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FOREWORD

I MUST ADMIT, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT my wife Mally and I were a little crazy. Within months after our children were born, we began to read them books and show them the pictures in the books. Although we didn't expect our babies at such a young age to understand what we were reading or showing them, we were applying a biblical principle that we believed was important for the future of our children:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it
(Proverbs 22:6).

This verse is not a guarantee of salvation if parents use a particular formula (after all, each must answer for his or her own sins), but it teaches that training in early years has a great influence on establishing life-long habits.

Based on this verse and many others (e.g., Deuteronomy 6:6–7), we were convinced that the more we taught our children from their earliest years to acquire a taste for the things of the Lord, the more likely they were to retain this taste throughout the rest of their lives.

As toddlers, our children began to like the books we read to them, and eventually they could understand what we were reading. Although they couldn't read, they could see the pictures and follow along. Then they began to read the same books themselves, eventually progressing to other books as they matured and their reading level increased. Yes, we had taught our children to acquire a taste for reading, and in doing so, to acquire a taste for the things of the Lord, because that was the main purpose for which we used these books.

In thinking about this, I'm reminded of the fact that my parents taught me to acquire a taste for a spread called Vegemite. Now, most Americans basically gag if they try to eat Vegemite—but that's understandable. You see, they weren't taught to acquire a taste for Vegemite at a young age as I was. The taste I have for Vegemite was acquired as a child and will be with me for the rest of my life.

That is why I sometimes say that Christian parents need to train up “Vegemite children.” In other words, we need to train children from a young age to acquire the right tastes—and the most important taste is for the Word of the Lord and the gospel.

Thinking back to my own childhood, I don't remember most of the books my parents provided for me, except for one book that stands out—*Pilgrim's Progress*. There is something very special about this book—the greatest allegory ever written. It's still in print and a best-seller over 300 years after it was originally published. Most books today last only a few years in print. If a book lasts 10 years it's considered out of the norm.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

There is no doubt the Lord has specially blessed *Pilgrim's Progress*. I believe this is because it is a publication for the whole family so all ages can identify with our earthly struggles and understand the blessed message of the gospel.

As our children grew up, we used *Pilgrim's Progress* as a special devotion series. (Our devotion times as a family involved studying books of the Bible, reading apologetics works or studying special books like *Pilgrim's Progress*.) As I look at the wonderful teaching curriculum that goes with this edition of *Pilgrim's Progress*, I think of what an asset this would have been to us as a family had it been available 20 years or so ago. This new curriculum for one of the greatest books ever written (other than the Bible itself, of course) is available in this twenty-first century so that parents can use it in their devotional or other special family time to teach about and call to remembrance the greatest message ever given to man—the saving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even if you've read *Pilgrim's Progress* before, read it again—make it a yearly (or every other year) event. We should never tire of being reminded of the greatest message ever that never changes and is for all ages. As the words of that great hymn state:

*Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,
For I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.*

*Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in,
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon;
The early dew of morning has passed away at noon.*

*Tell me the same old story when you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory is costing me too dear.
Tell me the story always, if you would really be,
In any time of trouble a comforter to me.*

*Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

As you make your pilgrimage through this life, I can't implore you enough to ensure that your family studies God's Word diligently, and also that you use this great classic called *Pilgrim's Progress* as part of your own training and equipping process so your family, friends and others will indeed hear and understand the greatest and most important message ever.

Ken Ham
President, *Answers in Genesis*



CHRISTIAN & EVANGELIST

AS I WALKED THROUGH THE wilderness of this world, I lighted on a certain place where was a den,¹ and laid me down in that place to sleep; and as I slept, I dreamed a dream. I dreamed, and behold, I saw a man clothed with rags, standing in a certain place, with his face from his own house, a book in his hand, and a great burden upon his back. I looked and saw him open the book, and read therein; and as he read, he wept and trembled; and not being able longer to contain, he brake out with a lamentable cry, saying, “What shall I do?”

In this plight, therefore, he went home, and restrained himself as long as he could, that his wife and children should not perceive his distress; but he could not be silent long, because that his trouble increased. Wherefore at length he brake his mind to his wife and children; and thus he began to talk to them: “O, my dear wife,” said he, “and you the children of my bowels, I, your dear friend, am in myself undone by reason of a burden that lieth hard upon me; moreover, I am certainly informed that this our city will be burnt with fire from heaven; in which fearful overthrow, both myself, with thee my wife, and you my sweet babes, shall miserably come to ruin, except (the which yet I see not) some way of escape can be found whereby we may be delivered.”

At this his relations were sore amazed; not for that they believed that what he had said to them was true, but because they thought that some frenzy distemper had got into his head; therefore, it drawing towards night, and they hoping that sleep might settle his brains, with all haste they got him to bed. But the night was as troublesome to him as the day; wherefore, instead of sleeping, he spent it in sighs and tears. So when the morning was come, they would know how he did. He told them, “Worse and worse:” he also set to talking to them again; but they began

Isaiah 64:6
Luke 14:33
Psalms 38:4

Acts 2:37; 16:30
Habakkuk 1:2-3

¹ Bedford jail, in which the author was imprisoned for conscience' sake



to be hardened. They also thought to drive away his distemper by harsh and surly carriage to him; sometimes they would deride, sometimes they would chide, and sometimes they would quite neglect him. Wherefore he began to retire himself to his chamber to pray for and pity them, and also to condole his own misery; he would also walk solitarily in the fields, sometimes reading, and sometimes praying: and thus for some days he spent his time.

Now I saw, upon a time, when he was walking in the fields, that he

was (as he was wont) reading in his book, and greatly distressed in his mind; and as he read, he burst out, as he had done before, crying, "What shall I do to be saved?"

I saw also that he looked this way, and that way, as if he would run;

Acts 16:30–31

MEETING WITH EVANGELIST

THIS allegory frequently draws its characters from real people who moved across the landscape of Bunyan's life. John Gifford, the pastor of the church in Bedford, was one such person. He was a man who was faithful to his calling, and in so doing, became Evangelist to Bunyan himself.



The people who come into our lives either for good or evil are frequently remembered because of their words or conduct that, in part, have shaped us into what we are today. The first minister of the gospel whose words sank deeply into our souls and awakened us from that fatal ease surely holds an esteemed place in our hearts.

Scripture makes it clear that there are those who are given to the church with peculiar giftings for evangelism (Ephesians 4:11). They may have a more official capacity with

both gift and recognition, or they may be a Sunday school teacher, a youth pastor or just a friend speaking from the heart and doing "the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5).

The liberal church of today has not changed much since Bunyan's day. Its message is that a sense of danger for one's soul is only imagined and that a burden of guilt is the product of an overly sensitive conscience fed by the religious extremism that is inherent in the preaching of many pulpits across the land—the God who keeps track of our sins in a book somewhere is nothing but a cosmic bully and any who follow this kind of thinking need psychiatric help. Bunyan's Evangelist would surely be singled out as an extremist as he gives the warning, "Fly from the wrath to come." Of course, we recognize these words as those of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:7), who was also deemed an extremist by some, and who consequently lost his head.

The Apostle Paul, in like fashion, reminds those in the church at Corinth that "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Corinthians 5:11). It seems quite clear that the message of the evangelist is couched in the understanding that God will deal with the impenitent heart in judgment and in wrath. Yet if the message simply stopped there, how dark and hopeless would our plight be? Evangelist asks, "Dost thou see yonder shining light? Keep that light in thine eye." All is not without hope because Christ is the Light that shines in the darkness and offers Himself freely in the gospel to all who will (by faith) come to Him.



yet he stood still because (as I perceived) he could not tell which way to go. I looked then, and saw a man named Evangelist coming to him, and he asked, "Wherefore dost thou cry?"

He answered, "Sir, I perceive, by the book in my hand, that I am condemned to die, and after that to come to judgment, and I find that I am not willing to do the first, nor able to do the second."

Then said Evangelist, "Why not willing to die, since this life is attended with so many evils?" The man answered, "Because, I fear that this

Hebrews 9:27
Job 10:21–22
Ezekiel 22:14

burden that is upon my back will sink me lower than the grave, and I shall fall into Tophet. And Sir, if I be not fit to go to prison, I am not fit to go to judgment, and from thence to execution; and the thoughts of these things make me cry.”

Then said Evangelist, “If this be thy condition, why standest thou still?” He answered, “Because I know not whither to go.” Then he gave him a parchment roll, and there was written within, “Fly from the wrath to come.”

The man therefore read it, and looking upon Evangelist very carefully, said, “Whither must I fly?” Then said Evangelist, (pointing with his finger over a very wide field,) “Do you see yonder wicket-gate?” The man said, “No.” Then said the other, “Do you see yonder shining light?” He said, “I think I do.” Then said Evangelist, “Keep that light in your eye, and go up directly thereto, so shalt thou see the gate; at which, when thou knockest, it shall be told thee what thou shalt do.”

Isaiah 30:33
Matthew 3:7

Matthew 7:13–14
Psalms 119:105
2 Peter 1:19

WORDS TO KNOW:

Lighted – to descend and rest upon

Den – a squalid, neglected place

Lamentable – mournful, sorrowful, expressing grief

Plight – a place or situation of danger

Frenzy – mental agitation

Distemper – an unnatural temper, as showing loss of balance

Surly carriage – a rude and abrupt manner of carrying one’s body or self

Deride – to laugh at with contempt, to mock

Chide – to rebuke, scold, admonish or reprove

Parchment roll – an animal skin prepared for writing on and rolled into a scroll

Wicket gate – a small gate or door inside a larger gate or door

Tophet – hell, utter chaos, darkness

MEMORY VERSES: PSALM 38:4–8

CHRISTIAN & EVANGELIST TRUTHS TO PONDER

1. In Bunyan's dream he saw a man. Label the five descriptions of this man beside the picture.



2. Write the letter of the verse beside the description it matches:

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| _____ clothed in rags | A. Psalm 38:4-8 |
| _____ standing in a certain place | B. Psalm 119:105 |
| _____ face from his own house | C. Isaiah 64:6 |
| _____ a book in his hand | D. Matthew 19:29 |
| _____ a great burden upon his back | E. Hebrews 11:8 |

3. What do you think the man read in the book that made him "tremble and cry"? (Read Romans 3:23, 6:23, 7:7-12 for ideas.)

CHRISTIAN & EVANGELIST TRUTHS TO PONDER

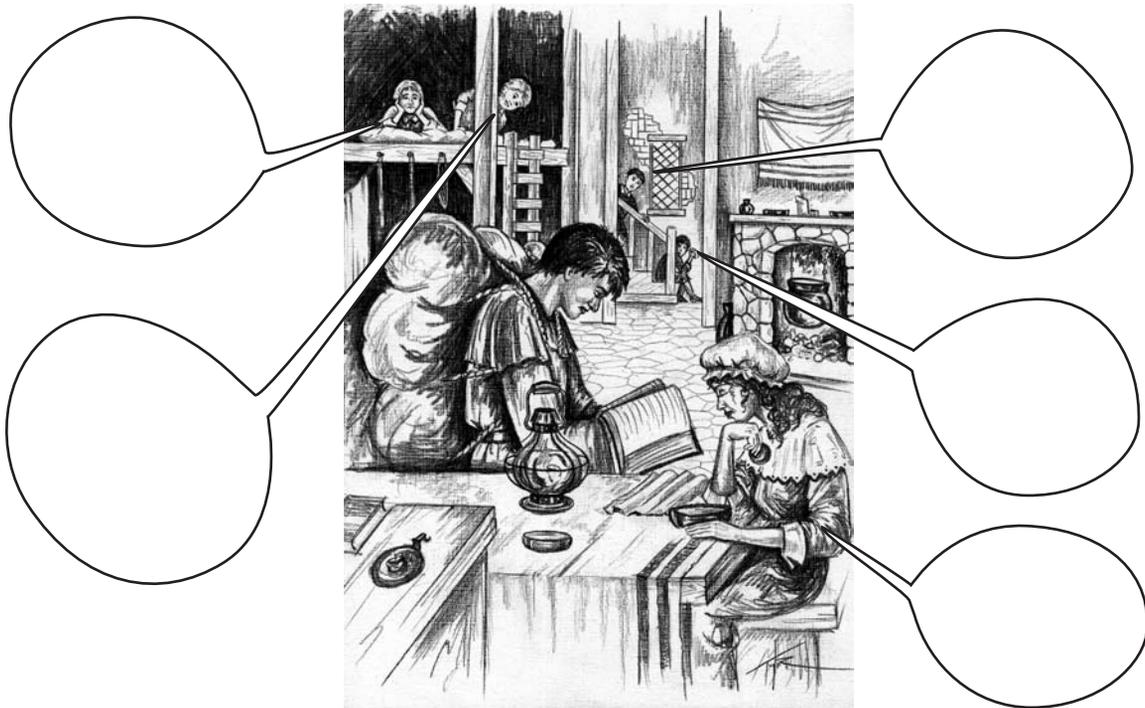
4. What warning did the man give to his family?

How did his family respond to this warning?

5. Name three ways his family treated him.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

6. Fill in the speech balloons with words you think his family said to him.



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7. How did the man react to this treatment by his family?

Write a Scripture verse that tells how *you* should respond to those who mock or mistreat you.

8. While walking in the fields and reading the book, what did the man cry out?

What would *you* tell the man to do? (See Acts 2:37–38 and Acts 16:25–34 for ideas.)

9. Look in the dictionary for the word evangelist, and write the meaning below.

Think of what an evangelist is and does. Write the names of three people who are (or were) evangelists in *your* life and tell how they minister(ed) to you.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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10. Read Matthew 7:13–14 and Psalm 119:105. Evangelist pointed the way for the man to go. In the frame, complete the picture to show what the man saw across the field.



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DIGGING DEEPER

1. What five things characterize the man that Bunyan sees in his dream?

2. Read the following verses. Write the characteristic being described by each set of verses on the line.

Isaiah 64:5-7 _____

Psalms 38:1-7 _____

Luke 14:33 _____

Psalms 119:161; Isaiah 66:2 _____

Jeremiah 6:16 _____

3. Read Acts 2 and 16:16-34. In these passages, what was the response to the people who cried out, "What shall we do to be saved?"

4. How did the man respond to his family's treatment of him?

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What does “the book” teach about persecution and how we are to respond to those who mock and mistreat us? (See Matthew 5:10–12, 38–44; John 16:33.)

5. Find a passage in the book that informs the man that “our city will be burnt with fire from heaven.”

6. According to the following passages in the book, why was the man condemned to die? Genesis 2:16–17, 3:17–19; Romans 3:9–18, 23; 5:12–14.

7. What other passages can you find that show us that we are born under condemnation of death?

8. Evangelist’s message to the man has two aspects. What are they?
