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THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

— PART 14 —

DOUBTING CASTLE & GIANT DESPAIR



Reading: Psalm 42:1 - 8

Introduction

- Christian and Hopeful take a shortcut and unwittingly find themselves trespassing in the grounds of '*Doubting Castle*'
- They fall asleep and are awakened by Giant Despair who lives in the castle.
- He throws them into a dungeon in the castle and beats them mercilessly.

1 Christians And Doubting Castle

- Every Christian at some point find themselves incarcerated for a time in '*Doubting Castle*'
- Definition of Doubt: '*A mental state in which the mind remains suspended between two or more positions.*'
- It means, '*to be uncertain.*'

- David (before he was king) spent a while in '*Doubling Castle*.' [1 Samuel 27:1].
- Thomas the disciple also. [John 20:24 - 29].
- John the Baptist too [Matthew 11:3].
- **Question:** Are you '*doubling*' tonight? Perhaps doubting your salvation or if God's forgiven you?
- **Question:** How's your own spiritual mental health?

2 Surviving '*Doubling Castle*'

- The pilgrims made up their minds not to give in.
- They encouraged each other when the other was at a low point.
- They encouraged themselves by reminding themselves what God had already brought them through.
- The memories of yesterday's victories became their foundation for today's successes.

3 The Forgotten Key

- Christian discovers a key that had been in his tunic all the time.
- This key opened every door that kept them prisoners.
- The key represents the promises of God. [2 Corinthians 1:20] and [2 Peter 1:4].
- Consider these 'promises' for your situation.
- [Hebrews 13:5], [1 John 5:15], [1 John 1:9], [Philippians 1:6], [John 14:3].

Standing On The Promises Of God

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