

**The Pilgrim's Progress**  
**Chapter 12– “The Pilgrim's Suffer at Vanity Fair”**  
**The Martyrdom of Faithful**  
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*“Sing, Faithful, sing, and let thy name survive; for though they killed thee, thou art yet alive.” - Christian*

- I. Comparisons (likenesses and differences)
  - A. Us to Christian
  - B. Faithful to Christian
  - C. What lessons can we learn by this?
    1. We should abstain from measuring others by ourselves
    2. We should abstain from measuring ourselves by others
    3. We should learn to allow for all possible varieties in:
      - a.i. Opinions
      - a.ii. Experiences
      - a.iii. Attainments
  
- II. How do Faithful and Christian differ from the world?
  - A. Clothing
  - B. Speech
  - C. Indifference
  - D. John 15:18-16:4
  - E. Heb 11:35-38
  
- III. Means taken to suppress Christian talk (1 Pet 4:12-19, Mt 5:11-12)
  - A. Talk poorly of them so that others might look down on them
    - a.i.1. Envy: Represents the person that is **stirred up** against Christians because they see others following them and themselves likely to be deserted. (Chief Priests – Pilate knew they delivered Jesus out of envy)
    - a.i.2. Superstition: Represents the person that is attached to some **tradition** or human **invention**.
    - a.i.3. Pickthank: Represents the person ready to **please** those who are in power. They “pick” on others for personal “thanks.” A servile flatterer.
  - B. Beat them in order to **terrify** and cause future **silence**.
  - C. Imprison/kill them that they might not **talk** to others.
  
- IV. The Martyrdom of Faithful
  - A. Martyr: Somebody who suffers persecution and death for advocating, renouncing, refusing to renounce, and/or refusing to advocate a belief or cause, usually a religious one.
  - B. How Faithful and Christian view martyrdom
  - C. The text
  - D. Can you think of where Bunyan would have gotten material for Faithful's martyrdom?
    1. Scripture – Stephen (Acts 7:51-60) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11-12)
    2. “Foxe's Book of Martyrs”
  - E. How can Christian joyfully sing when his best friend has just been executed?
    - a.i.1. His best friend was true to his Lord.

- a.i.2. His best friend is now with his Lord.
- a.i.3. His best friend's Lord will justly deal with the ungodly of Vanity at a future day.
- a.i.4. His best friend is now singing in heaven to the praise of his Lord.

V. Next Week: Read Chapter 12 "The Pilgrims Suffer at the Vanity Fair."

**CHRISTIAN**

City of Destruction  
 Slough of Despond  
 Sinai/Hill of Difficulty  
 House Beautiful  
 Cross & Sepulcher  
 NO  
 NO  
 NO  
 NO  
 NO  
 Vanity  
 Vanity Fair  
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**FAITHFUL**

City of Destruction  
 NO  
 NO  
 PASSED BY  
 NOT MENTIONED  
 Wanton  
 Adam the First  
 Moses  
 Man with Holes in His Hands  
 Shame  
 Vanity  
 Vanity Fair  
 Celestial City

