

CHRISTIAN'S JOURNEY



GUIDE 4

Exploring Chapters 37–49

VOCABULARY

Look up each of the words below in your dictionary. Write down the definition of each in the space provided. Be prepared to use them as you journey through these chapters.

Ignorance

Conceit

Enchanted

Flattery

QUESTIONS

1. What country is Ignorance from? Has Ignorance been through the Wicket-gate?

2. In chapter 39, Christian and Hopeful are passed by soldiers of the Wicked Prince who are carrying a pilgrim prisoner. How did this pilgrim become their prisoner? Based upon his character and experiences, give this pilgrim a fitting name.

3. The pilgrims have faced lions, giants, dungeons, and wicked cities. How is the Enchanted Ground just as dangerous?

4. In chapter 44 we read that although Ignorance is “careless” in his pilgrimage, he meets “with no trouble or difficulty.” Why?

5. Who is never permitted to enter the Land of Delight? Why are the pilgrims there?

6. Describe Ignorance's fate.

7. How does Hopeful encourage Christian as they cross the Dark River?

8. What does the Dark River symbolize?

9. Who is there to greet Christian when he arrives at the Celestial City?

10. Fill in the blanks of these excerpts from chapter 49:

When Christian and Hopeful passed through the gateway, they found a great company waiting to receive them

with sweet music and songs of welcome. Everyone looked glad and happy, for there was no _____ in the Celestial City, and no _____, and no _____. The _____ Himself was waiting to receive them, and He smiled upon them and took their _____ in His own. Then He led them into the Palace, and the whole City was filled with _____ because their pilgrimage was over and they had been brought safely through the Dark River into the presence of the _____.

Matthew 25:21: "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful ... Come and share your master's happiness.'"

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

List any allegorical ideas, characters, places, or things from chapters 37–49.

NAME IN STORY	WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

LITERATURE ELEMENTS

11. The climax of a story is when the reader knows the outcome or “winner” of the conflict between the protagonist and antagonist. Describe the climax of *Little Pilgrim’s Progress*.

12. Once the climax has determined the conflict outcome, and the reader can identify a “winner,” there is the falling action or results of the climax upon the characters of the story. This is called the resolution. It is the explanation of what happens to the characters after the problem has been solved. Choose Christian or Ignorance and describe his resolution.

BIBLE APPLICATION

13. After the pilgrims are rescued from the Flatterer by the Shining Ones, they are punished. Also, remember that Faithful was punished by Justice in chapter 23.

a. Consider the circumstances of these punishments and explain why the King’s servants punish the pilgrims.

b. Have you ever been disobedient and punished for it?

Read Hebrews 12:5–6, 10–11: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son” ...

“Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

c. What do these verses say about discipline?

14. Although Christian’s journey was not easy, he was encouraged many times along the Way. His two greatest encouragers were his traveling companions, Faithful and Hopeful. Read the following verses about friendship, and the comfort and encouragement that God sends through friends.

Ecclesiastes 4:10: “If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!”

Proverbs 17:17: “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

2 Corinthians 7:6–7a: “But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him.”

James 4:4: “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”

What have you learned from Christian and his traveling companions about being a friend and choosing a friend? Describe how you can be a better friend.

Talkative	
Vanity Fair	
Hopeful	
By-Ends	
Demas	
Giant Despair and Diffidence	
Ignorance	
Unbelief	
Flatterer	

CHARACTER CHART

Add the final character names under the proper heading.

Characters who have a positive influence on Christian’s pilgrimage	Characters who have a negative influence on Christian’s pilgrimage

CHARACTER MATCHING

Match the following characters to their influence upon Christian’s pilgrimage from chapters 23–49.

- A. Too idle and fond of his own comfort to be willing to serve the King faithfully.
- B. Servant of the Wicked Prince; tempts pilgrims with riches.
- C. Vain and foolish; pretends to be a pilgrim to amuse himself; talks about the King but doesn’t follow Him.
- D. Entices and deceives Christian and Hopeful; captures them with his net.
- E. Master of Doubting Castle who hates the King and imprisons pilgrims in his dungeon.
- F. Flees Vanity Fair after Faithful’s death to join Christian.
- G. Good intentions, however, relies on himself and is not obedient in entering through the Wicket-gate.

- H. A town of all material pleasures and everything pleasant; established by the Wicked Prince, a city of temptation and distraction for pilgrims on their journey.
- I. A good-natured and happy man who laughs at the pilgrims and tells them there is no such thing as a Celestial City.