I. DVD Lecture #6 – The Palace Beautiful

II. Fearful (timorous) and Mistrust

A. Overview
1. What does the hill of Difficulty represent?
2. How do Fearful and Mistrust differ from Simple, Sloth, Presumption, Formalist and Hypocrisy?
   a.i. Simple, Sloth, Presumption were intent on staying where they were.
   a.ii. Formalist and Hypocrisy were intent on finding an easy way.
   a.iii. Fearful and Mistrust were intent on turning back and making a fast retreat.
3. Did Fearful and Mistrust face any persecution or trials? Note that they went up the hill of Difficulty

B. Fearful: His name means timid. He explains their terror.

C. Mistrust: His name means doubtful or wary. He describes the source of their fears.

D. What effect did Fearful and Mistrust have on Christian? (It made him afraid) Why? (He had lost his assurance at the arbor when he was sleeping)

E. What is assurance? The internal sense we may have based upon certain evidences in our lives that we are truly “born again” and will persevere as Christians until the end of our lives.

F. Are all true believers at all times assured of their present being in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved? What can cause a believer’s assurance to be weakened?

Assurance of grace and salvation not being of the essence of faith, (Eph. 1:13) true believers may wait long before they obtain; (Isa. 50:10, Ps. 88:1–3,6–7,9,10,13–15) and, after the enjoyment thereof, may have it weakened and intermitted, through manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions; (Ps. 77:1–12, Cant. 5:2–3, 6, Ps. 51:8,12, Ps. 31:22, Ps. 22:1) yet they are never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair. (1 John 3:9, Ps. 73:15,23, Isa. 54:7–10)

4. Did Fearful and Mistrust sink into utter despair? What was the eventual fate of Fearful and Mistrust? (pp. 293-294)
III. The Two Lions
   A. What do the two lions represent in the story? Can they represent anything else?
      Represent the combined threat of the civil authorities and the state church to oppress Nonconformists and convince them to renounce their faith and conform to religious and social norms.

   B. Should we expect persecution?
      1. There was persecution in Jesus’ day. (John 12:42-43)
      2. Jesus said that those who were persecuted for righteousness sake were blessed (Mt 5:10-11)
      3. Jesus warned his disciples that they would face suffering. (Luke 21:12)
      4. Paul said that believers would face persecution. (Philippians 1:29, 2Tim 3:12)

IV. Next Week – Chapter 8 - “The Pilgrim Meets the Family”