Storms happen.

Matthew 7:24-27 is our early warning system.

We cannot afford to tune it out.

ONE AWESOME SERMON: BUILDING TO LAST

Matt. 7:24-29

"Everyone who hears these words of mine AND puts them into practice"

Twofold path to wisdom (Ps. 111:10)

What are 'these words'?

Immediate context – The sermon he just preached

Broader context – All of His teaching, OT/NT

COMPARISON

- Both hear
- Both build

- Both experience similar storms
- What is the storm? The Judgment?
 The ills of a fallen world?
 (Job 1-2; Ps. 124; John 16:33;
 2 Cor. 4:7-12; James 1:2-4)

CONTRAST

• One builder is wise, one is a fool (Ps. 53; 1 Cor. 1:18)

One puts Jesus' teaching into practice (builds on rock), one doesn't (builds on sand)
 (Josh. 1:7-8; James 1:22-25)

One house stands in the storm, one collapses

VS. 28

It's not enough to be astonished at Jesus' teaching; One must do what He says (7:21; again, James 1:22-25) Unless the Lord builds the house... Ps. 127:1-2

Ps. 90

Ps. 91

THE SOLID ROCK

"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"