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.
   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