

DEVOTIONAL #2

“The Perfect Storm”

I hope you are following our new teaching series on “**Security in the Storm**”, a series of messages the Lord has given me to minister during these terrible times. In the closing verses of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks of 2 men who each built a house; and both of which were tested by a terrible storm...

Matthew 7:24-25

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:26-27

"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Many years ago the Lord called my attention to the nature of the storm:

The ‘Perfect’ Storm

- The rain descended
- The flood came
- The wind blew and beat on the house

I believe ‘rain’ speaks of storms that originate in heaven. Most storms come from the heavens so these are the storms that God allows in our lives.

Psalms 107:25

For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea.

Jonah ran from God and God raised a stormy wind to bring him back...

Psalms 148:7-8

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths;
Fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind fulfilling His word.**

Then Jesus says ‘the flood came’; floods rise up from beneath and I believe the flood here speaks of demonic attacks from the lower world

Isaiah 59:19

When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

The stormy rain comes from heaven; the flood rise up from beneath; but then Jesus says, ‘and the winds blew and beat against the house’; I believe the winds speaks to us of the things of earth; the things that are common to this world.

Sometimes we have a storm from heaven; sometimes we have a storm from hell; sometimes the winds of the world blow against us. But when you put the 3 together, all at once, you have a “Perfect Storm”.

THE ‘PERFECT’ STORM

- **The rains fall (from heaven)**
- **The floods come (from beneath)**
- **The winds blow (in the world)**

This is the storm we face today; attacks from the world, above and beneath; on all sides. But rejoice! Jesus is “Lord of the Storm”. And this storm will reveal our foundation. Are we building on the rock or on the sand?

The day will reveal it. I want to pray...Lord I thank you that you give us a life built on the rock; and when the rains fall, the floods come, and the winds blow, EVEN ALL AT ONCE, a “perfect storm”, our house will stand; because we are those who hear and do your Word. Thank you, Lord, in Jesus name, Amen!