

Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 9th June 2024 10 am

“Building well”

Opening Scripture.

Hymn MP 367 Jesus is Lord, creation’s voice proclaims it

Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-7 (page 748)

Children’s talk Building Noah’s Ark, Vasa,

Chorus MP 244 How good is the God / 245 How great is our God.

Notices Q verse from John 1 - I am Andrew Video.

Helena lift from airport, BGEA Saturday evening

Judy Cook, Minibus driver

Prayer and Lord’s prayer

Readings I Corinthians 3:1-17 (page 1145)

Matthew 7:24-27 (page 972)

Hymn MP 1075 Jesus all for Jesus

Sermon “Building well”

Hymn MP 243 How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord

Closing Prayer: from CH 900:

1 Praise the God of all creation,
Praise the Father’s boundless love;
Praise the Lamb, our substitution,
Priest and King enthroned above.

2 Praise the Fountain of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live;
Undivided adoration
To the One Jehovah give.

Alt. Josiah Conder (1789–1855)

Prayer

Turkey, a country under which three tectonic plates join, has regular and severe earthquakes. These have resulted in many buildings ‘pancaking’ with the associated high loss of life. These scenes of devastation have been broadcast around the world. There’s been great sympathy, relief efforts and offers of help: “Let us show you how to build houses that withstand earthquakes”. “We know how to build houses that withstand earthquakes” came the reply. They knew, but they didn’t do it. They built with a blind eye to the likelihood of an earthquake ahead, they cut corners, they took an easier route, the cheaper route. So when the earthquake came, their buildings collapsed. But not all. Those built well, stood firm, tall above the rubble all around. So it is with a life. When your life is shaken - will it stand? Will it?

The title this morning is ‘Building well’ x2

How have you built? Have you built well? Or have you taken short cuts?, have you neglected important parts?, maybe left a lot to chance, like the right concrete mix.

As we continue in 1 Corinthians we are looking particularly at verses 10-15. Paul warns us, we must build our Christian lives well. He shows us the importance of choosing the right materials so that when the tests come, which they will - our lives will stand firm: “**each one should be careful how he builds**” he says x2

Now the first thing to do when you are planning to build is to choose the right location, a place where you can be sure you have a firm foundation.

■ **Druids Heath gap in the tower blocks, underground streams.**

Before you go up – you go down x2. You make sure you have found the right place, for once you’ve started to build - how easy is it to move later? When it comes to life the foundations are the good example and teaching of our parents, and they should be reinforced by the teachings of the school.

Values stick, habits stay, so children should not be left to themselves, but taught well for **folly is bound up in the heart of a child**, says the proverb (22:15) so it is important to **train**, or **start, a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.** Prov 22:6

Jesus said that wise is the man who builds his life on His words and puts them into practice. He said this having just preached the Sermon on the mount. ‘Now what will you do with it’ he is saying. ‘Will you act on it, will

you do it – and therefore build well, or will you disregard it? Let it wash over you, or think you know better, that, says Jesus, is the way of a fool.

So too with this sermon, As we read the Lord's word this morning, what will you do with it? will you act on it? – and build well, and therefore have a strong steady life so you can smile at the future, like [Wakeem can now do, no more fear of death for him, for his life is now founded on an eternally strong foundation](#). Or will you let the words of Jesus go over your head, in one ear and out of the other? Will you reduce the message to 'interesting' and leave it at that. To ignore this one good foundation, is to act the fool.

What does Paul say? **11 For no-one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

Is this foundation – the only foundation?

Clearly Jesus says you can - and many do. People all around the world are building their lives on different religions, ideologies, philosophies, theories, what of them? And likely here in Britain; self-advancement, self-comfort, pleasure, greed, wealth.

Yes, **there is a way that seems right to a man**, many ways, thousands of ways millions of ways, as many ways as there are people, how appealing they can be, often impressive, even temporarily successful, and copied by thousands, perhaps even state endorsed - **but in the end it leads to death.** Prov 14:12 & 16:25 **in the end** x2 for the judgment of God is before each one of us, and He will judge the world on the basis of His righteousness - His standard - not yours.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth. Ps 96:13

There's the standard, God is saying you must build this way. He knows, He has installed His king, and it is only His King, His Son, Jesus the Lord of Glory whose kingdom is the everlasting kingdom.

How about you here this morning? It is quite possible for some to say all the right things – from the mind, after all you have learned what to say – and yet believe something quite different in your heart.

Let me ask you a 'heart' question: "how can God accept you as you are into a perfect heaven?" What would you say? "I'm trying to live a good life, I am trying to live a godly life?" There revealed is your heart and your trust. Are you doing it well enough? Of course not, you can't, and you won't. Your trust is in the wrong place. It is for that reason that Christ came to die on the cross. Did he not come and suffer for good reason? Trust in Him and Him alone, for He alone is righteous - then you will be accepted. Do not be

blind to the reality of your sin, it holds you guilty before God, it's a stain you cannot remove. When the Day of testing comes you will be weighed in the scales and found wanting.

To deny sin is to be completely ignorant of yourself, to be self-deceived and make God out to be a liar. Do not build on a false foundation for one day that building will fail - and it will fall – with a tremendous crash.

The Holy God of heaven will one day punish all who refuse to bow to his Son, as he says **"It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them."** De 32:35

Make sure that is not you. If you have built your life, your trusts, your foundations on anything other than Jesus Christ then you need to start again - in a new location, on a right foundation. Do it now. Repent of your past sin and turn to Jesus.

Members of God's household have lives built **on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, - that is the word of God - **with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.** Eph 2:19,20. This I trust is clear. Surely **no-one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

So now we have the right foundation how well will you build on it?

Some, having started on the right foundation, are not careful how they build. They start well but then take little heed of their Christian life. [I had an old Rover 65 made in the 50's. it had a 'free wheel' knob, it left the wheels disengaged and was a bit scary](#), do that with your life and it will end in tragedy. Do not be a Christians who gives little attention to the means of grace, the building materials of the Christian faith.

[It is a bit like going to Wickes to buy the right building materials. As you push your trolley around your eyes are drawn to some things 'on offer' they are the wrong materials. You think "ah this is a cheaper way, an easier way, a quicker way to build. You end up buying them instead and take them home even though they are cheap and no good.](#)

Paul says some are doing this, building with **wood, hay and straw**. What kind of house will that be? What about when the fire comes? – [as with the fire of London which took such a hold and moved so quickly among the wooden houses it was almost impossible to put out.](#)

Paul's choice of building materials gives us a stark contrast of the two ways we can build. You can either **12 build on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones**, or you can build on this foundation using **wood, hay or straw**.

What is the difference? It is one of durability x2. **gold, silver, precious stones;** are durable. **Wood, hay, and stubble** are not durable, they are perishable.

They do not last. (Is. 54:1 If.; Rev. 21:18ff.).

Yes it is also one of value - strong Christian lives are built on the **living and enduring word of God**. Neglect this key means of Grace and your life will be consumed in the fire or collapse at the slightest tremor.

⇒ **A Christian who does not know the word of God is heading for a fall.**

Make sure you spend time reading and meditating on God's word. Not to do that means that there is no change in your thinking, there is no renewing of your *mind*. Without the influence of God's word reforming our corrupt minds my thinking remains carnal and man centered. That is what Paul had to challenge the Christians in Corinth about. **They thought in a worldly manner – and therefore behaved in a worldly manner.**

This is to open the door in the church for the devil to do his work. Jealousy, a party spirit, pride that is easily pricked, poor self-control, a seeking after comfort and material blessings, the needing of constant self-affirmation and attention - are all symptoms of someone who is not building well.

This type of person Paul says in 3:2 needs milk; that is elementary teaching (Heb. 5:11f). in other words, to get back onto Christ as the foundation. The Corinthians, though Christians, were dominated by their lower nature (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:16-24), and so in practice are little better than ordinary men who know little of the Spirit (Ja 3:14f) and follow different leaders like worldly people, an attitude unspiritual and un-Christian.

So too in the church today, many are not clear about salvation, not clear about the Judgment to come, not clear about heaven and hell, not clear about the god of this age and his evil schemes. Not clear that the essentials in being a disciple of Jesus is humility and commitment to Christ-like service.

■ **That is because the TV and phone is watched more than the Bible read. Prayer times are neglected, service for the Lord is non-existent.**

The result is weakness and melancholy. When the time of testing comes, the true state of that person's walk with the Lord, - or lack of it - is exposed.

⇒ **The TV is temporary, the phone is temporary, but Bible study has eternal value, prayer have eternity in mind, serving builds for eternity.**

Christian maturity is not seen in exuberant singing, swaying to the music, no but one who loves their brothers and sisters – even when they are annoying! A Christian who builds well is one willing to serve, joins in prayer, gives

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words to build others up and is in every way like Jesus – the One on whom our lives are to be built - and the One we model.

Salvation is 100% the Lord's doing. But building, or growing, that is Sanctification - is a collaboration, I have my part to play, I am actively involved in my progress. I am to strive towards Godliness.

⇒ **Older Christians should be setting the example and standard for younger Christians, your lives – how you build them - are being noticed.**

I have been talking about individuals in the church, but does Paul have some people particularly in mind?

Paul started by saying **10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder,**

Paul had built well. The Lord had enabled him, given him the 'grace' to build as an **'expert' builder**, the word expert is ⁷⁵³ ἀρχιτέκτων 'architekton' translated in the AV as **master builder** an architect, the superintendent in the erection of buildings - a word that only occurs here.

and someone else is building on it. Who is this **'someone else'** x2

If you stand back a bit you can see Paul has been making a case for good leaders and in particularly defending his role as an Apostle. The church was being hoodwinked by false leaders, those he calls 'Super Apostles'. Turn to 1:17 and Paul explains his role **"For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel. 1 Co 2:1-4 "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,"** This personal defense of his ministry is more and more evident as you go through both letters.

3:5 **"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task."** 1Co 3:5

The church was founded by Paul, he had laid a good foundation as the first evangelist in Corinth (Rom 15:20). **Apollos watered;** (Acts 18:27 - 19:1) and **God gave the growth.** And now someone else is building on it? who is this **someone else?** The current leader, or leaders?

In this passage about building well Paul has in mind those who minister in the church of God, the church leaders. Look at 4:1 and you see Paul is defending his role as an Apostle, that is as a servant of the church.

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So while we can apply it to us as Christians in that we should all build well, Paul has the church leaders in his sights.

How important it is that those who lead the church build well? It's crucial! Our job is to make sure that the foundations remain on Jesus Christ and to be careful to build well on Him, in Him.

■ One church, I have mentioned before, had a new pastor who said of the previous incumbent: "he drove the church off the cliff!"

It was decimated. Easily done, allow the enemy a foothold and he can tear the church apart. How the enemy loves to see churches split.

The church is meant here for v9 speaks of the building, but the 'you' is plural meaning the people. That's the context for the phrase that follows v17 **"If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you (plural) are that temple."** 1Co 3:17 **Strong stuff.**

The word 'temple' is not the outer courts, but the 'sanctuary', the very dwelling-place of God (1 Pet. 2:4-10). the local church of worshipping believers Jesus will not sit idly by when his precious church is rent apart. See the Judgments He threatens his churches with, in Revelation. Read Ezekiel 34 to see what the Lord thinks of the bad shepherds. The declaration in John 10 of Jesus as the good shepherd is in contrast to the bad shepherd pharisees.

Bad teachers open the door in the church for the devil to do his work.

■ BCM received a letter from a man deeply concerned about his church and asking for prayer. The church, once Evangelical and founded on the word was now seeking to endorse and include all things LGBTQ

Clearly the damage had already been done, for unless the leader makes sure the foundation is the word of God as the authority for life and conduct there will be no change, no going back. **The Bible has to be the foundation.**

If anyone one destroys, that is by false teaching or by causing grievous division, thus driving out the Spirit of God, that church is heading for disaster. Jesus would rather have no church - than a dishonouring church.

Time of testing

13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

This is 'the' Day, the day of judgment. When Christ returns each man's work will be shown up in its true light. v13 **It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.**

Jesus we are told will **return with his angels and blazing fire** 2 Thes. 1:7.

What will survive? We are not Egyptians who think we can be buried with our pots and pans to take with us to the after life, No. **As J.J said when at an uncle's funeral when they were sitting still, quiet and reflective, "did he leave much" came the question, "he left everything" came the reply.**

What you will take with you? not your home, nor car, nor that collection of whatever it is you have been saving, nor your family, but only your deeds. Your deeds and your character, your deeds *from* your character.

Do you have deeds that will survive? Have you built up a Christ-like character, a character prepared for your heavenly home? Will your works be such that they will count for eternity? Or will they be burned up like Lot. Lot lived and became ensnared by the wicked city of Sodom – a city he chose to make his home. He was the Lord's man, but he was a poor witness to those around for he lived little differently to them.

⇒ Lot we are told escaped through the flames, all he had was burned up.

Reward or loss

14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames."

He was saved because of the Lord's foundation, the Lord will keep for that day all whom he has saved. But Lot was not wise, he had not built well, he had built with **wood, hay and straw**, fire made short and easy work of them.

Remember - the outcome is based on the material's durability. It will be a day when the materials we have used to build with will be laid bare, a day of testing like the earthquake which revealed which of those smart looking buildings were built well. It wasn't how they looked, or how large, but how well they had been built that was important.

We don't know what the reward is, – but you can be sure it is good, very good. Loss means nothing left from a work which that had no lasting value.

That act of kindness to another for Christ will not be forgotten. That gift done in secret will not be forgotten. That time in prayer is not in vain. Look to your future, build for the future, invest for the future. Build well, and you will have a strong steady life now, you will be an **oak of righteousness** that stands firm in the storm, with a great reward to come.

END

“建設好”

開經經。

聖詩 MP 367 耶穌是主，創造的聲音宣告它

禱告

經文 以賽亞書 61:1-7 (第 748 頁)

兒童談話 建造諾亞方舟，瓦薩，

合唱 MP 244 上帝多麼善良 / 245 我們的上帝多麼偉大。

注意約翰福音 1 章中的 Q 詩句 - 我是安德魯影片。

星期六晚上從 BGEA 機場搭乘海倫娜電梯

禱告與主禱文

讀經哥林多前書 3:1-17 (第 1145 頁)

馬太福音 7:24-27 (第 972 頁)

聖詩 MP 1075 耶穌一切為了耶穌

講道“建造良好”

聖詩 MP 243 主的聖徒你們的根基何等堅固

閉幕祈禱：CH 900 起：

1 讚美創造萬物的神，

讚美天父無限的慈愛；

讚美羔羊，我們的替代，

祭司和國王坐在上面。

2 讚美救恩的泉源，

我們的精神靠祂而活；

一心一意的崇拜

獻給耶和華所賜的那一位。

替代。喬賽亞·康德 (1789–1855)

禱告

土耳其是一個由三個板塊相連的國家，經常發生嚴重的地震。這些導致許多建築物“變成薄餅”，並造成大量傷亡。這些災難場景已在世界各地播出。人們表達了極大的同情、救援努力和主動提供的幫助：「讓我們向您展示如何建造能夠抵禦地震的房屋」。

“我們知道如何建造能夠抵禦地震的房屋”，得到的答案是。他們知道，但他們沒有這樣做。他們對未來發生地震的可能性視而不見，他們抄近路，他們走了一條更容易、更便宜的路線。所以當地震來臨時，他們的建築物就倒塌了。

但不是所有的。這些建築建造得很好，矗立得很牢固，高高地聳立在周圍的瓦礫之上。

生命也是如此。當你的生活受到動搖時—它還能站立得住嗎？會嗎？

今天早上的標題是「建設良好」x2

你建得怎麼樣了？你建得好嗎？或者你走捷徑了嗎？

當我們繼續讀哥林多前書時，我們要特別看 10-15

節。保羅警告我們，我們必須建立良好的基督徒生活。他向我們展示了選擇正確材料的重要性，這樣當測試到來時，我們的生活就會站穩腳跟：「每個人都應該小心他的建造方式」他說x2

現在，當您計劃建造時要做的第一件事就是選擇正確的位置，一個可以確保您擁有堅實基礎的地方。

德魯伊在塔樓荒原間隙，地下溪流。

在你上升之前——

你下降了x2。您要確保找到了正確的地方，因為一旦開始建造，以後搬家容易嗎？

就生活而言，基礎是父母的好榜樣和教導，應該透過學校的教導來加強。

諺語說，價值觀要堅持，習慣要保留，孩子不應該被留給自己，但要好好教育，因為愚蠢是紮根在孩子的心中的，所以訓練或開始孩子的學習非常重要。也不偏離。箴 22:6

耶穌說，將自己的生活建立在祂的話語之上並付諸實踐的人就是明智的人。他是在剛剛宣講登山寶訓時說這番話的。

「現在你要用它做什麼，」他說。『你會採取行動嗎？你這樣做了一因此建造得很好，或者你會忽視它嗎？讓它淹沒你，或認為你更了解，耶穌說，這是愚人的做法。

這篇講道也是如此，當我們今天早上讀主的話語時，你會用它做什麼？你會採取行動嗎？ -

並建立良好，因此擁有強大穩定的生活，這樣你就可以對未來微笑，就像韋基姆現在可以做的那樣，對他來說不再害怕死亡，因為他的生活現在建立在永恆堅固的基礎上。還是你會讓耶穌的話在你的頭上，一隻耳朵裡聽，另一耳傳出來？您是否可以將信息簡化為“有趣”，然後就這樣？忽視這良好的基礎，就是愚弄。

保羅怎麼說？ 11

因為除了已經立好的根基，就是耶穌基督以外，沒有人能立下任何根基。

這個基金會是唯一的基金會嗎？

顯然耶穌說你可以 -

而且很多人都這麼做了。世界各地的人們都在不同的宗教、意識形態、哲學、理論的基礎上建構自己的生活，其中又是什麼呢？很可能在英國這裡；自我提升、自我安慰、享樂、貪婪、財富。

是的，有一種方法對一個人來說似乎是正確的，有很多方法，成千上萬的方法，數以百萬計的方法，有多少人就有多少種方法，它們可以多麼吸引人，常常令人印象深刻，甚至暫時成功，並被成千上萬的人複製，也許即使國家認可 - 但最終會導致死亡。箴 14:12 & 16:25

最終x2因為神的審判就在我們每個人面前，他將根據他的公義 -

他的標準 - 而不是你的標準來審判世界。

他必按公義審判世界，按他的真理審判萬民。詩 96:13

有標準，上帝說你必須這樣建造。他知道，他已經立了他的王，只有他的王，他的兒子，榮耀的主耶穌，他的國度才是永恆的國度。

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今天早上你在這裡怎麼樣？有些人很可能會說出所有正確的話 -

畢竟你已經學會了該說些什麼 - 發自內心 -

但內心卻相信一些完全不同的東西。

讓我問你一個‘心’的問題：“當你進入完美的天堂時，神如何能接受你呢？”你打算說什麼？

「我正在努力過美好的生活，我正在努力過敬虔的生活嗎？」那裡透露的是你的心和你的信任。你做得夠好嗎？當然不能，你不能，也不會。你的信任放錯地方了。正是因為這個原因，基督才死在十字架上。他來受苦不是有充分理由的嗎？相信他，只相信他，因為只有他是正義的——那麼你就會被接受。不要對你罪的現實視而不見，它會讓你在上帝面前感到內疚，這是你無法去除的污點。當測試日到來時，您將在秤上稱重並發現不合格。

否認罪就是對自己完全無知，自欺欺人，讓神成為說謊者。不要在錯誤的基礎上建造，有一天，建築物會因巨大的崩潰而倒塌，甚至倒塌。

天上聖潔的上帝有一天會懲罰所有拒絕向祂的兒子下拜的人，正如祂所說：「伸冤是我的；我會償還的。到了適當的時候，他們的腳就會滑倒；他們的災難日子已經臨近，他們的厄運即將降臨。申 32:35 確保那不是你。如果你的生活、你的信任、你的根基不是建立在耶穌基督之上，那麼你需要重新開始——在一個新的地點，在一個正確的基礎上。現在做。悔改你過去的罪並轉向耶穌。

神家裡的成員的生活是建立在使徒和先知的基礎上的 -

這就是神的話語 - 以基督耶穌自己為房角石。弗

2:19, 20。我相信這一點是明確的。事實上，除了已經奠定的基礎，即耶穌基督之外，沒有人可以奠定任何基礎。

現在我們有了正確的基礎 - 你將如何建造？

有些人從正確的基礎開始，卻不小心他們的建造方式。他們一開始很好，但後來卻很少關心他們的基督徒生活。我有一輛 50

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年代製造的舊 Rover

65。它有一個“自由輪”旋鈕，它讓輪子脫離，有點嚇人，如果你這樣做的話，就會以悲劇告終。不要成為一個很少關注恩典之道、基督教信仰的建築材料的基督徒。

這有點像是去威克斯買合適的建築材料。當你推著手推車四處轉悠時，你的眼睛會被一些「出售」的東西所吸引，它們是錯誤的材料。你會想「啊，這是一種更便宜、更簡單、更快的建置方式。你最終還是買了它們，然後把它們帶回家，儘管它們很便宜而且不好。

保羅說，有些人正在這樣做，用木頭、乾草和稻草建造房屋。那會是個什麼樣的房子呢？火災來臨時怎麼辦？——就像倫敦的大火一樣，它在木屋之間蔓延得如此之快，幾乎不可能被撲滅。

保羅對建築材料的選擇讓我們對兩種建造方式形成了鮮明的對比。你可以使用金、銀、昂貴的石頭在此基礎上建造 12，也可以使用木頭、乾草或稻草在此基礎上建造。

有什麼不同？它是耐用性 x2 之一。金、銀、寶石；經久耐用。木頭、乾草和殘茬不耐用，它們很容易腐爛。它們不會持久。（以賽亞書 54:1 如果；啟 21:18ff）。

是的，它也是有價值的一堅強的基督徒生活是建立在神活潑而持久的話語之上的。忽略了恩典的這個關鍵手段，你的生命就會在火焰中被吞噬，或是在輕微的震動中崩潰。

- 一個不認識神話語的基督徒正在走向跌倒。

確保你花時間閱讀和默想上帝的話語。不這樣做意味著你的思想沒有改變，你的心思沒有更新。如果沒有神話語的影響來改變我們敗壞的思想，我的思想仍然是屬肉體的、以人為中心的。這就是保羅必須向哥林多基督徒提出的挑戰。他們以世俗的方式思考——因此也以世俗的方式行事。

這是為魔鬼在教會裡做他的工作打開了大門。嫉妒、黨性、容易被刺痛驕傲、自製力差、追求舒適和物質幸福、需要不斷的自我肯定和關注——這些都是一個人建設不好的症狀。

保羅在三章二節說，這類人需要牛奶；這是基本的教導（來 5:11f）。換句話說，就是回到以基督為根基。哥林多人雖然是基督徒，卻受到低等本性的支配（羅馬書13:14；加拉太書5:16-24），因此實際上比對聖靈知之甚少的普通人好不了多少（雅各書3:14f）並且像世俗的人一樣追隨不同的領袖，這是一種不屬靈的態度，因此也不是基督教的。

在今天的教會中也是如此，許多人不清楚救恩，不清楚即將到來的審判，不清楚天堂和地獄，不清楚這個時代的神和祂的邪惡計劃。目前尚不清楚成為耶穌門徒的要素是謙卑和致力於像基督一樣的服務。

這是因為看電視和打電話的人比讀聖經的人多。祈禱時間被忽視，對主的服事根本不存在。

結果就是虛弱和憂鬱。當考驗的時刻到來時，那個人與主同行的真實狀態——或缺乏與主同行——就會暴露出來。

- 電視是暫時的，電話是暫時的，但查經有永恆的價值，禱告有永恆的心，事奉為永恆而建造。

基督徒的成熟並不體現在熱情洋溢的歌聲、隨著音樂搖擺，而是愛他們的兄弟姐妹——即使他們很煩人！一個善於建造的基督徒是一個願意服事、參與禱告、奉獻的人言語造就他人，在各方面都像耶穌——我們的生命賴以建立的那一位——也是我們效法的那一位。

救恩100%是主所做的。但建立或成長，那就是成聖——是一種合作，我有我的職責要發揮，我積極參與我的進步。我要努力走向敬虔。

- 年長的基督徒應該為年輕的基督徒樹立榜樣和標準，你的生活——你如何建構它們——正在受到關注。

我一直在談論教會中的個人，但保羅是否特別想到了一些人呢？

保羅一開始就說： 10

靠著上帝給我的恩典，我奠定了成為專業建造者的基礎，

保羅建造得很好。主使他成為“專家”建造者，給他“恩典”，專家這個詞是 753 ἀρχιτεκτων 'architekton' 在 AV 中翻譯為建築大師、建築師、建築物建造的主管 - 一個詞這只發生在這裡。

其他人正在其基礎上進行構建。 這個『別人』是誰 x2

如果你退後一步，你會發現保羅一直在為優秀的領導者辯護，特別是捍衛他作為使徒的角色。教會被假領袖蒙蔽，他稱之為「超級使徒」。翻到 1 章 17

節，保羅解釋了他的角色：「基督差遣我，本來不是為施洗，乃是為傳福音。 1 Co 2:1-4

弟兄們，我到你們那裡去，並沒有用高言大智對你們宣講神的見證。

因為當我和你們在一起的時候，我決定除了耶穌基督和祂被釘十字架之外，什麼都不知道。我帶著軟弱、恐懼和顫抖來到你們這裡。我的信息和我的講道並不是用智慧和有說服力的話語，而是用聖靈能力的彰顯。越來越明顯。

3:5 亞波羅究竟是什麼？保羅是什麼？只有僕人，透過他們你才相信 - 正如主給每個人分配的任務一樣。 1Co 3:5

教會是由保羅創立的，他作為哥林多第一位傳道者，奠定了良好的基礎（羅馬書15:20）。亞波羅澆水；（使徒行傳 18:27 - 19:1）神賜了成長。現在其他人正在其基礎上進行構建？這是別人是誰？現任領導，還是領導者？

在這段關於建造美好的經文中，保羅想到的是那些在上帝教會中事奉的人，也就是教會領袖。看4:1，你會發現保羅正在捍衛他作為使徒的角色，即作為教會僕人的角色。

因此，雖然我們可以將它應用到基督徒身上，因為我們都應該建造得很好，但保羅的目標是教會領袖。

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那些帶領教會建立得好的人有多重要？這很關鍵！我們的工作是確保根基仍然建立在耶穌基督之上，並小心翼翼地在此基礎上、在此的裡面建造得很好。

我之前提到過，有一個教會有一位新牧師，他這樣評價前任牧師：“他把教會推下了懸崖！”

它被摧毀了。很容易做到，給敵人一個立足點，他就可以把教堂拆開。仇敵多麼喜歡看到教會分裂。

教堂在這裡的意思是 V9

指的是建築物，但「你」是複數，意思是人民。這就是第 17 節後面那句話的背景：“若有人拆毀神的殿，神必拆毀他；凡拆毀神的殿，神必拆毀他。”因為上帝的聖殿是神聖的，而你（複數）就是那座聖殿。 1Co 3:17 很強大的東西。

「殿」一詞不是指外院，而是“聖所”，即上帝的居所（彼得前書 2:4-10）。崇拜信徒的地方教會

當耶穌寶貴的教會被撕裂時，他不會袖手旁觀。請參閱《啟示錄》中他威脅教會的審判。讀以西結書 34

章，看看主對壞牧人的看法。約翰福音第 10

章耶穌作為好牧人的宣告與法利賽人的壞牧人形成鮮明對比

糟糕的教師會在教會中為魔鬼打開大門，讓其為所欲為。

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收到一封來自一位男士的來信，他非常關心他的教會並請求祈禱。教會，曾經是福音派並建立在這個詞的基礎上，現在正在尋求認可和包容所有 LGBTQ 事物

顯然，損害已經造成，因為除非領導者確保基礎是神的話語作為生活和行為的權威，否則就不會改變，不會回頭。聖經必須是基礎。

如果有人破壞，那就是透過錯誤的教導或造成嚴重的分裂，從而驅逐神的靈，那麼那個教會就會走向災難。耶穌寧願沒有教會，也不願有一個不光彩的教會。

測試時間

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13 他的工作將顯出其本來面目，因為那一天將使它顯露出來。

這是‘那’日，審判日。當基督再來時，每個人的工作都將以其真實的光彩顯現出來。 v13

它將被火顯露出來，火將考驗每個人工作的品質。

我們被告知耶穌將帶著祂的天使和烈火回來 2 Thes。 1:7。

什麼會生存？我們不是埃及人，他們認為我們可以和鍋碗瓢盆一起下葬，然後帶去來世，不。了。很多東西嗎？

你會帶什麼？不是你的家，也不是你的車，也不是你一直以來所保存的一切的集合，也不是你的家人，而是你的行為。你的行為和你的性格，你的行為源自於你的性格。

你有可以生存的事蹟嗎？你是否已建立起像基督一樣的品格，為你的天家所預備的品格？你的作品會永垂不朽嗎？或者他們會像羅得一樣被燒死。羅得生活在邪惡的所多瑪城，並陷入其中一

他選擇這座城市作為自己的家。他是主的人，但他對周圍的人來說卻是一個糟糕的見證，因為他的生活與他們沒什麼不同。

- 我們聽說很多人從火焰中逃了出來，他的一切都被燒毀了。

獎勵或損失

14 如果他所建造的東西倖存下來，他就會得到回報。 15

若被燒毀，他必受損失；他本人也會獲救，但只能是從火焰中逃脫的人。

他得救是因著主的根基，主必保守他所拯救的人到那日。但羅得並不聰明，他建造得不好，他用木頭、乾草和稻草建造，火使它們變得又短又容易。

請記住 -

結果取決於材料的耐用性。有一天，我們用來建造的材料將被暴露出來，這一天將像地震一樣進行測試，揭示那些看起來漂亮的建築中哪些建築建造得很好。重要的不是它們的外觀或大小，而是它們的建造程度。

我們不知道獎勵是什麼，但你可以肯定它是好的，非常好的。損失意味著一件沒有持久價值的作品什麼都沒有留下。為基督而對他人的善行將不會被忘記。這份秘密的禮物不會被遺忘。那段時間的禱告並沒有白費。展望未來，為未來建設，為未來投資。建造得好，你現在就會擁有堅強穩定的生活，你就會成為一棵在暴風雨中屹立不倒的公義橡樹，並會得到巨大的回報。

結尾