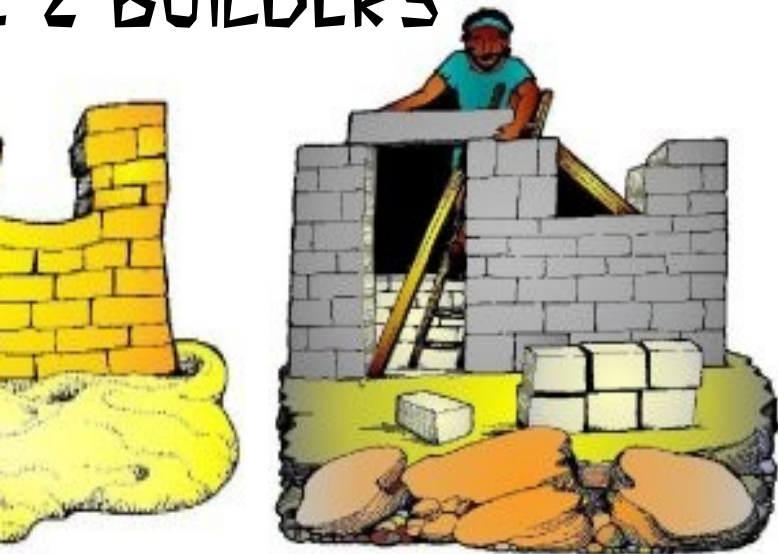


# 2 BUILDERS



There were 2 builders who were making a house. One built his house on the sand, and the other built his house on the Rock. When they were finished, both houses looked very beautiful.



When there came a great storm. The rain came down, the wind came up, and a strong wind blew against the house that was built on sand soon fell, but the house built on the Rock stayed strong, because it was built on the Rock.

# The Unmerciful Servant



The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began, a man was brought to him who owed him a large sum of money. He had no way of paying it back, so his master ordered him to be sold with his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. As he lay down, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'



With compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave his debt. When the servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount, and started to choke him, demanding, 'You owe me!' Falling to his knees, he begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he tortured him until he paid back the debt. Now the other servants saw what had happened, they were troubled, and went to the King and reported the matter. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant, you wiped out my debt because you begged me to. Should you not have done the same for your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master ordered his torturers until he should pay back all the money. So will my Father send you to him, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

