

*"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*



The walls and terraces still stand at "Old Peak," even after countless 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 the Rock, and it sits literally in the clouds. It has been declared one of the "wonders" of the world. It 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. When we "hear and do" the Words of God, our lives will stand the ravages of time and circumstance. We will be a living testament to the mystery of faith, and people 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. To be sure, the timber and thatch are withered and rotted away, but the stone blocks have not budged. To this day the city still presents an impregnable face. The Incas were also renowned for their wealth of gold. The museums are full of it to this day. They clothed and adorned themselves with solid gold.

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

Believers should do no less with the Gold of heaven. Our lives should be a tapestry woven with the golden threads of faith. We should drape ourselves with the spotless white raiment of Christ's righteousness, and adorn 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.

*"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*