

## Pilgrim's Progress (2): At the House Beautiful (pp. 261-282)

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### I. House Beautiful “where ... they must lodge”

**Great-heart:** “I have brought... some pilgrims hither, where, by my Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ **commandment**, they must lodge.”

Why *must* pilgrims lodge at the House Beautiful? **the house Beautiful is the Lord’s church which pilgrims are not to forsake** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mercy:** “Music in the \_\_\_\_\_ **house**, music in the \_\_\_\_\_ **heart**, and music also in \_\_\_\_\_ **heaven**, for \_\_\_\_\_ **joy** that we are here!”

What does Mercy dream about? **heaven, and her acceptance by God** \_\_\_\_\_

Prudence sets out to catechize the boys. What is catechism? **doctrinal instruction set out in question and answer form** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prudence:** “What is God’s design in saving poor men?”

**Joseph:** “The \_\_\_\_\_ **glorifying** of his name, of his grace, and justice, etc., and the \_\_\_\_\_ **everlasting happiness** of his creature.”

*forsooth* = in truth, in fact, indeed

**Prudence:** What do you do when you meet with places therein that you do not understand?

**Matthew:** I think God is \_\_\_\_\_ **wiser** than I. I pray also that he will please to let me \_\_\_\_\_ **know** all therein that he knows will be for my \_\_\_\_\_ **good**.

To what sources of spiritual learning does Prudence point the boys?

1. **To their mother, who is able to ‘learn’ them more** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Good talk you hear from others** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **The heavens and earth** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Meditation in ‘that book’ that led their father** \_\_\_\_\_

Mercy had a visitor, and his name was \_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Brisk**.

**Mercy:** “I will look no more on him, for I purpose never to have a clog [obstruction] \_\_\_\_\_ **to my soul.**”

What caused Mercy’s visitor to depart? **her devotion to Christian life and work** \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Matthew’s illness “the eldest son of Christiana fell sick”

*gripes* = to have sharp pain in the bowels

**Mr. Skill:** “It is the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ **Beelzebub’s orchard.**”

Mr. Skill makes a *purge* (medicine) of *ex carne et sanguine Christi* — what are these ingredients, and with what must he take it?

**the body and blood of Christ, to be taken with a half a quarter a pint of tears of repentance** \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the first purge too weak? **because it was made of weak elements out of the Law** \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the *physic* (a medicine that purges) only effective when taken exactly as Mr. Skill required?

because the body and blood of Christ have effect only on the repentant \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Prudence “they should ask her some questions”

**Matthew:** “Where have the clouds their water?”

**Prudence:** “Out of \_\_\_\_\_ the sea.”

**Matthew:** “What may we learn from that?”

**Prudence:** “That ministers should fetch their doctrine \_\_\_\_\_ from God.”

This section has many like metaphors in question and answer form. Highlight or jot down some that strike you and be ready to discuss them in class.

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The ladies of the house Beautiful show the family four things “on which thou mayest meditate when thou art upon the way”. What did they see?

1. one of the apples Eve ate \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jacob’s ladder and angels on it \_\_\_\_\_
3. a golden anchor by which they might stand fast \_\_\_\_\_
4. the place where Abraham sacrificed Isaac \_\_\_\_\_

*virginal* = a rectangular harpsichord with the strings stretched parallel to the keyboard, the earlier types placed on a table: popular in the 16th and 17th centuries

What do you think the purpose of these sights, the song, and the *scheme* (diagram) is?

to prepare them for trials in the way \_\_\_\_\_