

Pilgrim's Progress

Stage 4: Valley of Humiliation – Apollyon

Valley of the Shadow of Death

Valley of Humiliation

- Accompanied to the bottom of the hill
- ...more dangerous going down
- ...still slipped a time or two

Apollyon (Destroyer)

- retreat or stand: no armor for his back
- claims Christian as one of his subjects
 - ~ ...*yielded myself to another*
- “exchanged a bad for a worse”
- ...many professors return to me
- for the most part, His servants come to wretched end
 - ~ ...*His present restraint in delivering them is deliberate and with purpose...they don't expect deliverance now.*
- you have already been unfaithful in your service to him
 - ~ *All this is true...there is much more that you left out.*
- Prepare to die!

Battle turning point: ...*as God would have it...*

- Apollyon takes flight

A hand appeared: leaves from the tree of life; immediate healing

Valley of the Shadow of Death

Two Men – Sons of the Spies

- an evil report: no faith; no hope
 - ~ by good fortune...saw the danger

~ *Dark...clouds of confusion...completely dreadful...disorder*

- Narrow path – a ditch and a quagmire; in darkness
- Another weapon: *all-prayer*
- Slow progress; tempted to turn back
- Whispered blasphemies – greatest of tests
- Depressed condition

Man's voice: gladness filled his heart

1. Others who fear God were here as well
2. God's presence with him in such a place
3. Hope of fellowship
4. Light of morning dawned

Cave for Giants Pope and Pagan

- **Pagan** – dead for many years
- **Pope** – old, weakened yet threatening

Consider with Gratitude:

1. Our Savior against Satan, the destroyer
2. Our Sustainer in hard trials

Notes: