



Daily Reflections

December 3, 2020

Scripture

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’
will enter the Kingdom of heaven,

but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine
but does not act on them

will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

Our Scripture Reflection

The disciples were concerned that there were certain charismatic preachers out and about using the name of Jesus, “Lord”, in order to attract crowds by giving the impression that they acted on His behalf. Jesus sets the record straight: A claim of familiarity to Him is insufficient to

be a part of His Kingdom. Only those who live the way of Jesus can hope to be a part of His glorious reign.

The true disciple builds his/her house (life) solely and squarely on the Rock which is Jesus Christ. Such a person will be able to face and withstand all trials and tribulations that he/she may encounter in this life, especially persecution, for the sake of His Gospel.

Food for your Journey

A boy and his father were walking along a road when they came across a large stone. The boy said to his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can move this rock?"

His father answered, "If you use all your strength, I am sure you can do it."

The boy began to push the rock. Exerting himself as much as he could, he pushed and pushed.

The rock did not move. Discouraged, he said to his father, "You were wrong, I can't do it."

The father placed his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "No, son, you didn't use all your strength — you didn't ask me to help."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are my Lord and Master, the Rock of my salvation. Please give me all of the Grace I need to live as the disciple You have called me to be. When people see me living my faith, may they come to know You. Amen