

# The Pilgrims Progress

(Stage One)

**Bright Light**  
 John 1:9; 3:14-16;  
 12:32; Rom 5:8,9

**The Holy Spirit teaches us the way to life**  
 Ps 32:8; Prov 1:7; 2:1-7;  
 John 16:13; 1 Cor 2:13; 1  
 John 2:27; Isa 28:9,10;  
 Matt 28:19,20; 2 Pet 1:5

**Christ the way to life**  
 Matt 7:14,15  
 John 10:7,8

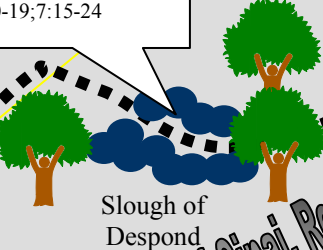
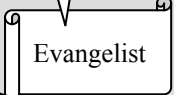
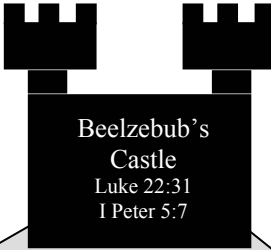
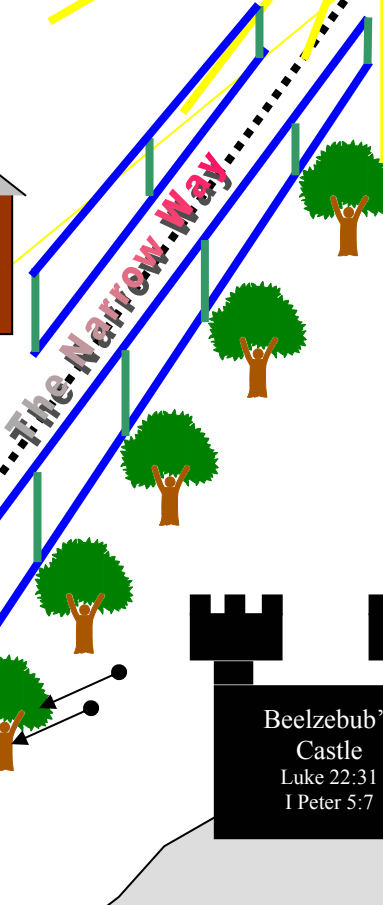
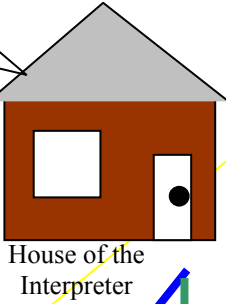
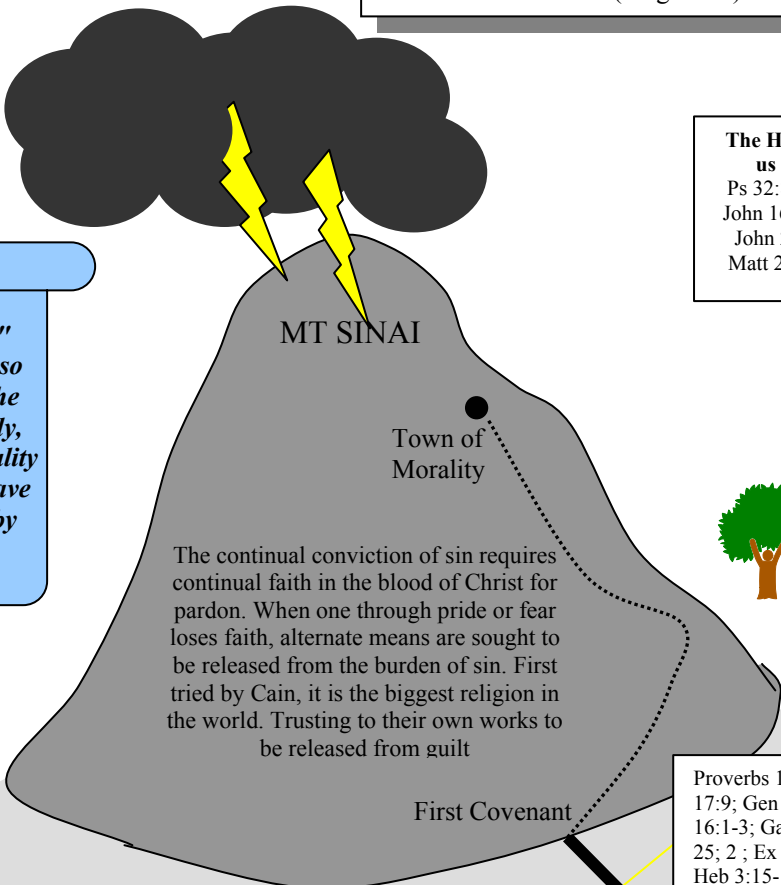
Proverbs 14:12; Jer  
 17:9; Gen 4:3;  
 16:1-3; Gal 4:22-  
 25; 2; Ex 19: 5-7;  
 Heb 3:15-19; 8:7,8  
 2 Peter 2:19-21

**The Path to Life**  
 1 John 1:5-7;  
 Rom 10:8-13;  
 Acts 2:38,39  
 1 Peter 2:2

**Increased Conviction as seeking to adjust to New Light.** Jer 17:9; Isa 1:6; 6:1-5; Rom 3:10-19; 7:15-24

*"The Pilgrim's Progress," portrays the Christian life so accurately, and presents the love of Christ so attractively, that through its instrumentality hundreds and thousands have been converted. (Written by Ellen White in 1905)*

- 1. The Word of God**  
 - Heb 4:12; 1 Pet 1:23
- 2. Conviction by Holy Spirit**  
 - John 16:8-13
- 3. Fear & Guilt**  
 - Rom 3:23; 6:23; Heb 12:29;  
 Isa 2:12-22; Mal 4:1-5; 2  
 Peter 3:10-12
- 4. Resistance by family, friends & Community**  
 Rom 8:7; Gal 4:23-29;  
 Matt 10:32-39



# The Pilgrims Progress

(Stage Two)

**Laying the glory of man in the dust**  
Pride is the most hateful thing to God.  
Prov 6:17; God calls us to walk humbly with Him; Micah 6:8. In humility we find the secret to Christ likeness. Jer 9:23,24; Isa 57:15

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**Pilgrims Rest**



**Descent into Valley of Humility**

**Trusting in Faithful Reports**  
God prepares us for tests by sending faithful messengers to tell us His will. To believe is to live, to disbelieve is to die. John 1:22-25; 2 Chron 20:20

**Overcoming Faithless Reports**  
Satan was success in sending the children of Israel back into the wilderness by faithless reports. We must trust God's word above the word of others. Num 13:26-14:5

Two Lions

Timorous & Mistrust

**Abiding in Christ**  
When we abide in Christ we find sweet rest and comfort. Abiding in Christ makes us overcomers. We also experience sweet fellowship from brothers & sisters on the path to life. 1 John 3:6; Ps 133:1 John 15:1-5

**Covered with God's Armour**  
Satan is relentless in his attacks. Only as we possess God's armour can we overcome him. The sword of the Word the shield of Faith, the breast plate of righteousness etc are all essential to victory Eph 6:12-18

**Sleeping in the midst of difficulty**  
Satan tempts us not to take things too seriously and relax. We must test every part of our life with God's word. A challenging but essential process. Rom 13:11,12; 1 Thess 5:6

**The Process of becoming like Jesus**  
God's will is to make us like Jesus (1 John 3:2; 1 Thess 4:3. This involves efforts to trust Christ and His word against our feelings. It means overcoming self by the blood of Christ. Phil 2:12,13; 2 Peter 1:4-8; Rev 3:21. James 1:2-4; 1 Pet 4:12

## Keys to Consistent Victory

1. Thinking about the sufferings of Christ on the Cross and how my sins add more stripes to his back.
2. Thinking about my coat of righteousness paid for me by Jesus.
3. Looking into and reading the Bible.
4. Thinking about the joy and wonders of heaven and living in the presence of Jesus.
5. Deciding that at the very first approach of evil, you will turn instantly from beholding it and cry to your Lord for help.
6. When you are tempted by Satan and his angels, Cast the words of Scripture in his face and believe God's Word over Satan.
7. Pray without ceasing. Stay in constant communication with Jesus.

The Hill Difficulty

The Arbour

**The Cross our Foundation**  
Jesus is the way the truth and life. John 14:6 If we fail to start with a view of the cross, we will develop a false religion based on our works. We will lack the strength to face the "Hill of Difficulty" Eph 2:8,9; Acts 4:12

Formalist & Hypocrisy

Sleeping on Road to Zion

**The Straight Path**  
The path to life means not avoiding difficulty. It means embracing character development. The alternatives are danger and destruction. Matt 7:13,14

Destruction

