

## I. Enchanted Ground “tended to make one drowsy”

**Hopeful:** “Sleep is **sweet to the labouring man** \_\_\_\_\_.” (Ecc. 5:12)

**Christian:** “Let us not **sleep** \_\_\_\_\_ as others do, but **watch** \_\_\_\_\_ and be **sober** \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(1 Thes. 5:6)

## II. Good Discourse “to prevent drowsiness in this place”

What is it that keeps saints awake in spite of hell? **well-managed saints’ fellowship** (p. 165) \_\_\_\_\_

**Christian asks about Hopeful’s conversion experience:**

When first brought under conviction by Christian and Faithful’s testimony and teaching, why did Hopeful at first shut his eyes?

1. **Ignorant that this was the work of God** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Sin was yet very sweet to my flesh** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Did not know how to part with my old companions** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **The hours of conviction were hard to bear, so he shut his eyes** \_\_\_\_\_

By shutting his eyes, Hopeful hoped to put out of mind the conviction that was settling on his soul, but what were the ‘many things’ that brought them new to his mind again?

1. **Just meeting a good man on the street** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Just hearing something read out of the Bible** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Whenever he got a headache** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **If he heard that his neighbour had gotten sick** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **If he heard a bell toll for one dead [at a funeral]** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **If he thought of his own death** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **If he heard of sudden death for others** \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Especially when he thought of himself as destined for judgement** \_\_\_\_\_

Hopeful’s solution: “I thought I must endeavour to **mend my life** \_\_\_\_\_.”

Hopeful discovered that “My now reforming will not **pay off that score** \_\_\_\_\_.”

What debt does Hopeful become conscious that he still owes? **the debt of sins past, before he began reforming** \_\_\_\_\_  
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What other debt does Hopeful see if he ‘looks narrowly into the best of what I do now’? **the ongoing presence of new sins** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Faithful told me I must “obtain the **righteousness of a man that never had sinned, neither mine own, nor all the righteousness of the world could save me** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_”

“He gave me a book of Jesus inditing.” *indite* = put into writing, Psalm 45:1 (KJV) translating a Hebrew word meaning more accurately “overflowing.”

“So I continued praying until **the Father showed me His Son** \_\_\_\_\_.”

What was Hopeful's problem that caused him to pray so long for that which need only be asked once? What did he need instead?

He thought of the prayer itself as a needful work to bring about his request; he needed simply to believe and receive \_\_\_\_\_

“Then the water stood in my eyes \_\_\_\_\_.”

“What effect this had on your spirit?”

1. I saw that the world is in a state of condemnation \_\_\_\_\_

2. I saw that, in Christ, the Father can justly justify the sinner \_\_\_\_\_

3. It made me greatly ashamed of my former life and ignorance \_\_\_\_\_

4. It made me love a holy life \_\_\_\_\_

5. It made me long to live for the glory and honour of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_