

*"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." *Matthew 7:24-25 KJV**



The walls, terraces, and stones still stand at Machu Picchu, “Old Peak,” even after centuries of earthquakes and storms. The only thing missing is the wood that has rotted away over the years. The city has weathered the ravages of nature and time, because it was built on rock, and it sits literally in the clouds. It has been declared one of the “wonders” of the world. The Incas were renowned for their wealth of gold. Museums are full of it to this day. They clothed and adorned themselves with solid gold. Faith is the gold of heaven and the saints should take no less care about their attire. *“The trial of your faith, [is] much more precious than of gold that perisheth”* The city is shrouded in mystery. The wise engineers of Machu Picchu knew that they must have a firm foundation for their city else it would crumble. We are wise when we “hear and do” the Words of God. *“Whosoever heareth...doeth...I will liken him unto a wise man.”* Our lives will stand the ravages of time and circumstance, a living testament to the mystery of faith, and men will marvel at the steadfastness with which we conduct ourselves! People wonder at this mountain city, but it would not be there if the mountain had moved. It is the rock that should receive the credit for the enduring nature of the structure. God’s Word says, *“My strength is made perfect in weakness.”* It’s when men think you to be weakest that faith can give testament to the *“Rock that is higher than I.”* To be sure, the timber and thatch are withered and rotted away, just as the wood, hay, and stubble of our own efforts should to reveal the reason for our stalwartness. To this day the city still presents an impregnable face, because of the rock of its foundation. The faithful will stand the test of eternity *“That in the ages to come [God] might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. God...worketh in you BOTH to WILL (desire) AND to DO of HIS good pleasure.”* Believers will forever be a testament to God’s Grace and Love!

As did the many saints of old,
Adorn yourself with Heaven’s Gold,
And be not fearful to apply,
Faith will reward you, by and by. -CGP

Our lives should be a tapestry woven with the golden threads of faith (trusting and obeying God’s Word). Through faith we should drape ourselves with the spotless white raiment of Christ’s righteousness, adorning our lives with the Heaven’s Gold! We should build on the Solid Rock with the incorruptible Stone of God’s Word. Obedience is the mortar that binds us to the Rock forever. Many hear, but few obey. The fearful hide their gold in the earth, but the wise invest it, and receive eternal dividends. What is the foundation of your life?

*“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”
*Revelation 3:18-19 KJV**