

# The Pilgrim's Progress

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OPENING ASSEMBLY  
Week 3

# Memory Verse #1

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

(Hebrews 13:14)

## Memory Verse #2

11 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)

# The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

We travel through a barren land,  
With dangers thick on every hand;  
But Jesus guides us through the vale;  
O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

Huge sorrows meet us as we go,  
And devils aim to overthrow;  
But vile infernals can't prevail;  
O, The Christian's hope shall never fail.

We trust upon the sacred word,  
The oath and promise of the Lord;  
And safely through each tempest sail;  
O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

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Chapter 3 (pp. 23-36)

- The Wicket Gate
- Good-will
- The Interpreter's House

# The Wicket Gate

- Christian arrives at the Gate and he ....

*7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)*

- “... an open door that no one can shut ...” (p.24)
  - Reference to Revelation 3:8
  - Significance: we “... pilgrim with heaven’s door wide open in our sight.” (Geerhardus Vos)

# Good-will

“Oh, the poor man [speaking here of Pliable]!” exclaimed Good-will. “Is the celestial glory of so little value to him that he didn’t count it worth the risk of hazarding a few difficulties in order to obtain it?” (p.25)

- Hebrews 11:9-10
- The first feature of our pilgrimage “is not essentially negative but positive in character. The core lies not in what it relinquishes but in what it seeks.” (Vos)



# The Interpreter's House

- Purpose: Instruction and Illumination

“... if I called here you would show me excellent things that would be of help to me on my journey.” (p.27)

- The Seven Rooms: Exhortation and Warning

- Bearing the Burden Until the Place of Deliverance

- Burden remains while Christian receives exhortation and warning
- Same exhortations and warnings prod Christian forward when the Burden falls away (p.36)

“At this time also I sate [sat] under of holy Mr. Gifford, whose doctrine, by God’s grace, was much for my stability. This man made it much his business to deliver the people of God from all those false and unsound tests, that by nature we are prone to. He would bid us take special heed, that we took not up any truth upon trust; as from this, or that, or any other man or men; but cry mightily to God, the He would convince us of the reality thereof, and set us down therein by His own Spirit in the holy word; *For, said he, if you do otherwise, when temptations come, if strongly, you having not received them with evidence from heaven, will find you want [lack] that help and strength now to resist, that once you thought you had.*”

-- John Bunyan, Grace Abounding

# 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.