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I. Beulah “whose air was very sweet and pleasant”

Beulah = ‘*married*’ (see Isa 62.4, compare KJV and NAS): What part of the Christian’s pilgrimage do you think the country of Beulah represents?

“They ... heard the voice of the _____ [dove] in the land.” (S. of S. 2:12)

“Christian with _____ fell sick.” (S. of S. 2:5)

“You have but two _____ more to meet with.”

What are these two difficulties (not explicitly mentioned in the text)?

1. _____ without

2. _____ within

“Consider that thou must die but once; I mean as to this world, for if thou, when thou goest hence, dost not die well, thou canst not come back again and die better.”¹

II. A River “betwixt them and the gate”

At the sight of this river the pilgrims were much _____.

Who was allowed to take the path that bypassed the river? _____ and _____

Hopeful: “Brother, I see the gate, and men standing by _____.”

Christian: “It is _____.”

What causes Christian so much despair in the crossing of the river? _____

What brings Christian out of this last despair? _____

III. The Celestial City “the city stood upon a mighty hill”

Why were the pilgrims able to ascend the hill with such ease? _____.

“You are going now _____.”

“There your eyes shall be delighted with _____ and your ears with _____ ...”

Who? _____!

They were met by a company of the _____ and

several of the King’s _____.

After that they shut up the gates; which, when I had seen, _____.

IV. Mr. Ignorance “I saw Ignorance come up to the river side”

A ferryman named _____ helped him over.

Then they asked him for his _____.

There was a way to _____, even from the gates of heaven.

¹ John Bunyan, quoted in Offor, *The Works of John Bunyan*, 1:686, subsequently quoted in Maureen Bradley, *The Pilgrim’s Progress Study Guide*, p. 102.

V. Conclusion “I have told my dream to thee”

Be not extreme in playing with _____.

Don't let my similitude put you into _____, or _____.

Do thou _____ see.