

The Pilgrim's Progress
Chapter 5 - The Interpreter's House
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- I. The Five Greatest Truths of *The Pilgrim's Progress*
 - A. The **condition** of the lost
 - B. The **power** of the cross
 - C. The **importance** of the word (**gives Graceless the burden, points him to the cross, becomes his armor, frees him from despair, something to be enjoyed [Delectable Mountains]**)
 - D. The **prominence** of Satan
 - E. The **difficulty** of the Way

- II. The Interpreter's House (Lecture #3) – Derrick Thomas
 - A. Message introduction
 - B. Scripture Readings (Ephesians 6:10-18 and Hebrews 6:1-12)
 - C. Teaching objectives
 - D. DVD Lecture #3

- III. Seven Lessons all Christians should learn and remember (adapted from "A guide to John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*" by Ken Puls)
 - A. The Lesson of a Portrait of a Pastor
 1. Christians should seek out good **shepherds** to watch over their souls.
 2. A Christian should imitate his shepherd as his shepherd imitates Christ.
 - B. The Lesson of a Dusty Room
 1. Christians should be able to **distinguish between** the Law and the Gospel.
 2. The Law exposes how sinful we are, it was never meant to **cleanse** our hearts.
 3. **"Live a Gospel-driven life." – Derrick Thomas**
 - C. The Lesson of Passion and Patience

1. Christians should learn the **value** of Patience and the **deceptiveness** of Passion.
 2. Christians should learn to have faith in God's providence.
 3. Christians should lead a life of **contentment**.
 4. **Puritan quote..."live with your bags packed and ready to go."**
- D. The Lesson of a Burning Fire
1. Satan is ceaseless in his attack upon Christians.
 2. The perseverance of the saints is **all** of **Grace**.
 3. Christians should realize that they're in a fight with Satan, but Jesus is the victor. **We must remember to look "behind the wall."**
- E. The Lesson of a Beautiful Palace
1. Christians must face, with faith and courage, enemies along the Way.
 2. The **sword** and the **helmet** are important in the battle
 3. There are many who have gone before us, go with us, and will go after us.
 4. The battle is worth fighting.
- F. The Lesson of a Man in an Iron Cage
1. Christians need to **persevere**.
 2. Christians should watch, be sober-minded and pray.
- G. The Lesson of a Nightmare
1. The time is short. **Make sure you are in Christ**.
 2. Christians should be confronted with the certainty of **death** and the **judgment**.

IV. Next Week's Lesson from Chapter 5 – The Interpreter's House