

Build Your House Upon The Solid Rock of CHRIST

MATTHEW 7:24-27

24 "Everyone who listens to These Words of Mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

25 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.

26 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.

27 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." ¹

Saint Cajetan was an Italian Priest (1480 to 1547 AD), a learned man who studied law before being ordained as a Clergyman. He was a dedicated servant of CHRIST and The Church, founding the order of the "Congregation of Clerks Regular." He was a man who was deeply devoted to our Lord, "earnest in prayer" and constant "in love of neighbour."² He built his house upon The Solid Rock of CHRIST.

Saint Cajetan sought to live The Words of our Lord upon which we focus today in **MATTHEW 7:24**, "And everyone who listens to These Words of Mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."³ He called others to follow him in heeding The Words of CHRIST, not to build our lives upon the sinking sands of passing things in this world, but upon our lasting salvation in JESUS The Messiah!

Saint Cajetan writes to those under his spiritual charge, "You know, of course, that we are pilgrims in this world, on a journey to our true home in Heaven. The man who becomes proud loses his way and rushes to death. While living here we should strive to gain eternal life. Yet of ourselves we cannot achieve this since we have lost it through sin; but JESUS CHRIST has recovered it for us! For this reason we must always be grateful to Him and love Him..."⁴ Here is found our houses of eternal life!

King Solomon of ancient Israel foresaw this in **PSALM 127:1**, "Unless The LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless The LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch."⁵ As Saint Cajetan admonishes us, May you always "...surrender to Him, that He may welcome you and, as your Divine Savior, do to you and in you whatever He wills..."⁶ May we always build our lives on the solid ground of faith in our loving Lord JESUS CHRIST and rejoice! AMEN.

¹ NAB, MATTHEW 7:24-27.

² Liturgy of The Hours, Volume IV, p 1299, paragraph 1, "Cajetan, Priest."

³ NAB, MATTHEW 7:24.

⁴ Liturgy of The Hours, Volume IV, p 1299, paragraph 2 – p 1300, "From a letter by Saint Cajetan, Priest – CHRIST dwells in Our Hearts by Faith." From "Epist. Ad Elisabeth Porto: Studi e Testi 177, Citta del Vaticano 1954, p 50-51."

⁵ NAB, PSALM 127:1. A song of ascent to The Temple by King Solomon of ancient Israel.

⁶ Liturgy of The Hours, Volume IV, p 1300, paragraph 2, "From a letter by Saint Cajetan, Priest – CHRIST Dwells in Our Hearts by Faith." From "Epist. Ad Elisabeth Porto: Studi e Testi 177, Citta del Vaticano 1954, p 50-51."