times many Christians go through worldwide.

In November 2014, Shama and her husband, Shahzad, both Christians, were accused of desecrating the Quran in their village in Pakistan. A mob of over 500 people surrounded their home, shouting insults and threats. The couple was dragged out, beaten, and ultimately thrown into a brick kiln, where they were burned alive.

What gave Shama and Shazam the strength to face death? It was Christ and his promise that *"I am with you always, until the end of time"* (Matthew 28: 20).

Christ was with them, the 3rd man in the fire, even as their earthly existence ended and their existence in paradise started. What about you? In what do you put your faith?

By comparison, Adolf Merckle, likely a brilliant man by this world's standards and one of the wealthiest men in the world, was considered foolish by Bible standards. Why? Because when the storms came, his house literally crashed. This is the story of Adolf Merckle:

Adolf was a German billionaire entrepreneur, once the fifth-richest person in Germany. His estimated wealth was \$9.2 billion. Then a storm came. Adolf faced severe financial losses during the 2007–2008 financial crisis, including failed speculative investments. Overwhelmed by setbacks, he died by suicide in 2009.

## Why is the Lord telling us to build our houses on the rock in this season?

We should build our houses on Christ, our rock, because the rain, the flood, and the raging wind are coming. This season is the time of great evangelism that precedes his coming, which he warned would be preceded by troubles. This is what the Lord said about his 2<sup>nd</sup> coming:

*"You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."* Matthew 24:6-8 NASB1995

Have you ever been in a war? Have you ever heard mighty guns when the house shakes, and you feel the knots in your belly after a bomb explodes? How can't you be frightened?

This is the kind of time about which the Lord seems to be saying: *"Don't be frightened when you hear of a nuclear attack and all sorts of new weapons, of the building of bomb shelters, of food rationing and water shortages, power cuts, and all sorts of things."*

What is it that will make you calm? It's this:

- That your salvation is near
- That your savior holds your house strong and secure, for he is the rock.

A wise man builds his house, planning for the tough times. How about you? Have you prepared for tough times that will come upon your soul and the mental anguish that comes with fear and uncertainty?

If not, Christ is your hope, and he tells me to proclaim that *"I am with you always ..."* the words of comfort he spoke before leaving his disciples.

### **Conclusion on the message of Jesus**

As soon as Jesus started his public ministry, he was telling people that the time of the end was near:

*From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 4: 17. (NIV).*

Have you turned away from your sins in light of the nearness of the kingdom?

What happens if you don't turn from your sins? You will become like the foolish man whose house is crushed! You will be beaten outside by the rain, swept by the flood. The winds will carry away you and everything you love - you will be in the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, just like in the days of Noah, where the people never became wise to hear warnings of a righteous man and so lost their lives.

It's time for you to let go of foolishness and become wise.

Why do I preach such a message? It's because many of us have surrounded ourselves with the wrong people, and the Lord told me to tell you:

*Your prophets had nothing to tell you but lies; Their preaching deceived you by never exposing your sin. They made you think you did not need to repent. Lamentations 2: 14 (GNT).*

If you have surrounded yourself with the wrong teachers, turn to the ultimate Teacher himself, the Master! The Lord Jesus, who is the I AM forever and ever, amen. He alone can give you a life on the Rock. If you want this, pray this prayer to start your life as a Christian:

*"God of heaven, I confess that I am a sinner and have been one since birth, but I have heard that you can make me new, and you sent your son Jesus to die for me. He rose again, and it is he who can give me his Holy Spirit. Please forgive me and welcome me into your Kingdom; teach me how to follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Lots of love, your brother in the Lord and a bondservant of Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, come, Maranatha! Amen.