

House built on rock

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Tune (8.7.8.7) – Adapted from a chorale in ‘Psalmody Sacra’ Gotha 1715 (TIS 272)

Is this house one of rejoicing;
is compassion in the plan?
Are our walls and is our living
Built on rock or built on sand?

Do we live God’s loving vision
Who can claim lives free of guilt?
Do we set our own foundations?
Is the rock where we have built?

Are the doors of this house open
to the ones too weak to stand?
Are the rooms in which we gather
Built on rock or sinking sand?

When this world it comes to calling
will we answer those who knock;
(with) peace and justice and compassion
in a house built on the rock?

Are the lights of this house shining
Is the table made for all?
Do we walk through halls of sharing
Safe on rock for those who call?

When we see that morning sunrise
will we see our building stand?
Safe on rock and strong foundation
Built in love and through God’s hand?

Matthew 7:24-27 (English Standard Version)

Build Your House on the Rock

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 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. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

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