

W E D N E S D A Y N I G H T B I B L E S T U D Y

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

PART 13

THE SILVER MINE



Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6 - 10 & 17 - 19

Introduction

- Pilgrim's Progress is the story of conversion and the Christian's journey to heaven.
- In the story, Bunyan has created lots of characters and places to teach us valuable lessons for the pilgrimage.

1 The Pilgrim's At The Silver Mine

- In chapter 11 of the book Christian has a new pilgrim travelling with him called '*Hopeful*'
- On their journey they come to 'Lucre Hill' which has a '*Silver Mine*' in it.
- Some have already perished at it having fallen into it or been overcome by the gases at the bottom of the shaft.

2 The Meaning Of The Silver Mine

- Bunyan created it to warn pilgrims about the alluring power of money and riches.

- Demas [2 Timothy 4:10] was seduced away from the pilgrimage by the Silver Mine.
- Consider also: Gahazi [2 Kings 6], Judas Iscariot [John 12:6] and the rich young ruler in [Matthew 19:22].

3 Consider The Following Texts

- [Matthew 6:24], [Matthew 13:22] and [1 Timothy 6:10].

4 The Truth About Money

- There is nothing wrong with money as a rule.
- It is 'the love of money' that is the problem/sin.
- People want more and more and are never content. [1 Timothy 6:8] & [Exodus 20:17].
- To get what they want people will often:
 - Steal
 - Act dishonestly
 - Get into debt
 - Work every hour they can at the neglect of their soul.

Remember - *'Money is a good servant but a terrible master.'*

5 True Wealth And Riches

- There are no pockets in a shroud.
- You cannot take riches to heaven.
- We need to concentrate on being spiritually rich.
- Consider [1 Timothy 6:18], [James 2:5], Ephesians 2:4] & [Matthew 6: 19 - 21].

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