

DECEMBER 5, 2019  
Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent  
Matthew 7: 21-27

### CHRIST IS THE ONLY ROCK THAT CAN SAVE US

There's a lot of disaster and destruction happening nowadays. There are typhoons, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, landslides, and snowstorms. So, what are the best security against them? In the ancient history, a strong city was described as having an indestructible fortress, and houses built on solid rock because these will survive the forces of nature, that is calamities, flood, and against enemies.

The Sacred Scripture warns that all these destructions will come to those who place their protection in something rather than God and His dominion. In our First Reading for today, Prophet Isaiah speaks about God as an everlasting rock, "for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock."<sup>1</sup> In our gospel, Jesus invites us to risk our lives on His kingdom and on His words which is stronger than any calamities because He is the only foundation that can keep us safe, stable, secure and protected. It is only in the kind of foundation we build our lives upon will define whether we can survive the difficulties and problems that come to us. If we build ourselves with God, we will survive everything even the hardest storms in life because "He is my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."<sup>2</sup> and "He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."<sup>3</sup>

So, my brothers and sisters, trust in the Lord, and He will take care of us. Listen to Him, live His Word and act on it, and we will never be far from His Kingdom.

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 26:4 NRSV Catholic Bible Press USA

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 18:2 NRSV Catholic Bible Press USA

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 92:15 NRSV Catholic Bible Press USA