

## FOUNDATIONS.

AN ADDRESS AT THE FUNERAL OF R. F. KINGSCOTE  
AT GODALMING, 26/5/31.

(LUKE VI. 47, 48 ; I COR. III. 10, 11.)

ONE feels perfectly certain, beloved brethren, that there is not one of us standing here at this time but must recognise the suitability of such a scripture at a moment like this, for if there was one thing which our beloved brother was deeply concerned about it was foundations. For the strengthening of foundations he lived his life among us ; a life of service wholly given over that he might strengthen in the souls of God's people this eternal, imperishable foundation on which their faith alone can rest.

No one could have come in touch with him at any moment of his service but must in a very peculiar and special way have seen that. His heart caught the beatings of His blessed heart who could say, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." He looked upon that which was young, and our brother caught the beatings of that heart, and I am sure I can say this with confidence at this time, that nothing gave him greater joy than to take up a young soul and put him into the arms of that blessed Saviour—to see young souls taken up by Jesus, as we read so beautifully in the Gospel of Mark, "He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." In that blessing our beloved brother found the very joy of his heart. It is not that he

did not find his joy in those things which we might say were higher ; he knew them and enjoyed them, but he came with the enjoyment of the most precious things in his soul that he might conduct the souls of those who were young in the faith to Him where they would learn those precious things for themselves.

But we do not need such a testimony as that. He was among us ; he was of supreme value ; all of us know how he would search things right down to the very bottom. If ever there was a brother among us of whom we should have to write at a moment like this, He digged deep, it is our brother. He was never shallow ; he looked for what was deep and solid and abiding, and it is for us to take up that word of the Holy Spirit that says, "Whose faith follow." And we do well to lay it to heart at such a time that this testimony—the firmness of the foundation of God in his soul—should be maintained with all living force and power among us ; and we would desire that from this occasion, from this grave-side, we might go our way with a deeper firmness than ever in our souls to accept nothing that is shallow. One thing our brother would not have : he would not have what was of earth. He swept everything of earth on one side ; he would not allow it. He had no confidence in the shifting sand of man's ideas ; he pushed them on one side vigorously and he digged deep. He never was satisfied until he was right at the very rock-bottom.

Dear brethren, his testimony is closed, but his faith is to be followed. We will follow the faith of such an one. Many there are who in a most wonderful way lead our souls into the enjoyment of

most precious, holy, exalted things, but our brother worked for this, that the foundations might be so strengthened in our souls, that as they move in the power of the Spirit they might enter into the higher and most blessed things of our faith. And so we love to recall his life—but what must it be to the Master? What a servant he was to that Master, *catching the very throbbings of His heart* towards those who were young. He sought in every way that he could to conduct them into those blessed arms that they might be blessed; and this is a path of service that we might well covet, and we might well seek that that testimony shall be continued among us until we hear a shout that will call us up out of the path of service altogether to be with the One who served so faithfully, and we in our measure desire to serve likewise.

I take you back to a verse in chapter ii. The apostle says, “I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” He was determined to know nothing beside that in which he could say, “The foundation is Jesus Christ.” He disallowed everything outside the foundation. He held on to the wonderful truth of the foundation, and, beloved brethren, we may well take it up for ourselves and ask ourselves how far we are found in the apostle’s disallowance of everything that is contrary to the foundation, which is Jesus Christ. So the Lord uses such an occasion. Are we all of one heart and one joy in knowing that *that foundation in divine grace has been laid in our souls*?

May the Lord grant that this occasion may be greatly blessed among His people on earth and we might go forth with renewed energy. We pray

that these things may be laid upon us and be blessed to us. Our brother has set us the example. May the Lord in His grace give us all to know how to follow him in the pathway.

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## THE HEAVENLY.

NOTES OF AN ADDRESS AT WIMBLEDON, 4/10/30.

(EXO. XXVI. 31-33; NUM. IV. 5, 6; XV. 37, 38;  
I COR. XV. 45-49.)

ONE cannot exaggerate the importance of seeing the distinctive character of that with which we are linked in the divine mind. God has been pleased to link us up with that which is heavenly, He has called us to a heavenly place and a heavenly position, and the Spirit of God would constantly impress the thoughts of God's people with what is heavenly. We are accustomed, naturally, to think of earth; having derived from Adam, as natural men, *first* that which is natural, we accustom ourselves to think about the things which are earthly, things which are connected with the *man out of dust*; but the Spirit of God would put our thoughts into the current of what is heavenly, that which is connected not with the first man, but with the *second Man out of heaven*.

Turning back to the Old Testament, we see how God, in rearing up the tabernacle system, sought to impress His people with what is heavenly. The tabernacle itself is set up a pattern of things in heaven, for though of material fabric and, as to itself, only of a temporary character, yet it spoke