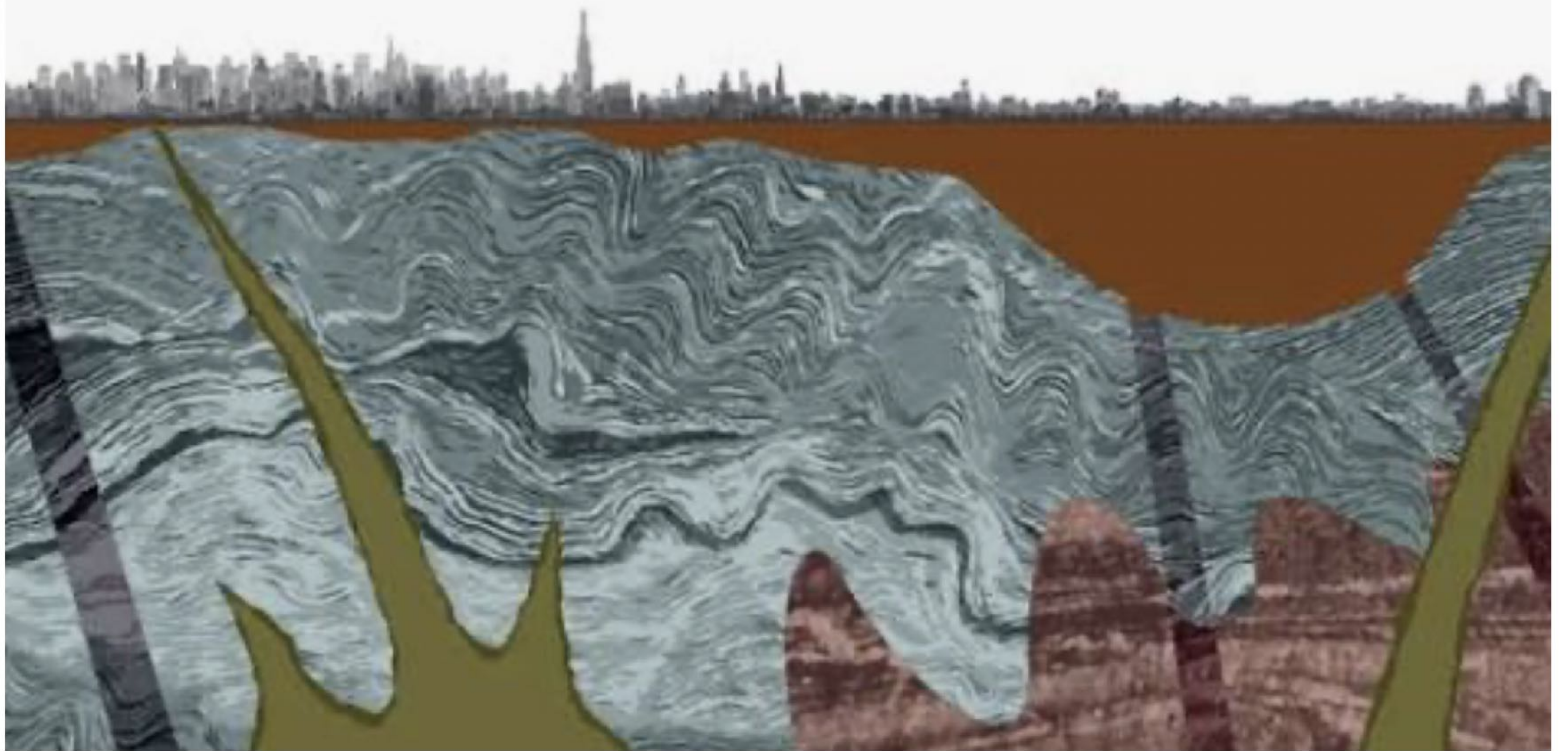


Construction for Eternity





**Notice
the gap
between
the tall
buildings.**



Leaning Tower of Pisa





1 Corinthians 3:1–3 (KJV) — 1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 Corinthians 3:4–6 (KJV) — 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:7–9 (KJV) — 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:10 (KJV) — 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation [Christ], and another (ἄλλος) buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Acts 9:15 (KJV) — 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

**2 Corinthians 1:1 (KJV) — 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus
Christ by the will of God . . .**

Romans 15:20 (KJV) — 20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, . . .

**1 Corinthians 3:11 (KJV) — 11 For other (allos)
foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is
Jesus Christ.**

John 14:6 (KJV) — 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 (KJV) — 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Matthew 16:18 (KJV) — 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1 Corinthians 3:12 (KJV) — 12 Now if any man
build upon this foundation [Christ] gold, silver,
precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1 Peter 2:5 (KJV) — 5 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.

1 Corinthians 3:13 (KJV) — 13 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.

Romans 2:16 (KJV) — 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

**1 Thessalonians 5:4 (KJV) — 4 But ye,
brethren, are not in darkness, that that day
should overtake you as a thief.**

A wide-angle photograph of a massive fire tunnel in a desert landscape. The fire is a long, intense line of orange and yellow flames stretching across the middle ground. In the foreground, a person wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants is walking away from the camera towards the left. The ground is sandy and uneven. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

50 meter tunnel of fire

Stephen Alan Ladd

Revelation 3:10 (KJV) — 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

**1 Corinthians 3:14 (KJV) — 14 If any man's
work abide which he hath built thereupon, he
shall receive a reward.**

Luke 19:16–17 (KJV) — 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

The Lord has a great work to be done, and He will *bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life.*

The Lord chooses His own agents, and each day under different circumstances He gives them a trial in His plan of operation. In each true-hearted endeavor to work out His plan, He chooses His agents not because they are perfect but because, through a connection with Him, they may gain perfection.

(Christ's Object Lessons, p. 330.1)

The good tree will produce good fruit. If the fruit is unpalatable and worthless, the tree is evil. So the fruit borne in the life testifies as to the condition of the heart and the excellence of the character. Good works can never purchase salvation, but they are an evidence of the faith that acts by love and purifies the soul. *And though the eternal reward is not bestowed because of our merit, yet it will be in proportion to the work that has been done through the grace of Christ.*

(The Desire of Ages, p. 314.2)

If those to whom God's money has been entrusted will be faithful in bringing the means lent them to the Lord's treasury, His work will make rapid advancement. Many souls will be won to the cause of truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 58.3)

1 Corinthians 3:15 (KJV) — 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The Christian teacher who faithfully presents the word of truth, leading his converts to holiness of heart and life, is bringing precious material to the foundation; and in the kingdom of God he will be honored as a wise builder. He who neglects to teach the truth in its purity, will gather converts who are not holy in heart and life. He is bringing material that will not stand the test. In the day of God he will suffer loss.

Though it is possible that those who have spent the best of life in teaching error may, by repentance and faith, be saved at last, yet their work is lost. Their life has failed of the good results that might have been secured. Souls have gone down to ruin, who, by a faithful presentation of the truth, might have been saved. Says the apostle, “Let every man take heed how he buildeth.” (*Sketches from the Life of Paul*, p. 159.2)

Matthew 7:26–27 (KJV) — 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

But God is all-pitiful, gracious, and tender, and when light comes to show who have injured their health by sinful indulgences, and they are convinced of sin, and repent and seek pardon, He accepts the poor offering rendered to Him, and receives them. Oh, what tender mercy that He does not refuse the remnant of the abused life of the suffering, repenting sinner! In His gracious mercy He saves these souls as by fire. But what an inferior, pitiful sacrifice, at best, to offer to a pure and holy God! Noble faculties have been paralyzed by wrong habits of sinful indulgence. The aspirations are perverted, and the soul and body defaced. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 165.1)

