

SERIES: LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR
HAS COME, WEEK 49

TITLE: THE RIGHT FOUNDATION

TEXT: LUKE 6:46-49

INTRODUCTION: (1) PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARE CONSTANTLY MADE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR HOUSES TO HAVE GOOD FOUNDATIONS.

* THE REASON BEING, THERE ARE EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS AND MUDSLIDES. EARTHQUAKES CRACK FOUNDATIONS AND FLOODS AND MUDSLIDES WASH THEM AWAY.

** BECAUSE OF THAT, ESPECIALLY IN EARTHQUAKE OR FLOOD - PRONE AREAS, WHEN A HOUSE IS BUILT, THE BUILDER HAS TO KEEP IN MIND THAT AN EARTHQUAKE OR A FLOOD COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME.

*** THEREFORE, CAREFUL SOIL TESTS ARE DONE, AND THE SOIL IS COMPACTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FOUNDATION IS GOING TO STAND, AND SOMETIMES ELABORATE FOUNDATIONS ARE LAID.

(2) NOW THE CLIMATE IN PALESTINE, ISRAEL IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MOST OF THE TIME, IT IS DRY.

*** BUT WHEN IT RAINS THE GROUND CAN'T** ABSORB ALL THE WATER, THUS CAUSING A FLOOD. HOUSES CAN EASILY BE WASHED AWAY, JUST LIKE THEY ARE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

** SO WHEN BUILDING A HOUSE, THE PEOPLE THERE HAVE TO PREPARE THE GROUND SO THAT THE FOUNDATION WILL BE STRONG.

*** WHAT LOOKS LIKE A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BUILD IN THE SUMMER MAY BECOME A RAGING RIVER IN THE WINTER, WIPING AWAY WHATEVER EDIFICE HAS BEEN PLACED THERE.

**** NOW OUR LORD JESUS HAD A SIMILAR SITUATION IN MIND IN OUR TEXT TODAY. FOR IN THE CLOSING PARAGRAPH OF THE SERMON ON THE LEVEL, CHRIST PICTURES TWO MEN EACH BUILDING A HOUSE.

(3) AND PERHAPS THEY WERE BUILDING ON A DRY STREAMBED IN A VALLEY. BUT FOR SURE ONE MAN WORKS FERVISHLY TO BUILD HIS HOUSE, AND DOES NOT THINK ABOUT A FOUNDATION TO WITHSTAND FUTURE FLOODING.

* HE IS THE FOOLISH MAN OF V. 49 **AND WE'LL** SEE IN OUR STUDY IN ESSENCE HE IS NOT A CHRISTIAN.

** BUT THE OTHER MAN, A WISE MAN, A BELIEVER DIGS DEEP AND LAID A FOUNDATION ON THE ROCK. AND HIS HOUSE WITHSTANDS THE FLOOD.

***** AND JESUS' STORY IS SIMPLE, THERE ARE**
TWO MEN BUILDING HOUSES. ONE IS WISE AND
ONE IS FOOLISH.

**** HOWEVER, WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SIMPLE
STORY IS REALLY A SHOCKING, POWERFUL
COMMENTARY ON PEOPLE WHO KNOW JESUS
WORDS, BUT HAVE AN EMPTY HEART, WHO DO
NOT KNOW HIM, AND PEOPLE WHO DO KNOW
HIM AND SHOW IT BY HAVING THE RIGHT
FOUNDATION WHICH IS OBEDIENCE, THE RIGHT
FRUIT.

(4) AND CHRIST IS TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE
WHO HEAR HIS MESSAGE AND DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT AND PEOPLE WHO HEAR IT AND DO
NOTHING ABOUT IT.

* THAT CALL HIM LORD, BUT DO NOT ACT LIKE
HE IS LORD, THAT DO NOT WALK THE TALK.

** BUT THEN IN OUR TEXT TODAY, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO **HEAR CHRIST'S MESSAGE AND** OBEY IT, WHO ACT UPON IT, WHO WALK THE TALK, THOSE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT FOUNDATION, ON THE ROCK.

*** YET AGAIN THERE ARE THOSE WHO HEAR **CHRIST'S MESSAGE, ACKNOWLEDGE IT, BUT DO** NOTHING ABOUT IT AND THEY ARE LOST, THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT FOUNDATION AND THEIR HOUSE IS DESTROYED WHEN THE FLOOD COMES.

(5) IN LIGHT OF THAT, I'VE TITLED THE MESSAGE TODAY, "THE RIGHT FOUNDATION." AND UNDER THAT TITLE WE'LL LOOK AT JUST 2 POINTS.

* NO. 1 THE PRETENSE, THE PRETENDERS, WHO GIVE THE PRETENSE OF INTIMACY WITH JESUS BY THEIR WORDS, BUT NOT BY ACTIONS, V. 46; AND NO. 2 THE PARABLE THAT JESUS WILL TELL TO ILLUSTRATE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS, VV. 47-49.

** AND MOVING RIGHT INTO OUR PASSAGE TODAY, LOOK AT V. 46 WHERE **WE'LL START TO** SEE OUR FIRST TRUTH, THE PRETENSE.

I. THE PRETENSE, (READ V. 46)

A. NOW JESUS ASKS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION HERE THAT ALL OF US SHOULD ASK OURSELVES TODAY.

* AND THAT IS WHY DO YOU CALL ME LORD, LORD AND DO NOT DO WHAT I TELL YOU TO DO?

** WHY DO YOU CALL ME MASTER, WHAT THE GREEK WORD FOR LORD MEANS, AND DO NOT DO WHAT I TELL YOU TO DO?

*** AND THINK OF IT THIS WAY, THE WORD LORD IS A TITLE OF HONOR EXPRESSIVE OF RESPECT AND REVERENCE.

**** THE WORD LORD MEANS AN OWNER, HE TO WHOM A PERSON BELONGS, THE ONE WHO HAS CONTROL OF A PERSON, THE SOVEREIGN, THE PRINCE, THE CHIEF, A WORD THAT WAS EVEN USED FOR A ROMAN EMPEROR IN THAT DAY.

1. SO WHY DO YOU CALL ME MASTER, MASTER AND DO NOT DO THE THINGS WHICH I SAY? **AND NOTICE "LORD" IS REPEATED TWICE. LORD, LORD!**

*** AND R. C. SPROUL SAID AND I QUOTE, "THE REPETITION OF THE ADDRESS LORD, LORD IS A HEBREW METHOD OF COMMUNICATING INTIMACY."**

**** SPROUL WENT ON TO SAY: "JESUS' POINT IS THAT SOME DON'T SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS LORD, BUT THEY SAY "LORD LORD." THE PRETENSE IS ONE OF INTIMACY. PEOPLE PRETEND TO HAVE A DEEP PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, BUT THE TEST OF THAT IS SEEN IN THE FRUIT OF ONE'S LIFE."**
(END QUOTE)

**** AND BELOVED, ADDING TO THAT, DOUBLING THE TITLE LORD, LORD WHEN CALLING TO SOMEONE EMPHASIZES THE EMOTION, STRONGLY IMPLYING COMPLETE DEVOTION.

**** THEREFORE JESUS CALLS OUT PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE DEVOTED TO HIM AND THAT SAY THEY HAVE AN INTIMATE SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AND SAYS, YOU MUST WALK THE TALK.

2. **YOU MUST OBEY ME. IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY, BUT WHAT YOU DO WITH WHAT YOU SAY THAT SHOWS WHETHER YOU KNOW ME OR NOT. YOU ARE BEING DISHONEST.**

*** THUS JESUS' QUESTION AND THE PARABLE THAT FOLLOWS PLACE AN IMPORTANT EMPHASIS ON OBEDIENCE TO JESUS' WORDS.**

** AND APPARENTLY AS JESUS IS CONCLUDING THIS SERMON ON THE LEVEL IN LUKE 6, THERE WERE ALREADY SOME HYPOCRITES AMONG THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, INCLUDING JUDAS ISCARIOT, AN APOSTLE.

***** AND IN JESUS' AUDIENCE AT THIS TIME IN** THE GREAT THRONG OF PEOPLE WHO HAD COME TO HEAR HIM AND TO BE HEALED, LUKE 6:18, IN THAT GROUP, THE FALSE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS WOULD BE INCLUDED THAT WE TALKED ABOUT LAST SUNDAY.

**** AND SO THERE WERE POSERS, PRETENDERS, HYPOCRITES, PEOPLE THAT WERE DECEIVED INTO THINKING THAT JESUS WAS THEIR LORD, BUT THEIR LACK OF DOING, THEIR LACK OF OBEDIENCE SHOWED OTHERWISE.

3. HENCE TO CALL HIM LORD AND THEN TO FAIL TO OBEY HIM IS ABSURDLY CONTRADICTORY.

* A MERE PROFESSED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS LORDSHIP IS NOT ENOUGH.

**** GENUINE SAVING FAITH AND GENUINE LOVE INVOLVE OBEDIENCE. AND WE DON'T REALLY LOVE HIM AND WE DON'T REALLY HAVE FAITH IN HIM IF WE AT LEAST DON'T DESIRE TO DO WHAT HE SAYS.**

***** AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT ALWAYS OBEYING THE LORD, FOR NONE OF US DO, BUT A DESIRE TO OBEY AND A DIRECTION OF LIFE, NOT PERFECTION.**

****** A PATTERN OF OBEDIENCE, NOT PRETENSE, AND WHEN WE DON'T OBEY WHICH SOMETIMES IS OFTEN, WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND REPENT.**

**4. GEOFFREY O'HARA WROTE AND I QUOTE:
"YE CALL ME THE "WAY" AND WALK ME NOT,
YE CALL ME THE "LIFE" AND LIVE ME NOT,
YE CALL ME "MASTER" AND OBEY ME NOT,
IF I CONDEMN THEE, BLAME ME NOT.
YE CALL ME "BREAD" AND EAT ME NOT,
YE CALL ME "TRUTH" AND BELIEVE ME NOT,
YE CALL ME "LORD" AND SERVE ME NOT,
IF I CONDEMN THREE, BLAME ME NOT."**

** AND ALONG THIS SAME LINE OF THINKING AND CHALLENGE, J. C. RYLE SAID AND I QUOTE: **"OBEDIENCE IS THE ONLY SOUND EVIDENCE OF SAVING FAITH, AND THE TALK OF THE LIPS IS WORSE THAN USELESS, IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY SANCTIFICATION OF LIFE."** (END QUOTE)

*** **AND HERE'S THE HARD** HITTING POINT OF **JESUS' QUESTION**, SIMPLY CALLING HIM LORD WILL AVAIL NOTHING. TOKEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF JESUS AS LORD WILL NOT PASS FOR OBEDIENCE TO HIS TEACHING.

**** WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH, ACTIONS ARE THE TEST OF TRULY KNOWING JESUS.

5. FOR LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO THE END OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN MATTHEW 7, FOR THE LAST THING RECORDED THAT JESUS **SAYS THAT IS RECORDED BEYOND THE PEOPLE'S** RESPONSE TO HIS WORDS IS FOUND IN MATTHEW 7:24-27, WHICH IS THE PARABLE OF THE TWO BUILDERS, THE PARALLEL COMPANION TEXT THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT TODAY. SAME TRUTH.

* AND GUESS WHAT COMES RIGHT BEFORE IT?

** MATTHEW 7:21-23 WHICH SAYS: (QUOTE THEM)

*** NOW AGAIN WHAT YOU SAY DOES NOT SHOW THAT YOU TRULY KNOW JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, THAT YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, BUT THE ONE THAT DOES THE WILL OF GOD, OBEDIENCE.

**** THEIR SUBMISSION TO JESUS CHRIST AS LORD IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE ELEMENT OF TRUE **SALVATION. YOU CANT' RECEIVE HIM AS YOUR SAVIOR BUT REJECT HIM AS YOUR LORD.**

6. AND HE IS NOT YOUR LORD, IF **YOU DON'T** WALK THE TALK, DO WHAT HE TELLS YOU TO DO. YOUR ACTIONS CONTRADICT YOUR PROFESSION. YOU ARE BEING DISHONEST. STOP THE PRETENSE OF INTIMACY. TURN TO JESUS CHRIST TODAY.

* WHAT A POWERFUL QUESTION JESUS ASKS HERE. WHAT A QUESTION FOR WHAT PROFESSING CHRISTENDOM HAS BECOME IN AMERICA TODAY THROUGH EASY BELIEVISM, NON-LORDSHIP SALVATION.

** MAY WE ALL ASK OURSELVES TODAY, WHY DO WE CALL JESUS LORD AND DO NOT DO WHAT HE SAYS?

*** AND IF THAT QUESTION IS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH, JESUS GIVES, TELLS A PARABLE, GIVES AN ILLUSTRATION THAT MAKE THE ISSUE OF OBEDIENCE EVEN CLEARER. LOOK AT V. 47 **PLEASE WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE THE** PARABLE THAT JESUS WILL COMMUNICATE.

II. THE PARABLE, (READ V. 47)

A NOW THREE VERBS IN V. 47 OUTLINE A CLEAR PROGRESSION OF THE KEY ISSUE OF KNOWING JESUS AS LORD.

* AND THE FIRST VERB IS COMES, EVERYONE WHO COMES TO ME, AND COMES REFERS TO THE WAY PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND JESUS, THEY WERE COMING TO BE NEAR HIM.

**** AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE? THE 2'D VERB TO HEAR HIS WORDS. AND ONE OF THE REASON PEOPLE CAME TO JESUS WAS TO LISTENING TO HIM TEACH.**

*** AND HEARING INVOLVES PAYING CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE THINGS THAT JESUS SAYS. AND WHAT HE SAYS IS TRUTH AND WE HEAR JESUS SPEAK TODAY THROUGH HIS WORD, THE BIBLE.

**** BUT COMING AND HEARING ARE NOT ENOUGH. WE MUST ALSO RESPOND WHICH IS WHERE THE THIRD VERBS COMES IN, THE VERB ACTS OR DOETH OR DOES, PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE, DEPENDING ON WHICH TRANSLATION YOU HAVE.

1. AND HERE'S WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD IN SHOWING, THAT JESUS IS YOUR LORD, A FRUIT OF IT.

* FOR THE VERB ACTS OR DOES OR DOETH, IS A WORD FOR DOING, OBEYING AGAIN, ACTIONS.

** AND THE PROGRESSION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT ACTION.

*** FOR IT IS NOT ENOUGH JUST COMING AND HEARING, IMPORTANT BUT NOT ENOUGH. FOR IT IS NOT JUST THE COMING AND HEARING THAT GIVE EVIDENCE THAT JESUS IS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, BUT THE GOING AND DOING NOT TO BE SAVED, BUT TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE SAVED.

**** AND UNLESS WE REACH THE POINT OF ACTUALLY DOING WHAT JESUS SAYS, WE ARE NOT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, HE IS NOT OUR LORD IN A BIBLICAL SENSE.

**** FOR IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO COME TO CHURCH AND LISTEN TO THE SERMON AND GO TO CLASSES, WHAT GOD REQUIRES IS A BELIEVER RESPONSE, WHICH PRODUCES ACTION.

2. AND THAT MEANS TRULY TRUSTING JESUS ALONE FOR OUR SALVATION, IT IS TURNING TO HIM IN REPENTANCE FROM OUR SIN, IT MEANS BOWING THE KNEE TO HIM AS LORD.

* AND A PERSON WHO DOES THAT, WHO COMES, HEARS AND ACTS, DOES, OBEYS IS LIKE THE FIRST PERSON JESUS WILL TALK ABOUT IN THIS PARABLE. HE IS LIKE A MAN WHO LAYS A FOUNDATION UPON THE ROCK IN BUILDING A HOME. LOOK AT V. 48 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 48. NOW IN THIS PARABLE WE HAVE TWO MEN BUILDING HOMES. AND THE FIRST ONE, THE MAN WHO OBEYS WHAT JESUS SAYS, OBEYS HIS WORD.

* WHO NOT ONLY COMES AND HEARS AND DOES, ACTS **UPON JESUS' WORDS, A TRUE CHRISTIAN**, IS LIKE A MAN WHO DIGS DEEP IN PUTTING IN THE FOUNDATION OF HIS HOME AND HE LAYS THE FOUNDATION IN DIGGING DEEP UPON THE ROCK.

** WHAT IS THE ROCK HERE? WELL, THE GREEK WORD FOR ROCK HERE IS PETRA. AND PETRA DOES NOT MEAN A STONE OR EVEN A BOULDER, BUT A GREAT OUTCROPPING OF ROCK, A LARGE EXPANSE OF BEDROCK, LITERALLY A ROCK BED, A HUGE ROCK BED.

*** AND PETRA IS SOLID, STABLE AND UNMOVABLE. AND A WISE PERSON CONSTRUCTS HIS HOUSE, WHERE HE LIVES, HIS LIFE, ON A PETRA. FOR WHAT IS A HOUSE? THE **ANSWER IS A PLACE TO LIVE, SO WE'RE TALKING** ABOUT OUR LIVES. AND YOU WANT TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK.

1. AND YOU MAY BE THINKING, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WELL, WE COULD SAY THAT THE **ROCK IS GOD, AND THAT YOU'RE LITERALLY** BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON GOD, FOR PSALM 18:2 **SAYS, "THE LORD IS MY ROCK."**

* BUT WE COULD ALSO SAY, THE ROCK IS CHRIST, FOR PETER MENTIONED THAT CHRIST IS THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE IN I PETER 2:6.

** AND THEN PAUL SAID JESUS IS THE ROCK IN I CORINTHIANS 10:4. AND JESUS SAID THAT HE WAS THE PETRA THAT THE CHURCH WOULD BE BUILT UPON IN MATTHEW 16:18 (QUOTE IT). PETER EQUALS PETROCE – A ROCK OR A STONE)

*** HOWEVER WITH THAT SAID, THERE IS MORE TO BUILDING ON THE ROCK THAN JUST SAYING YOUR LIFE IS BUILT ON **CHRIST, WHICH DON'T** GET ME WRONG, IS GOOD.

**** BUT A CAREFUL LOOK AT LUKE 6:48 SHOWS US WHAT THE ROCK IS, IT IS THE WORDS OF CHRIST, THE SERMON ON THE LEVEL, IT IS THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST, AND OF COURSE FOR US, IT IS THE WORD OF GOD - WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY.

2. FOR EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE, AND ACTS UPON THEM, MAY BE COMPARED, I WILL LIKEN HIM, I WILL COMPARE HIM, AN ILLUSTRATION BY COMPARISON TO A WISE MAN, TO A MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON A ROCK. MATTHEW 7:24, THE COMPANION PARALLEL TEXT.

* AND BELOVED, IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO HEAR AND DO WHAT CHRIST COMMANDED THAT BUILD THEIR HOUSE UPON A ROCK.

** AND YES IT IS TRUE THAT GOD IS A ROCK, AND CHRIST IS A ROCK, BUT THE LORD IS SAYING THAT HIS WORDS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF FAITH.

*** AND IN THE CONTEXT OF LUKE 6:46-49, THE MARK OF TRUE BELIEVER IS NOT SIMPLY HEARING AND BELIEVING THE WORDS OF JESUS, BUT BELIEVING AND DOING.

**** THUS TRUE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ARE THOSE WHO HAVE A FOUNDATION, A PATTERN OF **OBEYING GOD'S WORD.** AND AS I HAVE COMMUNICATED ALREADY TODAY THAT IS A FRUIT OF SALVATION, NOT THE MEANS OF SALVATION. WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE, BUT FAITH THAT IS ALONE AND HAS NO OBEDIENCE IS DEAD FAITH, A FALSE FAITH!! QUOTE JAMES 2:26

3. AND THE HOUSE, THE LIFE, THAT IS BUILT ON THE ROCK IS THE LIFE OF OBEDIENCE. IT IS THE KIND OF LIFE THAT JESUS HAS BEEN EXPLAINING THROUGHOUT THE SERMON ON THE LEVEL, HIS WORDS.

* AND JESUS IS SAYING IN LUKE 6:48 THAT IF YOU ARE COMMITTED TO OBEDIENCE TO THESE WORDS OF MINE, YOU ARE BUILDING ON THE ROCK.

** BUT FOLKS, TO PROFESS KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND HIS TRUTH BUT NOT FOLLOW GOD OBEDIENTLY AND LIVE HIS TRUTH IS TO BE DECEIVED.

*** IT IS TO HAVE ENTERED BY THE WIDE GATE AND TO BE WALKING ON THE BROADWAY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION. IT IS TO HAVE A HOUSE BUILT UPON THE SAND.

**** **AND A PERSON CAN'T SAY, I WANT TO COME TO CHRIST AND BE SAVED, BUT I DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT BEING OBEDIENT, I WANT JESUS AS MY SAVIOR, MY FIRE ESCAPE, BUT NOT AS MY LORD. I WANT JESUS BUT I WANT MY SIN TOO.**

4. AND IT GRIEVES MY HEART TO HEAR PEOPLE SAY, I KNOW THAT SO AND SO IS SAVED BECAUSE OF A ONE TIME PROFESSION, BUT HE OR SHE NEVER COMES TO CHURCH, NEVER READS HIS BIBLE, DOES NOT HAVE A PATTERN OF ANY OBEDIENCE, AND THE REASON IS **THEY'RE BACKSLIDDEN, THEY ARE CARNAL OR THEY HAVEN'T GROWN OR BEEN DISCIPLED.** THE FOLLOW-UP WAS BAD.

* WELL, THE TRUTH IS, **THEY'RE** PROBABLY NOT SAVED, THEY ARE LOST!! THEY ARE SELF-DECEIVED, THEY BOUGHT INTO THE LIE OF EASY BELIEVISM, THE LIE OF CHEAP GRACE AND THE LIE THAT YOU CAN HAVE JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND NOT YOUR LORD.

** NOW AGAIN OBEDIENCE IS A FRUIT OF SALVATION, AND IF THERE IS NO FRUIT THERE IS NO FAITH, AND IF THERE IS NO OBEDIENCE THAT PERSON DOES NOT KNOW CHRIST.

- NOW MOVING ON, THE ILLUSTRATION OF THE WISE MAN CONTINUES IN V. 48 FOR THE TEST COMES, THE FLOOD COMES, THE TORRENT OF WATER FROM A STORM COMES, AND BEATS AGAINST THE HOUSE BUT IT WITHSTANDS THE STORM.

*** THE RAIN, THE FLOODS AND THE TORRENT OF WATER HERE IN V. 48, DO NOT REPRESENT SPECIFIC TYPES OF PHYSICAL JUDGMENT, BUT **SIMPLY SUM UP GOD'S FINAL JUDGMENT**, AN ACCOUNTING – WE HAVE A STORM HERE.

* AND THE STORM IS THE ULTIMATE TEST THAT THE HOUSE OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE WILL FACE. AGAIN OUR HOUSE REPRESENTS OUR LIVES, WHAT WE MIGHT CALL RELIGIOUS LIFE.

** AND WHETHER **ONE'S RELIGION IS TRUE OR FALSE**, ONE DAY IT IS GOING TO BE TRIED. AND THAT TRIAL WILL PROVE WITH ABSOLUTE FINALITY WHAT IS WHEAT AND WHAT IS CHAFF.

*** AND WHO ARE SHEEP AND WHO ARE GOATS,
AND THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED BY THE
NARROW GATE TO WALK THE NARROW WAY
AND THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED BY THE WIDE
GATE TO WALK THE BROAD WAY.

**** AND THOSE WHOSE HOUSES ARE ON THE
ROCK OF JESUS AND HIS WORD WILL BE
DELIVERED FROM THE WRATH TO COME,
I THESSALONIANS 1:10 - "AND TO WAIT FOR HIS
SON FROM HEAVEN WHOM HE RAISED FROM
THE DEAD, WHO RESCUES US FROM THE WRATH
TO COME."

5. AND THAT WRATH IS ULTIMATELY Poured
OUT AT THE JUDGMENT, FOR THOSE WHO BUILD
ON THE SAND, AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE,
WHICH IS TALKED ABOUT IN REVELATION 20:11-
15. JUDGMENT IS COMING, THE STORM THAT
WILL SHOW WHAT FOUNDATION YOUR LIFE WAS
BUILT ON IS COMING.

* AND BEFORE I MOVE ON TO V. 49 UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE ABOUT THE RESULT OF THE STORM IN REGARD TO THE WISE CHRISTIANS AND THE NON-CHRISTIAN IS IN THE WAY IT AFFECTS THEIR HOUSES.

** THE HOUSE OF THE CHRISTIAN MAY HAVE BEEN SHAKEN, YET IT DID NOT FALL, FOR IT HAD BEEN BUILT UPON THE ROCK, THE RIGHT FOUNDATION.

*** BUT WHEN THE STORM CAME UPON THE HOUSE OF THE UNBELIEVER, IT COLLAPSES, AND THE RUIN OF THE HOUSE WAS GREAT, WHICH LEADS US TO V. 49, OUR LAST VERSE TODAY. LOOK AT VERSE 49 PLEASE.

C. VERSE 49

A. NOW I CALL THIS MAN AN UNBELIEVER BECAUSE HE HEARS THE MESSAGE OF JESUS, THE SERMON ON THE LEVEL, THE GOSPEL **TODAY, BUT HE DOESN'T ACT UPON IT, HE DOESN'T PUT** IT INTO PRACTICE, HE BUILDS HIS WAY, HE DOES HIS OWN THING, HE COMES HIS OWN WAY, AND THAT IS NOT WEAKNESS BUT WICKEDNESS, WILLFULNESS - SIN.

* AND THIS MAN IS WICKED - FOOLISH BECAUSE HE BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE GROUND WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION. AND OUR LORD IS SAYING THAT THE PERSON WHO ONLY HEARS **GOD'S WORD, BUT DOESN'T ACT UPON IT IS** BUILDING ON THE GROUND WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION.

** AND THE GROUND WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION IS LIKE SAND IN THAT AREA OF PALESTINE AND IN CONTRAST TO A ROCK-BED IS LOOSE, UNSTABLE AND EXTREMELY MOVABLE. AND BY THE WAY, THE LAND AGENTS SELLING LOTS ON THE SAND TODAY ARE THE FALSE PROPHETS JESUS HAS JUST WARNED ABOUT IN VV. 39-45 OF LUKE 6. **THEY'RE SELLING SWAMP LAND IN THE SUMMER WHEN IT'S DRY. IT LOOKS GOOD, BUT WHEN THE RAIN COMES, IT FLOODS, IT COLLAPSES AND THE RUIN OF THE HOUSE IS GREAT.**

*** NOW NOTE THAT BUILDING ON THE SAND IS **THE EASY WAY, IT'S THE QUICK WAY, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIG, IT'S A SHORT CUT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIG DEEP LIKE THE MAN DID IN VERSE 48.**

1. AND BUILDING ON THE SAND IS THE EASY **WAY, IT'S THE SUPERFICIAL WAY. FOR THE SAND IS COMPOSED OF HUMAN OPINION, ATTITUDES AND WILLS, WHICH ARE ALWAYS SHIFTING AND ALWAYS UNSTABLE, IDEOLOGIES THAT ARE NOT BIBLICAL. WE SMASH WRONG IDEOLOGIES BY PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD, II CORINTHIANS 10:5.**

* AND TO BUILD ON SAND IS TO BUILD ON SELF WILL, SELF-FULFILLMENT, SELF-PURPOSE, SELF-SUFFICIENCY, SELF-SATISFACTION AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOUR OPINIONS, YOUR STANDARDS WHICH ARE ALWAYS TOO LOW.

** TO BUILD ON THE SAND IS TO BE UNTEACHABLE, HEARING BUT NOT APPLYING, THE APPLICATION OF II TIMOTHY 3:7.

*** AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY BELIEVE IN CHRIST AND ACCEPT THE GOSPEL; YET THERE IS NO EVIDENCE IN THEIR LIVES TO CONFIRM IT. THEY ARE SUPERFICIAL.

**** AND WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF SUPERFICIALITY. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE PROFESS TO BE CHRISTIANS, **BUT WHEN THEY DON'T GET** WHAT THEY WANT FROM CHRIST AND THEIR HOUSE BEGINS TO COLLAPSE, THEY LOOK FOR ANOTHER SANDY PLACE TO BUILD, BUT JUDGMENT IS COMING.

IN WRAP UP AND IN APPLICATION: (1) THE MOST TRAGIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BUILDERS IN LUKE 6:48&49 IS IN THEIR FINAL DESTINIES. THE SERMON ON THE LEVEL ENDS WITH A DEVASTATING WARNING OF JUDGMENT.

*** IT'S FINAL WORDS ARE: "AND THE RUIN OF THE HOUSE WAS GREAT."**

** AND THE BOTTOM LINE OF THE GOSPEL FOR THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST IS NOT THAT THEY FORFEIT A GREAT DEAL OF BLESSING OR EVEN THEY FORFEIT A LIFE OF ETERNAL BLISS WITH GOD IN HEAVEN, THOUGH THOSE THINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY TRUE.

*** THE BOTTOM LINE FOR THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST IS THAT THEY ARE DESTINED FOR EVERLASTING TORMENT, DESTRUCTION THAT KEEPS ON DESTROYING FOREVER.

**** TO REJECT THE WORD OF GOD AND WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT SALVATION IN CHRIST, IS TO HEAR THE WORDS ONE DAY "DEPART FROM ME, I NEVER KNEW YOU, INTO EVERLASTING FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS."

(2) FOLKS, WHAT FOUNDATION IS YOUR LIFE BUILT ON? WHAT IS YOUR HOPE BUILT ON? BY **GOD'S GRACE AND GOD'S GRACE ALONE.**

* MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. I DARE NOT TRUST THE SWEETEST FRAME, BUT WHOLLY LEAN ON JESUS NAME.

ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK, I STAND;
ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND,
ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.

** CLOSE WITH LUKE 6:46 (QUOTE IT). IS JESUS TRULY YOUR LORD TODAY? IF NOT TURN TO HIM. IF HE IS, OBEY HIM MORE AND SERVE HIM MORE, WORSHIP HIM MORE. **(LET'S PRAY)**

V. 46 - **"WHY DO YOU CALL ME, 'LORD,
LORD,' AND DO NOT DO WHAT I
SAY?**

V. 47 - EVERYONE WHO COMES TO ME
AND HEARS MY WORDS AND ACTS ON THEM,
I WILL SHOW YOU WHOM HE IS LIKE:

V. 48 - HE IS LIKE A MAN BUILDING A HOUSE, WHO DUG DEEP AND LAID A FOUNDATION ON THE ROCK; AND WHEN A FLOOD OCCURRED, THE TORRENT BURST AGAINST THAT HOUSE AND COULD NOT SHAKE IT, BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN WELL BUILT.

V. 49 - BUT THE ONE WHO HAS HEARD AND HAS NOT ACTED ACCORDINGLY, IS LIKE A MAN WHO BUILT A HOUSE ON THE GROUND WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION; AND THE TORRENT BURST AGAINST IT AND IMMEDIATELY IT COLLAPSED, AND THE RUIN OF THAT HOUSE WAS GREAT."