QUESTION: What does Proverbs 10:25 mean?

> *“When the storm passes, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.”*

ANSWER: This verse is well explained by the example that Lord Jesus gave regarding people who hear His words but do not act on them. Let’s read:

Matthew 7:24

> *“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.*
> *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.”*

Returning to the Proverbs passage, you can understand who the wicked are:
They are the ones who hear the gospel but do not obey it. They may claim to be saved, but the fruit of salvation is not visible in them. Spiritually, they appear no different from someone who has never known God. All these are called wicked. They are still in sin and have not been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Outwardly, they may appear holy. But when trials, hardships, persecution, or challenges for Christ come, they quickly fall back and act as if they have never known God, because they were not built on the rock. Some face not hardships but prosperity, and when comfort and success increase, they forget God and abandon faith, because they followed Jesus only for the trials. Some stop seeking Him after marriage, education, or promotions.

However, the person who hears Christ’s words and obeys them is the opposite—they are called the “foundation of eternity.” They will not be shaken by any wave, storm, or trial because they are built on the rock.

Be saved, receive forgiveness of sins, and then live in obedience and repentance so that you can always stand firm.

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