

The House of the Interpreter # 3
(Pilgrim's Progress)

Introduction: We cannot understand God's word by ourselves.

- I. The Interpreter represents the Holy Spirit
 - a. Christian desired to learn more about God.
 - b. Those truly convicted of their sin will be open to the teaching of the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Jn. 15:26
 - ii. I Jn. 5:6

- II. Pictures
 - a. The man who looked to heaven—Minister's
 - i. Not just any preacher
 1. I Tim. 1:2-7
 2. I Tim. 4:12, 13, 15, 16
 3. II Tim. 1:8,9
 4. Rom. 10:14,15
 - ii. Bunyan's experience

 - b. The Dusty Room
 - i. The law is not a cleansing agent
 1. Rom 2:17-24
 2. Rom 3:20
 3. Gal 2:15, 16
 - ii. The Necessity of the Gospel
 1. Rom. 7:4-6
 2. Rom. 6:23
 3. John 8:34-36

 - c. Patience and Passion
 - i. Passion does not think beyond this world
 1. Lk. 12:13-21
 2. I Tim. 6:10
 - ii. Patience thinks and works in light of eternity
 1. Ps. 37:7, 8
 2. Ps. 73: 1 ff
 3. I Tim. 6:11
 4. Col. 3:1-3
 5. 2 Cor 4:18

 - d. The Fire Doused, but Burning

“The glory of the next world will never wear out, but [the things of this world] are suddenly gone.”

- i. Satan will try to extinguish Christians
 - 1. I Pet. 5:8,9
 - 2. Mt. 4:1-10
 - ii. God's Grace Sustains the Christian
 - 1. James 4:7
 - 2. John 10:27-29
 - 3. Mt. 28:18-20
 - 4. II Cor. 12:9
 - e. Storming Heaven
 - i. Mt. 11:12
 - ii. Eph. 6:10-20
 - iii. I Tim. 1:18-20
 - iv. II Cor. 10:4-6
 - f. Iron Cape of Despair—the Apostate
 - i. Heb. 6:1-6
 - ii. Mt. 13:6, 7, 20-22
 - g. The Dream of Judgment Day
 - i. Mt. 8:12
 - ii. Mt. 13:40-42, 49-50

- III. The Burden Gone
 - a. Running to the Cross
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 - b. Result
 - i. Joy—Lk. 1:44, Gal 5:22
 - ii. Peace—Rom. 8:1
 - iii. Forgiveness—Ps. 103:12
 - iv. Justification—2 Cor. 5:21
 - v. Salvation, a Fact

Questions:

1. How are Christians to manifest a dependence on the Holy Spirit today? How does our culture encourage or discourage this dependence?
2. How do men today try to be at peace by keeping the Law rather than resting in Christ for salvation?
3. How often are your thoughts on eternity rather than on the things of this world? Are you laboring in and out of the home in terms of eternity?
4. How does culture pressure us to think of nothing beyond this world?

5. Do you seek to live mindful of spiritual warfare? How does such warfare play itself out in daily life?

6. How can our culture make people mindful of a final day of judgment? How can we?

7. How what Christian received at the cross. Do we continue to rejoice in these treasures?