

The Pilgrim's Progress
Chapter 9 – The Pilgrim Goes Through Valleys (Part 2)
The Valley of the Shadow of Death
August 27, 2014

- I. DVD #9 “The Valley of the Shadow of Death”

- II. The meaning of the Valley of the Shadow of Death
 - A. The Valley of the SOD in Scripture (20X)
 1. Job 10:21-22
 2. Psalm 23:4
 3. Psalm 107:10
 4. Jeremiah 2:6
 - B. John Bunyan’s and Charles Spurgeon’s description of the Valley
 1. According to Bunyan, the valleys represent the inner doubts, temptations and confusion concerning one’s spiritual state into which one often falls.
 - a.i. An array of outward evils
 - a.ii. The light of God’s countenance is gone
 - a.iii. A sense of the wrath of God is kindled in the conscience
 2. The advantages of Bunyan’s trials
 - A. They made him more aware of the _____ and _____ of God and Christ.
 - B. Helped him see more clearly the _____ of the _____ of God.
 - C. The Scriptures became very _____ to him.
 - D. He saw new heights and depths of God’s _____, _____ and _____.
 3. Charles Spurgeon: Why would God allow a Christian to go through the Valley?

- III. Application Questions
 1. What would King David and the martyred saints in the Book of Revelation call the valleys?
 2. Are spiritual valleys unusual for Christians?
 3. Where is God when we are in a spiritual valley?
 4. Should we ever give up in prayer?
 5. How should Scripture be used in prayer?
 6. Will God’s love for His children ever fail?
 7. Christian sang as he left the Valley. Is there any spiritual benefit to singing?

- IV. Next Week: DVD#10 “The Godless City: Vanity Fair” and *The Pilgrim’s Progress* Chapter 10 “Two Pilgrims Meet,” Chapter 11 “The Pilgrim’s Meet Talkative,” and Chapter 12 “The Pilgrims Suffer at the Vanity Fair.”