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THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

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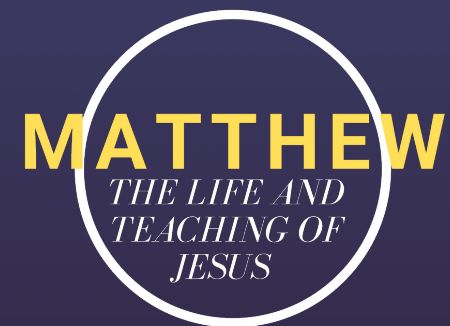
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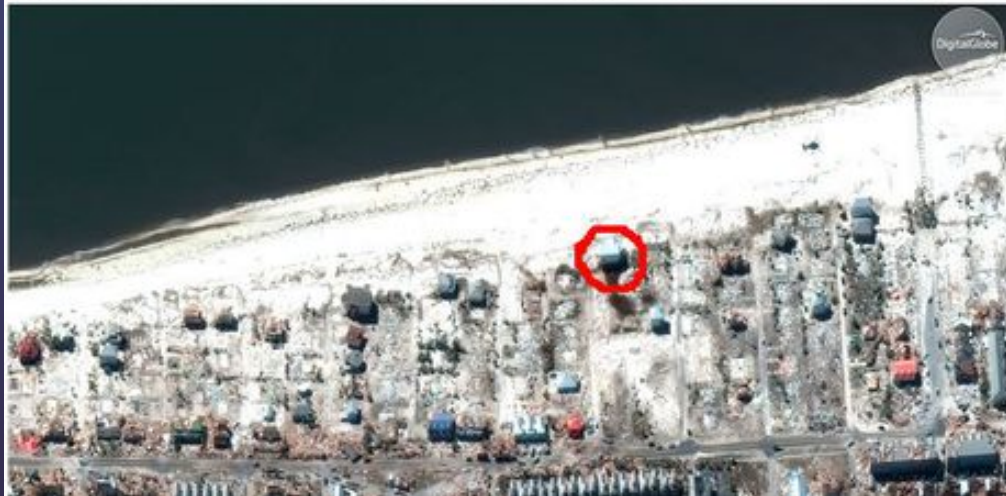
24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

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26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”





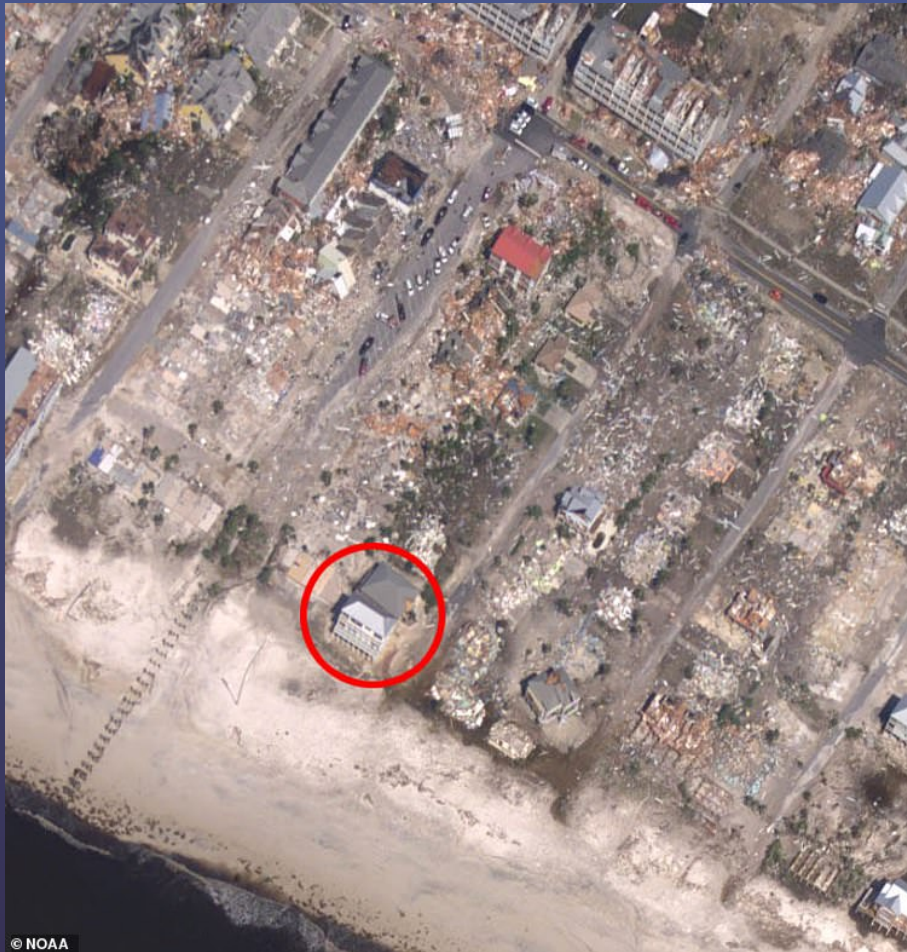
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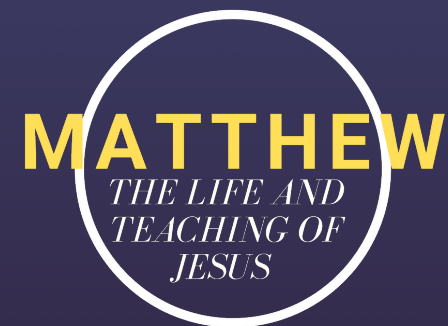
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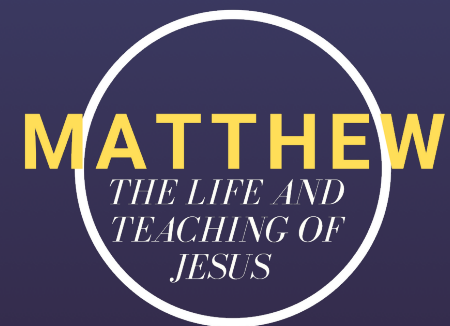
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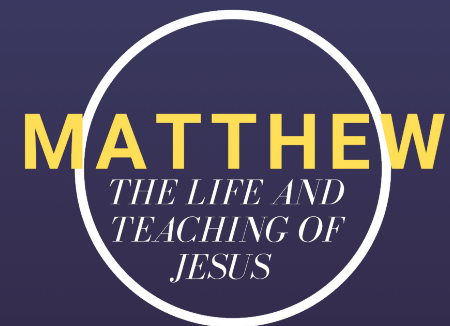
“What is true of individuals is also true of churches. A church that has become only a venue for adoration of the Divine (proclaiming, “Lord, Lord”) has not fully become a part of the realm of God.



A church that has become only a social service agency, even if openly stating that its own motivation comes from Christ, is also not really inside “the kingdom of heaven.”



A church that is, at least provisionally, demonstrating the reality of the reign of God in the world will be a gathering of people who seek to deepen their relationship with Christ and who, transformed by that relationship, engage others both within the church and beyond it in the world in ways that make real God's just will for all.”



Pastoral Perspective on Matthew