

The Pilgrim's Progress

HTPC Summer 2019
OPENING ASSEMBLY
Week 6

Memory Verse #1 and #2

Any volunteers to recite from memory?

Hebrews 13:14

1 Peter 2:11

Review: Memory Verse #1

For here we have no
lasting city, but we seek
the city that is to come.

(Hebrews 13:14)

Review: Memory Verse #2

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

(1 Peter 2:11)

NEW TODAY: Memory Verse #3

Hebrews 11:13-16 (just v. 13 today)

“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”

NEW TODAY: The Cross

1. Jesus, You hung on the cross to take my burden from me.
It rolled into the open tomb, and I'm forever free!
Jesus, what You bore, was wrath that was meant for me.
Oh, how can I describe such love as You, Lord, have for me?

2. Jesus, You hung on the cross to give me raiment so new.
You took the rags I wore with shame, oh Savior faithful and true.
You now call me Your own, and I gladly call You "Lord."
And if there be any good in me, it's only because of You.

3. Jesus, You hung on the cross to put this scroll in my hand.
You placed your mark upon my head, and now before You I stand.
Savior, take my life, and make me what You will.
May Your praise be ever on my tongue till my heart lies cold and still.
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Children's Classes Dismissal

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Review of Chapters 1-3 (pp. 1-38)

Chapter	Description	Biblical Themes
1	Christian leaves the City of Destruction	The Burden of Sin; Effectual Calling; Outward and Inner Opposition
2	Christian leaves the Straight Path	Temptation, Sin, Confession, Repentance, and Forgiveness
3	Christian arrives at the Wicket Gate; the House of Interpreter	Salvation in Christ Alone Illumination and Instruction by the Holy Spirit

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Chapter 4 (pp. 38-46)

Christian Loses His Burden	Assurance of Salvation
The Hill of Difficulty	The Trials of Life; Short-Cuts
The Pleasant Arbor and the Lions at the Gate	Times of Refreshment and Danger in Christian Life

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Chapter 5 (pp. 47-58)

Reception at The Palace Beautiful

Examination and Entry Into
Church Membership

Supper and Tour at The Palace
Beautiful

The Lord's Supper;
Instruction in the Word;
Arms for Spiritual Warfare

Resuming the Pilgrimage: the
Delectable Mountains and Valley
of Humiliation

A Glimpse of Heaven;
Christian Fellowship

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Chapter 6 (pp. 59-70)

Christian Encounters Apollyon in the Valley of Humiliation

The Valley of the Shadow of Death

The Place of Martyrs

The Pilgrim's Progress - Chapter 7 (71-81)

Christian and Faithful meet in the Way

- Faithful running for his life
- The race
- Christian's gloating and fall
- Faithful's help

News from Home - Their conversation

- The fate of Pliable
- Proverbs 26:11, Leviticus 26:11

The Pilgrim's Progress - Chapter 7 (71-81)

Faithful's Confrontations with Temptation

- Wanton
 - Seductive tongue
 - Pleasures and contentment promised
 - Gratification of carnal and fleshly desires
 - Proverbs 5:5

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The Old Man

Adam the First from the town of Deceit

- His work-enjoyment
- His wages - to inherit all that he had
- His servants - his own children
- Three daughters: the Lust of the flesh, the Lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life (1John 2:16)
- His intention: to sell Faithful as a slave (Galatians 4:3-7)
- “What a wretched man I am!” (Romans 7:23, 24)

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Moses

- Trying to overtake Faithful
- Multiple blows until “like one deed” (Romans 7:9,11)
- “I don’t know how to show mercy”
- Made to stop only by the Lord Jesus Christ

Discontent

- Told Faithful the Valley of Humiliation was altogether without honor
- Going on would offend the sensibilities of many friends
- Faithful claims honor by virtue of humiliation
- Discontent misrepresented the Valley for “humility comes before honor” and “a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 15: 33, 16:18)

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Shame

- “He...most bears the wrong name”
- He objected to our faith
- He claimed the pilgrim's were ignorant, especially in their understanding of the natural sciences
- An enemy to our salvation
- “The wise are promoted to dishonor, but fools are promoted to shame (Prov. 3:35)

Christian Recounts His Troubles

- Battle with Apollyon: “the poor man cried out and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles” (Psalm 34:6)
- Valley of the the Shadow of Death

The Pilgrim's Progress - Chapter 8 (83-95)

Faithful and Talkative

- Somewhat more handsome from a distance than up close
- “I will talk about good things...”
- “Ask what you will. I will talk of things in Heaven or things on earth...”
- Doctrine without experience

Christian and Faithful Discuss Talkative's Walk

- “In spite of his fine tongue, he is a very sorry fellow.”
- “He seems to be a very impressive man”
- “True faith has no place in his heart, in his house, or in his way of living”
- “A saint abroad and a devil at home”

Faithful Confronts Talkative's Error

- Faithful's First Question: How does the saving grace of God reveal itself when it is in one's heart"
- Talkative's First Answer: it causes a great outcry against sin
- Faithful's response: "A man may make it his policy to cry out against sin, but cannot really abhor it unless he has a godly aversion to it."
- Talkative's second answer: "Great knowledge of Gospel mysteries"
- Faithful's response: "even if a man has all knowledge, this is not guarantee that he is a child of God." (1 Corinthians 13:2)
- Faithful's proof: "A work of grace in the soul shows itself either to him that possesses it or to those standing by."

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Faithful Confronts Talkative's Error, continued,

- Faithful's Second Question: "Have you truly experienced this first work of grace? And also, are your life and conduct consistent with that experience."
- Talkative's Response:
"I am not inclined to give an answer..."
"I can still refuse to allow you to judge me."
- Faithful's Conclusion: "You are a blemish among Christians... the reputation of our faith has been hurt by your ungodly lifestyle." (2 Peter 2:13)

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Talkative Chooses to Part Company

- “I cannot help but conclude that you are a faultfinding, unpleasant, and depressed person, not worthy of my conversation – so good-bye.”
- Christian’s Conclusion: “You did well to talk so openly with him. There is not enough of this kind of faithful dealing with people nowadays. It is no wonder that religion stinks in the nostrils to so many.”

Closing Assembly

He Who Would Valiant Be

1. He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

2. Who so beset him round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound—his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.