

“Jesus’ Astonishing Teaching”
Matthew 7: 24-29

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Verse 24 - 25

The Wise Builder Hears and Obeys

Builders = what your life is built on

Wise builder = hears and does what Jesus
has taught

The foolish man (*builder*) = hears, but will not do
what Jesus has taught

Both men build a house

Both men's houses look good on the outside

Both men will have their houses placed under the stresses of life

One man will stand, and one will crumble!

It all depends on your foundation –

Christ or self!

A wise man builds on the *Rock!*

This "*Rock*" is the Lord Jesus –

1 Corinthians 3: 11

Ephesians 2: 20

When you see "*rock*" in Scripture, think *GOD!*

1 Samuel 2: 2

When you think Jesus, *think God!*

**On this rock I will
build my church!**

Matthew 16:18 NIV



**Those who finish
strong, burst
through the finish
line; *they have
built their life on
the Rock!***

Verse 26 - 27

The unwise sandcastle builder



This man is viewed as foolish

He heard what Jesus taught, but ignored
what Jesus taught

**Some believe this refers to the carnal Christian;
some the phony make believer**

Carnal = controlled by flesh appetites

Carnal or Make Believer? *(this may help)*

- 1) Jesus has been teaching about two roads and two gates
- 2) Two kinds of trees – good tree with good fruit and a bad tree with bad fruit
- 3) Two kinds of foundations – the rock or sand

It seems that Jesus is making a differentiation between a make believer and a true believer

**The sandcastle house looked good, looked strong,
but was all about looks**

**Any life built on the sand foundation will ultimately
crumble**

Rock builders and sand builders will face the storms!

Will your foundation stand the test?

It all depends on your foundation!

Just know *eruptions will come!*







“And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall”



LESSON:

Sandcastle foundations will crumble!

Rock foundations will stand!

Build your life on the Rock; *be all in!*

Verse 28 - 29

Astonished at Jesus' teaching

“When Jesus had ended these sayings”

- The entire sermon is in view

THINK: Being astonished is one thing,
following is another!

Following is an indicator of true believing -

John 10: 27

Our entire world is astonished by Jesus!

**All major world religions, or thinkers,
acknowledge Him in one way or another**



CLOSING THOUGHTS:

We have learned that our life, as a believer, is about preparation for another place

We are living in an evil world, in enemy held territory, as Jesus' representative

We are to be salt and light in our world!

We are to impact our world, and to be different than our world

Those who are in preparation for another kingdom will be unpopular

We cannot embrace the lies of the culture, ***we must speak the truth!***

A boy is a boy, and a girl is a girl – ***it's biology!***

Marriage is one man and one woman – ***God says!***

Abortion is murder, not a woman's right to choose – ***God says!***

This world view will put you at odds with the culture

**The True Church is an obstruction to
progressivism**

**Progressivism is the promotion of
humanity's growth and what humans value,
usually excluding the True God**

Our world is changing at rocket speed -

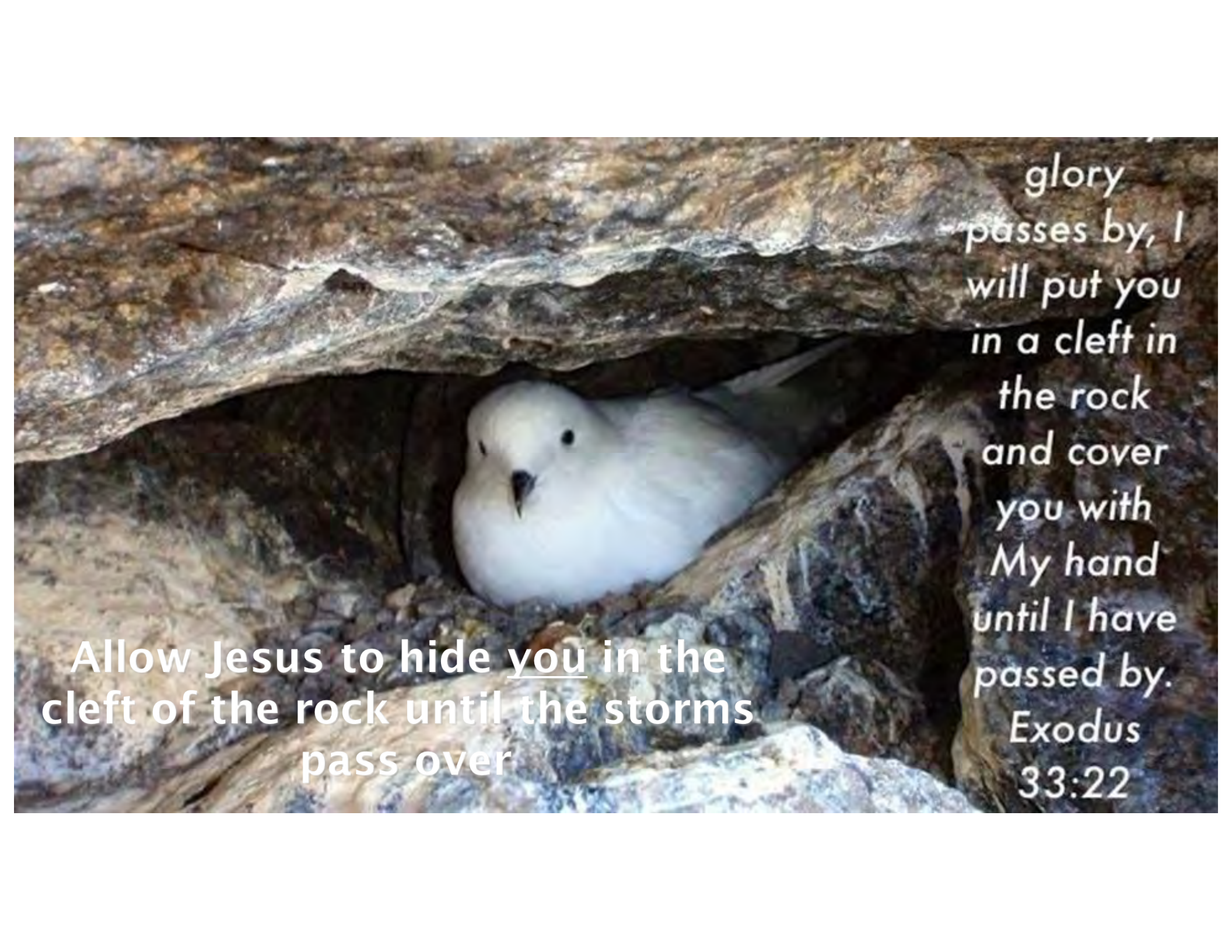
YOU SENSE THIS!

**Our lives are also changing and are unsettling;
the rains, the floods, the winds are coming –**

YOU SENSE THIS!

Going forward, your foundation will be more important than ever!!


**It would be wise to build your life on
the *Rock of Ages***

A white dove is nestled in a dark, sheltered cleft of a rugged, brown rock. The bird is facing forward, looking directly at the viewer. The rock's surface is textured and uneven, with various shades of brown and grey. The lighting is soft, highlighting the bird's white feathers against the dark background of the rock crevice.

Allow Jesus to hide you in the
cleft of the rock until the storms
pass over

glory
passes by, I
will put you
in a cleft in
the rock
and cover
you with
My hand
until I have
passed by.
Exodus
33:22

***MAY WE KEEP OUR FOCUS
ON OUR
ASTONISHING JESUS!***



"Keep me safe
'till the storm passes by."