

The Pilgrim's Progress

Glossary

CHAPTER 1

CAVE: Represents the cell in Bedford jail where John Bunyan wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress*. (p. 1)

MAN DRESSED IN RAGS: Christian in his lost state. Also referred to as Graceless. Fashioned after John Bunyan himself. (p. 1)

BOOK: The Bible. (p. 1)

GREAT BURDEN: The burden, or recognition, of sin that weighs down on the soul. (p. 1)

WIFE AND CHILDREN: Christiana and their sons. (p. 1)

EVANGELIST: The religious man who puts Christian on the path to the Celestial City. One of the King's officers who are planted all along the way to the Celestial City, in order to assist and counsel all pilgrims. Fashioned after John Gifford, Bunyan's first pastor, and father in the faith. (p. 2)

HELL: A place, lower than the grave, of punishment for the wicked after judgment. (p. 2)

NARROW GATE: Represents Christ, located behind the wide field. Also called the Wicket Gate. (p. 3)

SHINING LIGHT: Represents the light of the Gospel. Some think this represents the Gospel of John. Christian was directed by Evangelist to travel towards the Light that was beyond the Narrow Gate. (p. 3)

OBSTINATE: Runs after Christian, with Pliable, in order to bring him back to the City of Destruction. He not only stands in the way of his own salvation, but he does all he can to stand in the way of other men setting out to salvation also. Returns to the City of Destruction without Christian or Pliable. (p. 3)

obstinate: adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion.

PLIABLE: Runs after Christian, with Obstinate, in order to bring him back to the City of Destruction. Travels with Christian until both of the fall into the Slough of Despond. Pliable escapes and then returns to the City of Destruction. (p. 3)

pliable: too easily influenced or controlled by other people.

CITY OF DESTRUCTION: Represents this world. Home of Graceless, Obstinate and Pliable. (p. 4)

CHRISTIAN: The protagonist of Part 1 whose journey to the Celestial City is the plot of the story. Also referred to as Pilgrim, while being called Graceless in his lost condition. (p. 4)

CHAPTER 2

HIM WHO CANNOT LIE: God. Writer of the Book. (p. 7)

HE WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE PLACE: God. Wipes all tears from their eyes. (p. 8)

SERAPHIM AND CHERUBIM: Dazzling winged creatures in Heaven. (p. 8)

THE LORD, GOVERNOR OF THE COUNTRY: God. Recorded Heaven in the Book. (p. 8)

SWAMP OF DESPONDENCE: Also called the Slough of Despond. Muddy swamp, or bog, in the middle of the Plain leading to the Narrow Gate. Contains the scum and filth that accompanies the conviction of sin. Full of fears, doubts and discouraging apprehensions. Called a worthless place. (p. 10)

despondent: feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection, or depression.

HELP: Pulled Christian from the Swamp of Despondence, set him on solid ground and encouraged him to continue on his way to the Narrow Gate. One of the King's officers who are planted all along the way to the Celestial City, in order to assist and counsel all pilgrims. (p. 10)

KING: God. (p. 11)

HIS WORKERS: Directed to patch the Swamp of Despondence by the King's Surveyors. (p. 11)

HIS MAJESTY'S SURVEYORS: The prophets. Directed the King's Workers in the patching of the Swamp of Despondence. (p. 11)

LAWGIVER: God. (p. 11)

CHAPTER 3

MR. WORLDLY WISEMAN: Lives in Carnal Policy. Finds only the doctrine of the World tasteful and attends church in the town of Morality. Persuaded Christian to go out of his way to be helped by Mr. Legality and then move to the City of Morality. Called an alien by Evangelist and a cheat by Goodwill. (p. 15)

CARNAL POLICY: Home of Mr. Worldly Wiseman. Describes the sensual laws which governed conduct there as ones that aided the obtaining of worldly position and advantage to gain material position and advantage and using the material possessions solely for sensual gratification or present ease and pleasure. (p.15)

PILGRIM: One who journeys in a foreign land. Also called Christian. (p.15)

MORALITY: Village where Mr. Legality and his son Civility live. Inhabited by nice, respectable people who abstain from scandalous vices and practice most outward duties. They live at ease all their lives, with no concern of sin, being just as good as other people. (p.17)

moral: of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior

MR. LEGALITY: Son of the slave woman (Mount Sinai). Called a cheat by Evangelist and Goodwill. (p.17)

CIVILITY: The handsome young son of Mr. Legality. Intended to represent that class that if they imagine that they are kind and obliging they will escape future punishment, if there is such a thing. (p.17)

HIGH HILL: Mount Sinai. Hill that must be passed to arrive at Mr. Legality's house. (p.19)

PLACE OF DELIVERANCE: Place where the burden falls off by itself. The Cross. (p.20)

MOST HIGH: God. (p.21)

PATH OF PEACE: The way to the Celestial City. (p.21)

TREASURES OF EGYPT: Things of the world. (p.23)

KING OF GLORY: Jesus Christ. (p.23)

SLAVE WOMAN: Mother of Mr. Legality, and grandmother of Civility. Symbolizes Mount Sinai and the high hill on the way to Mr. Legality's house. (p.23)

MOUNT SINAI: The high hill on the way to Mr. Legality's house. Symbolized by the slave woman. (p.23)

CHAPTER 4

GOODWILL: The serious-looking keeper of the Narrow Gate through which one enters the "straight and narrow way" (also called the "King's Highway") to the Celestial City. After Christian knocked he came to the gate, opened it, and pulled Christian through. This is Jesus Christ. (p.27)

STRONG CASTLE: Place close to the Narrow gate from where Beelzebub and his friends shoot arrows at those who come to the Gate. (p.27)

BEEZEBUB: Literally "Lord of the Flies" who is near the Narrow Gate and shot arrows at those about to enter. He is also the Lord of Vanity Fair and the Ruler of strong castle. Christian calls him Captain of the fiend Apollyon. (p.27)

CELESTIAL GLORY: Heaven. (p.30)

WAY OF DEATH: The path to Mount Sinai on the way to Mr. Legality's house in the village of Morality. (p.30)

NARROW ROAD: The straight and only way to the Celestial City. Constructed by the Patriarchs, Prophets, Christ, and the Apostles. (p.30)

HOUSE OF INTERPRETER: Some distance from the gate along the narrow road. Along the way to the Celestial City as a rest stop for travelers to check in and be taught the correct way to live the Christian life. Can be identified as the Church. (p.31)