

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Comparing Foundations and the Church

This quotation from the Heavenly Doctrine gives us another way to think about the church and its relationship to heaven.

*Heaven and the church are like a single house.
The church is like the foundation and substructure,
and heaven is like its superstructure and roof.
(see 5 Memorable Relations)*

The church is compared to the foundation and substructure of a house. (Generally, the substructure includes everything that supports the parts of the building that rise above the ground.) List 3 or 4 uses or desirable characteristics of a substructure.

Heaven is compared to the superstructure and roof of a building. (The superstructure is generally defined as everything above basement level.) What is the purpose of the superstructure and roof of a building? List 3 or 4 uses or desirable characteristics.

Now think about the church on earth as a foundation and substructure for heaven. And reflect on heaven as the superstructure and roof for the church on earth. How does the church on earth help heaven? How does heaven help the church on earth? Could one exist without the other?

One reason that homes are damaged during earthquakes is that the superstructure of a home isn't always firmly attached to the foundation. The quaking earth sometimes shifts buildings off of their foundations unless precautions have been taken to hold them together. When we build the church within ourselves, the Lord strengthens our connection with Him and with heaven.