“The Pilgrim’s Progress”
From this world to that which is to come.

“Great theological truths are made to come to life before our very eyes. John Bunyan turns theology and doctrine into an exciting adventure and imaginations are captured as these truths are personified.”

“. . .by character is meant that temper, taste, disposition, whole frame of mind from whence we act in one way rather than another. . .those principles from which a man acts, when they become fixed and habitual in him we call his character. Open Bunyan now, and see the various tempers, tastes, dispositions, frames of mind from which his various characters act, and which, at bottom, really make them the characters, good or bad, which they are. There are but three steps from earth to heaven, or, if you will, from earth to hell – acts, habits, character”

“I was made to see that if ever I would suffer rightly, I must first pass a sentence of death upon everything that can be properly called a thing of this life, even to reckon myself, my wife, my children, my health, my enjoyment, and all, as dead to me, and myself as dead to them. The second was, to live upon God that is invisible, as Paul said in another place; the way not to faint, is to ‘look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal’.”

I Pilgrim

What book has he been reading? Hebrews 4:12-13

Why is he dressed in rags?

What has he learned about himself? Isaiah 64:6

What is the huge burden on his back?

What is he now aware of? Romans 7:7-12

What was the purpose of the Law of God? v.7a

What does the Law of God do? v.7b-11

What is he terrified of? Hebrews 10:26, 27

What warning is given? Hebrews 10:31

What is true for everyone? Hebrews 9:27

What does he cry out? Acts 16:30

What does he choose to do?

Does he know where to find help?

Who does he see coming in the distance?

II Evangelist

Evangelist asks three questions:

Why are you so upset?

Why aren’t you willing to die?

Why are you standing still?

He gives him two directions:

What does he give him?

Where does he tell him to look? II Peter 1:19

What does Pilgrim do?

“Though the Scriptures are sufficient to make us wise unto salvation, the Lord sends Evangelist, a minister of the gospel, to help explain more fully the way of salvation. We note that Evangelist does not try to persuade the man that his fears are groundless, by presenting a view of God that is unbalanced, a view that presents the love and mercy of God but leaves out His holiness and justice. Evangelist points the man to Christ through continued Bible reading with the Holy Spirit’s illumination.”