

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

PART 5

THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE



Reading: Psalm 84:5 & John 16:13

Introduction

- Fellow pilgrim's, remember to see yourselves in the character of Christian.
- You, like Christian, will encounter both worthy and false fellow pilgrims.
- Christian would also pass through places both bad and good for the soul.

1 The Interpreter's House

- This is a place for Christian to be well taught and instructed.
- The Interpreter is a picture of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit encourages and strengthens but He also teaches and illuminates God's truth.
- ***NB. There are 7 scenes in the interpreter's house. We shall look now at 4 of them.***

2 The Portrait On The Wall

- A portrait of a faithful minister.
- Every pilgrim needs a godly minister who '*watches*' for their soul.

- Notice the qualities of a godly minister.
- Your choice of a minister is as important as your choice for a partner in life.

3 The Room That Is Swept

- The room is the sinful heart that needs swept of sin.
- The law only agitates the sin. It has no power to clean the heart.
- The gospel of God's grace is the water applied that allows the room to be swept.
- The room is a place for the King of Glory to inhabit.
- The cleansing is on-going.
- The grace of God's '*sanctification*.' [1 Thessalonians 4:3].
- The old nature crucified and the new nature formed within us.

4 The Fire In The Wall

- At conversion God lights the fire of devotion in our hearts.
- Satan tries to extinguish it.
- Out of sight Christ pours oil unto the fire at the same time ensuring it continues to burn.
- Despite discouragements and trials the true pilgrim's love for Christ continues. [2 Corinthians 4].

5 Taking The Kingdom By Force

- Consider [Matthew 11:12].
- The palace represents the Kingdom of God.
- Although salvation is free we don't sit passively to possess it.
- Israel were promised the land of Canaan but they had to fight to possess it.
- To possess the Kingdom the pilgrim has to armour up and aggressively overcome the world, the flesh and the devil.
- The kingdom is not for '*weaklings*' or '*waverers*'.
- It is for those who will take it '*by violence*'.
- Don't sit passively and wait for something to happen.

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