

England's Candle

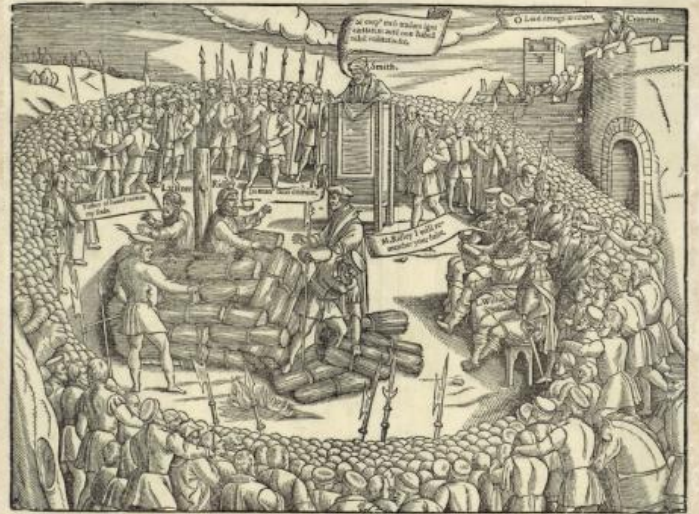
On October 16th, 1555, after spending eighteen months in a tower cell, Latimer and Ridley met at an Oxford stake. With Latimer in a frock and cap, and Ridley in his bishop's gown, the two men talked and prayed together before a smith lashed them to the wood.

Ridley was the first to strengthen his friend. "Be of good heart, brother, for God will either assuage the fury of the flame, or else strengthen us to abide it." As the bundle of sticks caught fire beneath them, Latimer had his turn. Raising his voice so

Ridley could hear, he cried, "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."

Three years later, Mary I died and passed the kingdom to her half-sister Elizabeth, a Protestant queen. And Latimer and Ridley's candle burst into a torch.

A table describing the burning of Bishop Ridley and Father Latimer at Oxford, D. Smith there preaching at the time of their martyrdom.



Word	Noun	Verb	Adjective
HEART			
STRENGTHEN			
ASSUAGE			
FURY			
FLAME			
ABIDE			
GRACE			
TRUST			