VIII. 1, 2. ST. MATTHEW. 49,   
   
 came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and   
 it fell not: for it was founded upon Ya rock. 2% 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: 2 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. %8 And it came   
 to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, ‘the people ¢¢b. xii.5   
 Mark 1.23:   
 were astonished at his doctrine: % for he taught them as vi2, Luke   
 one having authority, and not as W ¢he scribes. iv, 2.   
 VIII. 1 When he was come down from the mountain, vil,   
 great multitudes followed him. 3 And, behold, there came   
   
 a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt,   
 V render, the. Y read, their.   
   
 winds should mean three distinct of chapter), as were, a procession   
 temptation ; but the Rock, as signifying miracles, confirming the authority wi   
 Him who spoke this, of too frequent use which our Lord had spoken. 2.) This   
 in Scripture for us to overlook it here: same miracle is related St. Luke with-   
 ef. 2 Sam. xxii. [Ps. xviii. 82, 47; out any mark of definiteness, as to   
 xxiii. Ps. xxviii. 1; xxxi. 2, fr.; time or place,—‘ And tt came to pass,   
 xi. 2: Isa. (Heb.); xxxii. xliv.8 tohen he was ina certain city -..” In   
 (Heb.): 1 Cor. x. 4, &. He founds his this instance is, can be, no doubt   
 house on a rock, who, hearing the words that the transactions are identical: and   
 of Christ, brings his and life into this may serve us as a key-note, which   
 accordance with His expressed will, is the leas and more intricate   
 thus by faith union with Him, founded nies of these two narrations may be ar-   
 on Him. he who merely hears ranged. The plain assertion the account   
 His words, but does them not, has never in the text requires the leper should   
 dug down to the rock, become united have met our Lord on His descent the   
 with it, nor has stability in hour mountain, while great multitudes were   
 of trial. In the rook,—the sand,— following Him. The accounts in St.   
 the articles are categorical, importing and St. Mark require such fixed date.   
 that these two were usually found in This narrative therefore fixes occur-   
 country where the discourse was deli- rence. I conceive it highly that   
 vered ;—in the rain, floods, the winds, St. Matthew was himself a hearer of the   
 the same, implying that trials of the Sermon, and one of those who followed   
 supposed of a a house were common. In our Lord at this time. From St. Luke’s   
 these whole of the similitude, have account, the miracle was performed in,   
 the er to fall the Prophetic rather, perhaps, the neighbourhood of,   
 29. xxviii. m’s comment . great] All some city: what city, does not appear.   
 the greater, say what He one as here As the leper is all three related   
 authority of others, Moses or the to have come to Jesus behold” im-   
 prophets, but every where alleging Him- plying it Luke), he may have been out-   
 self to be the One who had the power. side the and have run into it to our   
 For when giving the law, he ever added, Lord. & leper] The limits of a note   
 ‘ But I say to shewing that He him- allow of only an abridgment of the most   
 self was the Judge.” ~ important particulars to this dis-   
 Cuap. VIII. 1—4.] Heaina or a ease. Read Leviticus xiii. for the   
 Lergr. Mark i.40—46. Luke v.12—14. Mosaic enactments respecting it, its   
 We ere id (in this and the following nature and symptoms. See also Exod. iv.   
 on. I. 6: Num. xii. 10: 2 Kings v. 27; xv. 5:   
 2 Chron. xxvi. 19, 21. The whole ordi-   
 nances relating to were symbolical   
 ang typical. The disease was not conta-   
 gious: so that the a them