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MATTHEW



# The Builder and the Storm

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<sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.



## 1. From hearing to doing (7:24, 26)

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## Matthew 6:12

“...and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”



## 2. From apathy to urgency (7:25, 27)

<sup>25</sup> “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house... <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house...”



Only a storm will reveal the truth.

— John Stott





## Matthew 13:20–21

<sup>20</sup> “...As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,  
<sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.”



### 3. From appearance to reality (7:25, 27)

<sup>25</sup> “...but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock...

<sup>27</sup> ...and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”



## Ezekiel 13:10–14

<sup>10</sup> “...when a flimsy wall is being built, they plaster it with whitewash... <sup>11</sup> tell those plastering it with whitewash that it will fall. Torrential rain will come, and I will send hailstones plunging down, and a whirlwind will be released. <sup>13</sup> I will release a whirlwind in my wrath. Torrential rain will come in my anger, and hailstones will fall in destructive fury. <sup>14</sup> I will demolish the wall you plastered with whitewash and knock it to the ground so that its foundation is exposed. The city will fall, and you will be destroyed within it.”



## 4. From the crowd to the path (7:28–29)

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