

The Pilgrim's Progress
Chapter 10– “Two Pilgrim's Meet”
Chapter 11– “The Pilgrims Meet Talkative”
Chapter 12– “The Pilgrim's Suffer at Vanity Fair”
September 3, 2014

- I. DVD #10 “The Godless City: Vanity Fair”
- II. The meeting place
 - A. The road was wide (room for talkers and doers)
 - B. The road will become more narrow
- III. Talkative
 - A. Bunyan's description
 1. Tall – wishes to rise above others
 2. More comely at a distance – the nearer you come to him the more closely he can be examined
 3. “Nobody could call him [Talkative] a detractor or a backbiter or a talebearer or a liar. . . . Had he been guilty of any of these things, Faithful would soon have found him out, and would have left him to go to the Celestial City by himself.” – Alexander Whyte
 4. Was talking too much Talkative's main problem? (Talk doesn't match his heart and life)
 - B. Christian's description
 1. Talkative is a master at deceiving new acquaintances.
 2. Talkative comes from the City of Destruction.
 3. Talkative is born of Say-well.
 4. Talkative is two-faced in his pilgrimage.
 5. Talkative confounds the relationship between saying and doing.
 - C. Scripture's description
 1. Diotrefes (3 John 3:9-10)
 2. Balaam (Numbers 23;10)
 3. Ahithophel (Psalm 55:20-21)
 4. False professors (Mt 7:21-23)
 5. The loveless (1 Cor 13:1)
- IV. Christian discloses Talkative's character to Faithful
 - A. What experience along the way could have helped Faithful recognize Talkative as a false professor?
 - B. Are we commanded in Scripture to speak evil of no man?
 1. Titus 3:1-2
 2. Eph 4:31
 3. James 4:11
 4. “Yes, but it is not speaking evil of a man to give his true character when this is necessary to prevent him from imposing upon the simple and unwary.” Alexander Whyte
 - C. Evidences of Talkative's true character (Saving faith is a fruitful principle and fruit must be borne.”

1. No religion in his family
 2. Reproach to religion
 3. Grasping and dishonest with his dealings
 4. His hypocrisy (his mode of bringing up his children)
- V. Faithful questions Talkative (“How shall we prove the boastful claims of a good cook?”)
- A. “How does the saving grace of God discover itself when it is in the heart of man?” (What evidence ought to be found when the grace of God has truly converted a man’s heart?)
 1. “Outcry against sin.” (vs hating and abhorring it)
 2. “Great knowledge of gospel mysteries.” (vs Christ – “Do you know these things?...blessed are you if you do them.”)
 - B. Faithful’s explanation
 1. Have you a deep sense of sin?
 2. Do you make personal approach to Christ?
 3. Do you confess His name?
 4. Are you endeavoring to frame your life according to His word?
 5. Do you evidence this sanctifying power of divine grace in your life?
- VI. Next Week: Read Chapter 12 “The Pilgrims Suffer at the Vanity Fair.”

