Title: Kingdom Precipice
Text: Matthew 7:24-29
Target: The Sermon on the Mount from Jesus was an invitation to a better way of living that was expressed by an illustration of relevance leading to a decision of pertinence.

I. The Comparison of Two Builders:
   A. Defining Decision: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (Vs. 24)
      1. Willingness of the Builder: “does them”
      2. Wisdom of the Builder: “wise man”
      3. Work of the Builder: “built his house on the rock.”
   B. Definitive Decision: “And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.” (Vs. 26)
      1. Failure of the Builder: “does not do them”
      2. Folly of the Builder: “foolish man built his house”
      3. Foundation of the Builder: “on the sand”

II. The Challenge of Two Builders:
   A. Reality of the Storm:
      1. Unavoidable: “And the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house” (Vs. 25)
      2. Unmistakable: “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against the house” (Vs. 27)
   B. Results of the Storm:
      1. Unshakable: “but it did not fall” (Vs. 25)
      2. Unstable: “and it fell” (Vs. 27)
   C. Revelation of the Storm:
      1. Undeniable: “founded on the rock” (Vs. 25)
      2. Unconceivable: “and great was the fall of it” (Vs. 27)

III. The Choice of Two Builders: “Location, Location, Location!”
   A. To whom will you base your life? Eternal Vs. Temporal
   B. How will you build your life?
      1. Receive Jesus as Savior
      2. Obey His Word
      3. Controlled by the Holy Spirit
      4. Kingdom Minded
   C. What will brace your life? A Storm is Coming!

Take Away: “The Teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is not meant to be admired but to be obeyed.” - R.T. France