

# The Pilgrim's Progress

HTPC Summer 2019  
OPENING ASSEMBLY  
Week 5

# Memory Verse #1

Volunteer to recite from  
memory.

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

(Hebrews 13:14)

# Memory Verse #1

All together from memory  
(Hebrews 13:14)

# Memory Verse #2

Volunteer to recite from memory.

# Memory Verse #2

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)

# Memory Verse #2

All together from memory  
(1 Peter 2:11)

# The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

1. 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.
2. 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.



3. Sometimes we're tempted to despair,  
But Jesus makes us then His care;  
Though numerous foes our souls assail;  
O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

4. 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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## Review of Chapters 1-3 (pp. 1-38)

Chapter	Description	Biblical Themes
1	Christian leaves the City of Destruction	The Burden of Sin; Effectual Calling; Outward and Inner Opposition
2	Christian leaves the Straight Path	Temptation, Sin, Confession, Repentance, and Forgiveness
3	Christian arrives at the Wicket Gate; the House of Interpreter	Salvation in Christ Alone Illumination and Instruction by the Holy Spirit

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## Chapter 4 (pp. 38-46)

Christian Loses His Burden	Assurance of Salvation
The Hill of Difficulty	The Trials of Life; Short-Cuts
The Pleasant Arbor and the Lions at the Gate	Times of Refreshment and Danger in Christian Life

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## Chapter 5 (pp. 47-58)

Reception at The Palace Beautiful

Examination and Entry Into  
Church Membership

Supper and Tour at The Palace  
Beautiful

The Lord's Supper;  
Instruction in the Word;  
Arms for Spiritual Warfare

Resuming the Pilgrimage: the  
Delectable Mountains and Valley  
of Humiliation

A Glimpse of Heaven;  
Christian Fellowship

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Today - Chapter 6 (pp. 59-70)

Christian Encounters Apollyon in the Valley of Humiliation

The Valley of the Shadow of Death

The Place of Martyrs

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## Christian Encounters Apollyon

- Why is Christian in the Valley of Humiliation?
- Apollyon (Gr.) = destroyer.
- Who is he? Rev. 9:11 - “angel of the abyss” a demon commanding hideous locusts (assailing demons), with immense powers
- Apollyon's Tactics: Question 2 in Discussion Groups



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## Apollyon Challenges Christian

- Apollyon interrogates Christian regarding his change of allegiance:
  - Christian is Apollyon's subject;
  - Christian is a citizen of Apollyon's kingdom; and
  - Christian has accepted Apollyon's wages;
- Apollyon offers improved conditions.
- Apollyon questions the worth of trials along the way.
- Apollyon describes Christian's past unfaithfulness to Christ.
- How does Christian respond to these charges?



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## Apollyon Challenges Christian

“For Satan doth not only tempt the godly man to sin, but, having prevailed with him, and made him guilty, he packs away to the court, to God the judge of all; and there addresses himself to accuse that man, and to lay to his charge the heinousness of his offence, pleading against him the law that he has broken, the light against which he did it, and the like. . . . What, then, should the sinner, if he could come there, do at this bar to plead? Nothing; nothing for his own advantage. But now comes in his mercy - he has an Advocate to plead his cause . . . Jesus Christ the righteous.”

Bunyan, *The Work of Jesus Christ* (based on 1 John 2:1)

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## Apollyon Attacks Christian

- Apollyon changes tactics. Compare:
  - ❖ Christ in the Wilderness (Mt. 4:1-11), to
  - ❖ Christ during Passion Week (Heb. 5:7-8)
- Apollyon rages at Christian.
- Apollyon attacks Christian with defiance and flaming darts.
- Christian's defense, wounds, weakness, and despair.
- By Word and Spirit – Christian regains his sword; Apollyon receives a deadly wound and retreats.

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## Christian Gives Thanks and Recovers

- Christian's pride and self-confidence corrected
- He smiles broadly and looks up when he wounds Apollyon
- He gives thanks in prayer for deliverance.
- He recovers through providential means of grace (Leaves of the Tree of Life)
  - ❖ His wounds are healed
  - ❖ His body is refreshed
  - ❖ His sword remains drawn

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## The Valley of the Shadow of Death

- Theme of the Valley is death in all its fearsome aspects:
  - ❖ Possibility of Christian's own death, like others before him
  - ❖ The company of those who traffic in death
  - ❖ Beings justly consigned to death
  - ❖ The chilling atmosphere and terrors of death
- Qualities of the Valley:
  - ❖ Solitariness (Jer. 2:6-7)
  - ❖ Unavoidableness (Ps. 25:16-20)
  - ❖ Darkness and Indefiniteness
- Christian has limited but effective weapons for defense

# The Valley of the Shadow of Death



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## The Place of Martyrs; Ancient, Tyrannical Giants

- The vision; Bunyan's historical perspective
- Whose bodies lie about? Who are these grisly giants?
  - ❖ Paganism
  - ❖ Pope
- Why are the two living together?
- The residence and condition of the two giants:
  - ❖ Evidence of their carnage (Fox's Book of Martyrs)
  - ❖ Paganism has died - was Bunyan correct?
  - ❖ Pope is senile, frustrated (why?), unrepentant
- ❖ Pilgrim's joyful progress without harm.

# 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.