

Stormy Weather

In the parable of the house built on the rock, what threatened the house? The rain, floods, and winds that beat on the house. Together, these symbolize the temptations or spiritual storms that threaten our commitment to the Lord. Here the rain and floods are the false ideas that want to shake us from the foundation rock of the Divine truth from the Lord. The winds are the way these false ideas affect our thinking—buffeting our minds and swirling our emotions.

Reflect on some of the false ideas that may distort our thinking and write about one of them. (Tip: If you have trouble identifying some of these false ideas, try thinking about some of the messages communicated via movies, television, *etc.*)

Recognize the false ideas as elements of stormy weather not to be confused with the Rock—the truths of the Lord's Word!