

The foundation that is laid is Jesus Christ and I cannot be punished for my sins. I would not willingly perform the sin; I was carried into it by the force of the emotions and feelings that are within me. I did my best to resist it but I fell into it and into sin to some extent every day but I pray the Lord will help me to overcome it and fall less often and to grow in my Christian life, and the sins that I fall into after my salvation they are laid on Jesus Christ. And Satan must be silenced, because this says the foundation has been laid. The foundation, the beginning of the building that has been laid in Jesus Christ.

But then we go on in our Christian life and everything that the deeds done in the body. There is a judgment we are told here for our works. That is a judgment it is good for us to keep in mind day by day. We are building constantly. We are building. We are tilling the field, but at this point the figure is the building. In this building we are building we may be building gold, silver, costly stones, or wood, hay, or stubble.

We often read about building, building the specifications that are strong enough to stand many times the stress that is put on them. Yet, we read how suddenly the building has collapsed. We read how it has dropped and there is great damage. Investigation shows that the material put into the building was that which was . Were they building of material they should have or were they building of wood, hay, stubble? It looks beautiful and stands up for a time but the wind comes, the storm comes and the comes and it collapses.

You could go to Egypt today and you could see great monuments there of mighty Pharaohs. You could see great stone statues of the Pharaohs there so tall that as I stood in front of one there my head only came to his knee. These great statues stand there and chiseled into the stone are the names of the Pharaohs and the statements of what he claimed to have done. Often he lied and copied from what some other Pharaoh said on his monument. But it was made by a workman of solid stone, graven into it with time consuming effort in such a way that it lasts to this day and proclaims what he wanted to.

Then there are countries(?) in the ancient near east of which we read in the Bible that they put up the stones and they they daubed mortar over them, and then they marked into the mortar their names with the accounts of their deeds. There was a beautiful monument for their contemporaries, but as time when on it washed off. The winds came and the storms came and nothing remains on the stones except maybe one or two letters. One is built of that which is lasting; the other is built of that which is perishing.

Here we have a picture of the building that each of us is performing today what we perform(ed) during the remainder of our lives. We must seek to avoid sin, and avoid doing that which is evil. We must pray God to be delivered from sin, but we know that our guilt was laid on the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a definite responsibility to think now of what we are doing toward building. What we are building for Him. Not merely what we plan to build in future days. Somebody has said, Crossing the ocean never