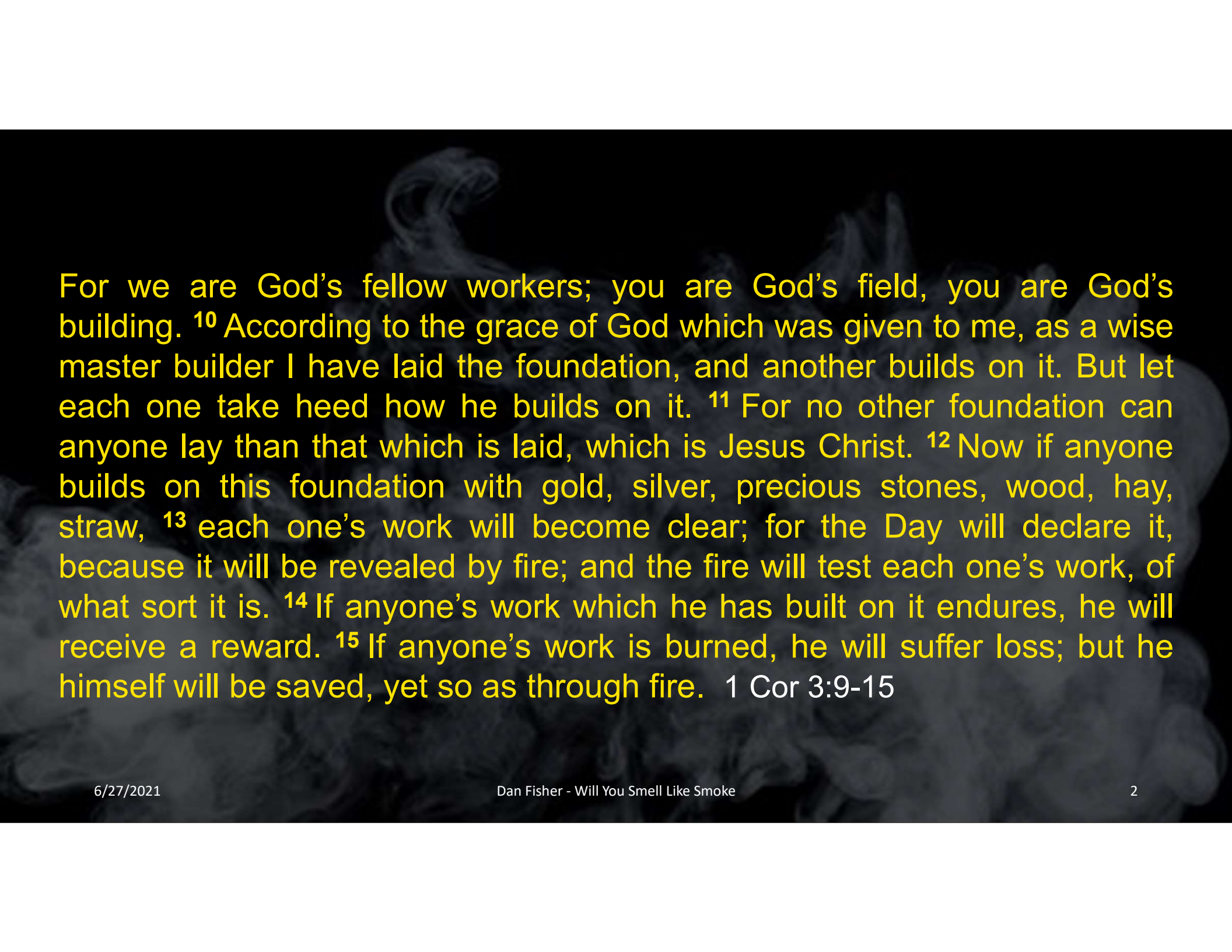


A large, billowing cloud of white smoke or steam against a black background. The smoke is thick and textured, with many small, swirling eddies and larger, more defined shapes. It appears to be rising or expanding from the bottom, filling most of the frame. The lighting is soft, highlighting the intricate patterns of the smoke.

Will you smell like smoke?



For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 1 Cor 3:9-15

1 Kings 10:17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: (\$100,000) and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 14:21-22 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. ... ²²And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.



1 Kings 14:25-26 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: ²⁶And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

1 Kings 14:27-28 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house. ²⁸And it was so, when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.





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1 Cor 9:27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1. The certainty of this judgment

2 Cor 5:10 For we **must all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Cor 3:13 ... for **the Day** will declare it,

2. The criteria of this judgment

1 Cor 3:12-13 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

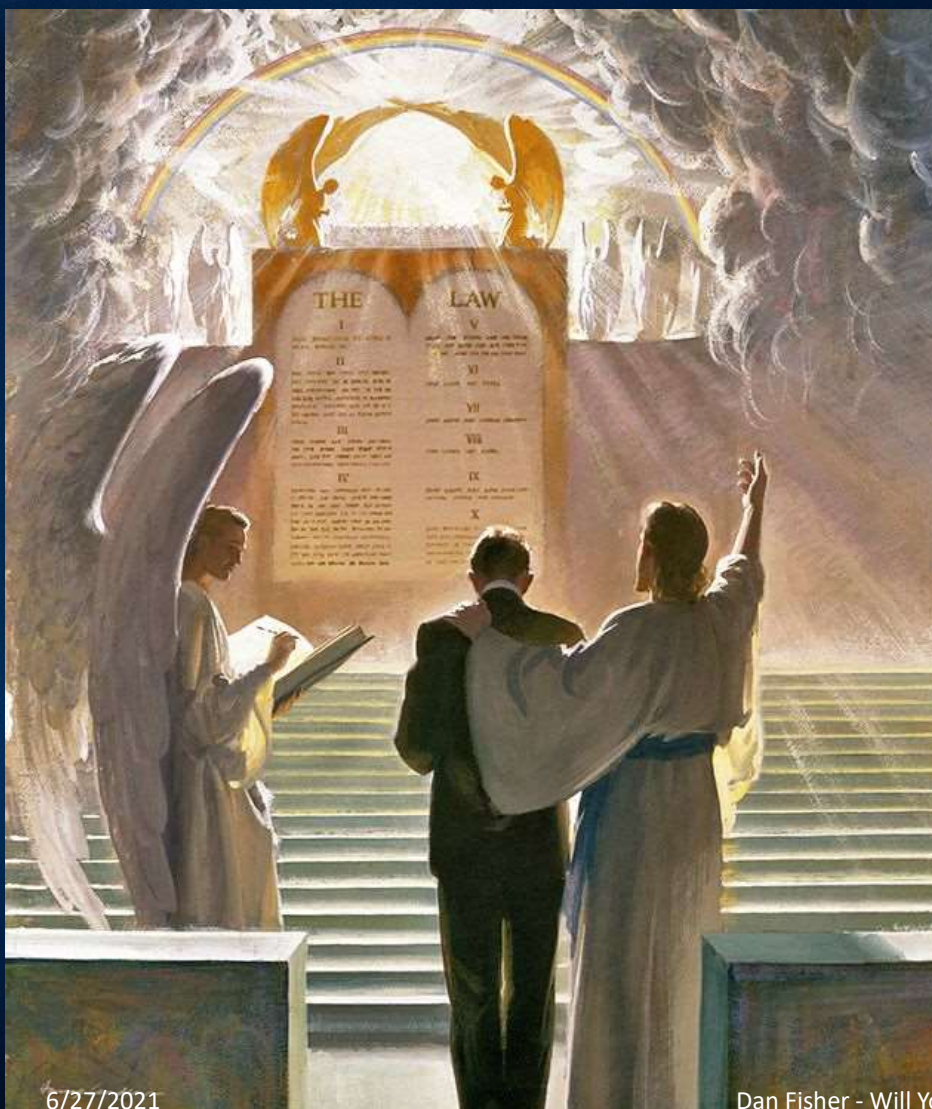
Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Jn 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

3. The consequences of this judgment

1 Cor 3:14-15 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.



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1 Cor 3:10 But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

2 Cor 5:11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

“More than one person in the Bible started gloriously but ended tragically. The Bible is filled with people who began the race with great success but failed at the end because they disregarded God’s rules. They did not lose their salvation, but they did lose their rewards. [When Christ returns] we will stand before the bema to receive our rewards! ... Of course, we want to end well and receive the reward, not to boast, but to bring honor and glory to our Savior. No matter how glorious may be the beginning of the race, the important thing is how it ends.”

F.B. Meyer, famous British Bible teacher



In the 1912 Olympics, the talented American athlete Jim Thorpe won not only the decathlon but also the pentathlon (a total of 15 grueling events). The following year Thorpe was forced to return his gold medals because it was discovered he had played professional baseball in 1911 and at that time professional athletes were barred from Olympic competition. He had won the events but had broken the rules and so he forfeited “the prize”.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ... ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 20:11-12, 15