

**The Pilgrim's Progress**  
**Chapter 7 – Fearful, Mistrust and the Two Lions**  
**August 6, 2014**

- 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”