

# Pilgrim's Progress

## Stage 3: The Burden, Scroll, Palace Beautiful

### Wall called Salvation

#### The Cross & Tomb

- Burden released

#### Three Shining Ones

- "Your sins are forgiven."
- Clothed him with a complete change of clothes
- Mark on forehead; scroll with a seal

#### Sleepers: Simple, Sloth, Presumption – sleeping

- **Simple:** no serious thought of spiritual realities
- **Sloth:** no resolve for spiritual pursuits
- **Presumption:** no careful consideration

#### Formalist and Hypocrisy from Vainglory

- **Formalist:** trust his ability *to earn* God's kingdom
- **Hypocrisy:** trust his ability *to deceive* by pretense
- Climbed over the wall
- *The real question...*

#### Hill called Difficulty

- An intersection: **Danger & Destruction**
- a spring
- a resting place: scroll lost

#### Timorous & Mistrust

#### Palace Beautiful: ...for the relief and security of pilgrimThe s...

~ the church as viewed by young Christian

- **Watchful**
- **Discretion, Prudence, Piety and Charity**

Engage in godly conversation

#### Means of victory over "carnal annoyances":

1. Think and meditate on scene of the cross
2. Look at embroidered coat
3. Read/study the scroll
4. Warmly stimulated thoughts about the destination

What makes you so desirous to go to Mount Zion?

1. ...to see Him alive who hung dead on the cross
2. ...to be rid of all...that remain as an annoyance to me

#### Features of the Palace

**Study:** records of the greatest antiquity

- Bloodline of the Lord of the Hill; His deeds
- Deeds of His servants – their "tools"

**Armory:** the Lord's provision for Pilgrims

- Artifacts used by saints
- Pilgrim equipped

#### The Delectable Mountains

~ the church as viewed by older/mature Christian

#### Faithful

**Consider with Gratitude:**

- ~ a salvation that protects/preserves His people
- ~ A trinitarian salvation: Father, Son, Spirit
- ~ the beauty and benefits of His church

- Discernment; encouragement; teaching; equipping