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Interpreter's house "a house which stood in the way."

What went along before Christiana in her pilgrimage and why did she overhear her name mentioned by those in Interpreter's house?

Interpreter: "Art thou that Christiana...?"

Christiana: "I am that woman that was so _____ - _____ as to slight my husband's troubles, ... but now I also am come, for I am convinced that no way is _____ but this.

"And one smiled, and another smiled, and they all smiled for _____ that Christiana was become a pilgrim."

They see several new sights, including:

1. A man who could look no way but _____, holding a _____ in his hand
muck-rake = a rake for use on muck or dung

What is wrong with this man? _____

2. A very fine room with a _____ on the wall

What is the lesson of the spider? _____

3. A room with a _____ and her _____

The _____ receives God's mercies by looking up

With her several calls, the hen illustrates the way the King calls to his people, with his common

call, by which he gives _____, his special call by which he _____ has something to give, his _____ voice and his outcry to give _____.

What kind of theology is Bunyan illustrating by the hen? _____

Is he right? _____

Interpreter: "I choose ... to lead you into the room ... because you are women, and they are _____ for you."

4. "You must learn of this _____ to suffer and to put up with _____."

5. The _____ quarrel not one with another

What ideal is displayed by Interpreter's garden? _____

6. Interpreter's field was sown with wheat and corn, but the _____ had been cut off and only the _____ remained

Interpreter: "_____, you see, is that thing you look for."

7. They spied robin with a _____ in his mouth

What lesson do the pilgrims take from the robin? _____

The Interpreter regales his guests with a series of proverbs. Note one or two that seem best to you and be prepared to discuss them in our next class.

8. The next lesson comes from a tree that is _____ on the inside, but still produces leaves on the outside

What is this tree a picture of? _____

befooled = to be made a fool of

Interpreter asks after Christiana and Mercy's testimonies. We read a repetition of that which has gone before. What are the benefits of hearing and rehearsing testimonies like this?

1. They are _____

2. They give the believer _____

After a night's rest, they made preparations to depart:

"Then they went in and _____, yea, they and the boys..."

A seal was placed on their faces, which was an _____ to their faces... [and] added to their _____, and made their countenance more like those of _____.

Interpreter: "Go... fetch out _____ for these people."

Last, Interpreter sent one with them, a man-servant named _____.