

*"Is Not My Word like as a fire?" Saith the LORD; 'and Like A Hammer That Breaketh The Rock in pieces?" Jeremiah 23:29 KJV*



The rock may be hard, but the hammer can do as it wills with the stone until it yields to the intended form. Stones are shaped for the purpose of the builder, so that when fitly framed together, they make a solid edifice. Mighty walls are built with stones that are shaped to fit snugly against one another. The stones in the ancient Inca pyramids fit together so tightly that a penknife cannot fit between them. The wonders of the ancient world are built of stone. I think of the Great Wall of China and wonder how many stones were fitted to build it. The hammer shapes many stones and never wears out. The Hammer will wear out both stone and workman, and never tire. Jesus Christ, *"the*

*Word Made Flesh,"* Has Made us into *"Lively"* Stones for the Building of His Body, the Church. *"Ye also, as Lively Stones, Are Built Up A Spiritual House, An Holy Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."* He Fits us together to Form A Strong Edifice for His Dwelling Place. Before the Hammer of God's Word came upon us, we were unfit. Through the Word, we became fit for placement in the *"Building"* of the Lord's House. He uses the Hammer of Correction and the mortar of Love to Set His *"Stones"* In Alignment. Jesus said, *"I Will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against It. For other foundation can no man lay than That Is Laid, Which Is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work Shall Be Made Manifest: for The Day Shall Declare it, because it Shall Be Revealed By Fire; and the Fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."* Mortar fills irregularities and solidly binds the stones together to produce a formidable structure. Interwoven throughout the wall is the reinforcement mesh of praise and prayer, so when the battering rams of doubt and discouragement come against it, it stands unmoveable. It's easier to storm the gates than assault walls which is why Satan incessantly batters our eye and ear gates to gain entry into our souls. We need to allow Truth to build reinforcements behind our gates gotten from the *"Rock of our Salvation. Meditate Therein, (God's Word) day and night."* We are safe within the Castle of Truth as we fellowship with other believers. We have no need to sample the wares of the snake oil merchants that often slither in to sell *"faith"* to the Faithful. We need to *"tar and feather"* any that use God's Word for personal gain! Let's lift up *"the feeble hands that hang down,"* bear up the weak-minded, and let God's Love constrain us to *"fit"* together into an impregnable Church of Truth!

Like a hammer God's Word will mold,  
Every sinner to sin sold,  
Loved by God before days of old,  
No sweeter rhyme was ever told. –CGP

Remain steadfast in the Truth. The integrity of the wall is threatened by one mal-formed stone. Don't let it be you or God may remove you.

*"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the Household of God; And Are Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself Being The Chief Corner Stone; In Whom All The Building Fitly Framed Together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In Whom Ye Also Are Buildded Together for an Habitation of God Through the Spirit."*  
Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV

