

Daily Reflections

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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

Jesus teaches about those who have and are satisfied with a surface level relationship with Him. They naively think that just by knowing His name,

"Lord", they will find security and peace. No, says Jesus, it is, rather, the person who has built his life on the rock-solid foundation that is Jesus and His Gospel. Perhaps on this Advent day it would be wise to evaluate your relationship to Jesus. Is He simply your Pal during times of need or your true foundation?

Food for your Journey

When was the last time anybody asked you, "Do I have your word?" Or when was the last time anybody said to you, "I give you my word," and you knew that you could trust that word, absolutely? How many times in the last few decades have we watched and listened to a political figure on television and heard him say, "I give you my word ..." and, shortly thereafter, that word has proven false? In the past year alone, how many people have perjured themselves publicly? Sworn on a Bible, given their word, and that word has been a lie? Words of honor are broken casually today, as though they don't matter.

Small wonder that when God tells us, "I give you my Word," few people take [God] seriously. "I give you my Word," said God, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

--Madeleine L'Engle

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, my rock, my fortress and my strength, I love You and adore You! Strengthen my faith so that I will know that You are with me at all times. Amen.

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