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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 who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall,

because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (Matthew 7: 21-29)

When Jesus says "that day" he is referring to when we will be individually judged before God, when we will stand all alone before Him. When facing His judgement, all our previous alibis to cover up our sins will no longer be valid. Just how deeply rooted our faith is can be assessed during times of trial and tribulation. Let us strive to deepen our Faith so that we will always remain standing during adversity, like the house founded on bedrock. Only in this way, will we know if we have truly placed God at the centre of our will and desires.