

The Pilgrim's Progress

I. REVIEW

II. CHRISTIAN AND HOPEFUL ENCOUNTER IGNORANCE

A. IGNORANCE INTRODUCED

B. IGNORANCE OVER HIS OWN DEPRAVITY AND HIS NEED OF SALVATION

C. IGNORANCE OVER THE TRUE GROUNDS OF ASSURANCE

1. Ignorance Declares the Grounds for His Hope in God

- A. *IGNORANCE SAYS HE THINKS ABOUT GOD AND HEAVEN, BUT THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF THE DEVILS AND THE DAMNED*
- B. *IGNORANCE SAYS HE DESIRES GOD AND HEAVEN, BUT THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF MANY WHO DESIRE NEVER OBTAIN HEAVEN*
- C. *IGNORANCE SAYS THAT HE HAS LEFT ALL HE HAD FOR GOD AND HEAVEN, BUT THIS IS DIFFICULT AND DOUBTFUL*
- D. *IGNORANCE SAYS HIS HEART TESTIFIES THAT HE HAS LEFT ALL FOR GOD AND HEAVEN, BUT ONLY THE FOOL TRUSTS HIS OWN HEART*
- E. *IGNORANCE SAYS HE HAS A GOOD HEART, BUT HOW DOES HE KNOW HIS IS NOT AN EVIL HEART?*
- F. *IGNORANCE SAYS HIS HEART GIVES HIM COMFORT AND ASSURANCE, BUT DECEITFUL HEARTS CAN OFFER FALSE COMFORT AND FALSE HOPES*
- G. *IGNORANCE SAYS HIS HEART AND LIFE AGREE, BUT HOW DOES HE KNOW THIS?*
- H. *IGNORANCE SAYS HIS LIFE IS IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S COMMANDMENTS*

2. Christian Declares the True Nature of Good Thoughts

- A. *OUR THOUGHTS ARE GOOD WHEN THEY AGREE WITH WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS CONCERNING OURSELVES*

- B. *OUR THOUGHTS ARE GOOD WHEN THEY AGREE WITH WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS CONCERNING GOD*

- C. *OUR THOUGHTS ARE GOOD WHEN THEY AGREE WITH WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS CONCERNING CHRIST*

D. IGNORANCE OVER THE TRUE GROUNDS OF JUSTIFICATION

- 1. **Ignorance Believes with an Imaginary Faith**
- 2. **Ignorance Believes with a False Faith**
- 3. **Ignorance Believes, Not that Christ Justifies Him, but that Christ Justifies His Works**
- 4. **Ignorance Believes with a Deceitful Faith that Will Result in His Destruction**

E. IGNORANCE OVER THE BENEFITS OF SAVING FEAR

1. The Ways by which Godly Fear is Identified

- A. *PROPER FEAR IS CAUSED BY SAVING CONVICTIONS OF SIN*
- B. *PROPER FEAR DRIVES THE SOUL TO SEIZE HOLD OF CHRIST FOR SALVATION*
- C. *PROPER FEAR CREATES AND MAINTAINS REVERENCE AND TENDERNESS*

2. The Ways by which Godly Fear is Stifled

- A. *BY THINKING SUCH FEAR IS FROM THE DEVIL*
- B. *BY THINKING SUCH FEAR SPOILS THEIR FAITH*
- C. *BY THINKING THEY OUGHT NOT TO HAVE SUCH FEAR*
- D. *BY RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH FEAR STRIPS THEM OF THEIR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS*

F. THE END OF IGNORANCE

III. CONCLUDING REMARKS