

Trial in the Valley of Humiliation (pp. 283-311)

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I. Valley of Humiliation “they began to go down the hill”

“Christian did here meet with _____ Apollyon ... but that fray was the fruit of those _____ slips that he got in his _____ going down the hill.”

What did Great-heart mean by this comment and why is this valley a fruitful place for Christians?

Christian met with trouble in the Valley of Humiliation because of his own earlier faults; the valley is fruitful because humility and meekness are manifestations of the fruit of the Spirit _____

“For ‘tis easier going _____ up than _____ down this hill.”

Mercy: “This place, methinks, suits with my spirit _____.”

Baca = mentioned in Ps 84.6, the valley of Baca is a transliteration of a Hebrew word that may mean ‘mulberry’ or ‘weeping, affliction’ – it is not known if this was a literal place or not

II. The Valley of the Shadow of Death “longer than the other”

“a place, also, most strangely haunted with _____ evil things.”

Two enemies approached, but the pilgrims stood their ground. There they learned the truth of

“_____ Resist the devil, and he will _____ flee from you.”

When their way was marred by a dark pit and blinding mist, they learned they must “_____ pray for _____ light to Him that can lighten our _____ darkness.”

Samuel: “It is not so _____ bad to go through here, as it is to _____ abide here, always.”

III. The Giant Maul “out thence came forth Maul, the giant”

Maul: “Thou practisest the craft of a _____ kidnapper.”

For what cause did the giant and Great-heart fight? for the souls of the pilgrims, lately out of the kingdom of Satan, now conducted in the way to the Kingdom of God _____

Great-heart: “My business is to persuade sinners to repentance _____.”

Great-heart: “It is my duty, said he, to _____ mistrust my own ability, that I may have _____ reliance on Him who is _____ stronger than all.”

IV. Mr. Honest “an old pilgrim fast asleep”

Great-heart: “Come man, be not so _____ hot.”

Honest: “A Christian can never be _____ overcome, unless he shall _____ yield of himself.”

Honest: “I came from the town of _____ Stupidity.” (It was a town _____ worse than the City of Destruction.)

V. Mr. Fearing “that came on a pilgrimage out of his parts”

Honest: “He had the _____ root of the _____ matter in him, but was one of the most _____ troublesome pilgrims.”

Great-heart: “He was always afraid that he should _____ **come short** of
whither he had a desire to go ... **Everything** frightened him.”

“He lay at the Slough for above a _____ **month together**.

“One _____ **sunshine** morning ... he ventured, and so got over.”

However, somewhat surprisingly, he “made no stick” (didn’t hesitate) at the Hill of _____
Difficulty, neither did he fear the _____ **lions**.

“He was a man of a _____ **choice spirit**, only he was always kept
_____ **very low**, and that made his life so _____
burdensome to himself, and so _____ **troublesome** to others.”

Honest: “_____ **Difficulties** ... he feared not at all; it was only _____ **sin**,
_____ **death**, and _____ **hell**, that were to him a terror.”

In Great-heart’s description of Mr. Fearing, one phrase is repeated again and again. What is it?

He would not go back _____

Christiana: “This relation (telling the story) of Mr. Fearing has _____
_____ **done me good**.”

Mercy: “Something of him has also _____ **dwelt** _____ **in** _____ **me**.”

What kinds of fears are best for pilgrims?

James: “There is not always grace where there is the fear of _____ **hell**, yet, to be sure, there
is no grace where there is no fear of _____ **God**.”

VI. Mr. Self-will “Mr. Honest began to tell them of another”

Honest: (on Self-will’s principles) “A man might follow the _____ **vices** as well as the
_____ **virtues** of the pilgrims.”

“He said he had the _____ **Scripture** for his warrant (permission).”

Great-heart: “But what more _____ **false** than such a conclusion? For this is as much as to say,
that because good men heretofore have sinned of _____ **infirmity**, therefore he had allowance
to do it of a _____ **presumptuous** _____ **mind**.”

Christiana: “There are _____ **strange** _____ **opinions** in the world.”

What is the difference between Mr. Fearing and Mr. Self-will and what lessons should be taken from pilgrims
such as these?

**Mr. Fearing feared to sin, Mr. Self-will loved to sin, and justified himself in doing so as a “good pilgrim”.
We should learn to be fearful of our own tendency to sin and shrink from lust and over-confidence in our
flesh.** _____
