

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Parable of the Houses



**THEREFORE** whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.—Matthew 7:24-27.

To those who had ears to hear, our exalted Teacher was speaking in this parable of that "house from heaven" where-with Paul longed to be clothed: the glorious treasure house wherein all noble deeds of many lives glow and scintillate as precious pearls. Everybody has a little "house from heaven," and enlarging it into a glorious mansion for use in the future is the work of every human being. A knowledge of this enlarging process constitutes an important part of the instruction received by every student of the Western Wisdom School, providing the reason required by those on the head path for following the example set by Christ Jesus.

The physical body of man is interpenetrated by an etheric body, composed of four ethers. The lower of these ethers, the chemical and life ethers, are stationary and are avenues for the forces which work as assimilation, propagation, etc., in the physical body. The two higher ethers, however, the light and reflecting ethers, are volatile and migratory in nature, and form the soul body, or the house built upon a rock, to which Christ Jesus was referring in the parable.

The flowering of the Christ Principle within each human being into a radiant

soul body depends definitely upon acts of "loving, self-forgetting service to others," as every act of love and service automatically attracts to the person performing it a portion of the planetary light and reflecting ethers. These ethers are luminous, and the more consecrated the life to unselfish service, the more does one walk "in the light" of his "house." Thus does the etherealization process take place in preparation for the New Galilee, or Sixth Epoch, when the earth itself will be made of ether, and all humanity will function in etheric bodies. It will be essential to possess this etheric vehicle in order to live and function in the conditions which will prevail in the New Galilee, and those who do not evolve it will meet the same fate as those who had failed to evolve lungs at the time the destruction of Atlantis paved the way for Aryana. It will be impossible for them to continue in evolution with those who by having awakened to their spiritual responsibilities and lived the higher life will possess the "rock" as the basis for their "house."

Considering a deeper interpretation of the "rock" upon which the "temple not made with hands" is built, we find that it undergoes an evolution or process of preparation, in three steps. There is first, the "petros," the diamond in the rough, so to speak, found in nature. Gradually, it becomes impregnated with the *water of life* which springs from the Great Rock, the Christ, or indwelling Planetary Spirit of the earth, and is then polished by service into a "lithon," a living stone. Having wrought well to the end, the ego finds itself possessed of the "psiphon Leuken," the soft white stone that draws to itself all who are weak and heavy laden.

Thus do we become more Christlike, each building a "house" upon a "rock."