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THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

PART 12

VANITY FAIR [PART 2]



Reading: James 1:27

Introduction

- Our Bible study tonight deals with events in Chapter 9 of John Bunyan's classic book.
- Christian and his fellow pilgrim arrive at '**Vanity Fair**'
- Vanity Fair is a picture of this '**present world**'.

1 Vanity Fair

- The chief lord of the fair is Beelzebub or Satan, the '**god of this age**' [2 Corinthians 4:4].
- Useless merchandise and sinful pleasures and amusements are what it offers.
- It's citizens dress differently and talk differently from pilgrims.
- The 2 pilgrims are arrested and '**Faithful**' is executed while Christian escapes.

2 The Bible Re: The World And Worldliness

- Consider the following Scriptures: [Romans 12:2], [1John 5:19], [John 18:36], [2Coninthians 6:17/18], [James 4:4].

- The *'world'* speaks of the false philosophies, ideologies, values and lifestyles in opposition to the living God.
- Worldliness is the process of taking on the values, beliefs and priorities and practises of a society that's rejected God.
- We are *'in the world, but not of the world.'*

3 Beware The Thorns Of Worldliness

- In [Matthew 13:7 & 22] Jesus warns about the *'thorns of worldliness'* choking the good seed.
- Getting on in life. Making progress in this world.
- We should make getting on in the kingdom our priority. [Matthew 6:33].

4 How can I Keep Myself Unspotted From The World?

- By being careful about the places we go to. [Psalm 1:1]. (Casinos, bars, night clubs etc.) W.W.J.D?
- By being careful about the company we keep. [1Corinthians 15:33] NKJV.
- By being careful what we watch and listen too.
- Guard both *'ear and eye gate.'*

5 Don't Become A Demas

- Demas begins with a glowing reference from Paul that he was a *'fellow labourer.'*
- He ends by forsaking Paul because he *'loved this present world.'* [2 Timothy 4:10].

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