

- than of the ninety and nine which went not astray!”
5. Well - Christian:
 - *Did Go Astray* - Because:
 - He Already *Was Astray!*
 - He Had Not Yet Knocked On The Door:
 - Of That Wicket-Gate!
 - He Was Still On The Outside:
 - Of The Door To Salvation!
 - And - So It Is For:
 - *Everyone* Who Is Still Astray!
 - They Will Keep Going *Further Astray:*
 - Until & Unless:
 - Jesus - Through His Word & Through His Servants:
 - Goes After Them And “Seeketh That Which Is Gone Astray!”
6. But - Where Do They Go?
 - Where Did Christian Go?
 - They Will Go Anywhere & Try Anything:
 - To Find Whatever Promises Relief:
 - From The Burden Of:
 - Their Stinging Conscience!
 - And That Is Why:
 - Christian Soon Found Himself:
 - At That “Hill” Which Was On The Way:
 - To Mr. Legality’s House!
 - But - What Mr. Worldly-Wisemen:
 - Described As A “Hill” - To Christian:
 - It Was A Mountain!
 - And - That Mountain:
 - Was So High & So Impregnable:
 - It “Did Hang So Much Over” - That:
 - It Seemed Like:
 - “The Hill Should Fall In His Head!”
7. Now - This Is An Image:
 - That Is Hard To Picture In Our Minds:
 - But - Imagine The Hill You Are To Go Over To Get To Your Destination:
 - Doesn’t Just Go Up – It Goes Straight Up!
 - And - Then - It Even Goes Over Your Head!
 - Not Even Skilled Mountain Climbers Could Scale Such A Rock!
 - That Mountain Was:
 - The Mountain Of Morality!
 - As Bunyan Points Out In His Notes In The Margin:
 - It Was “Mount Sinai” - Where:
 - God Gave Israel:
 - His Law!
8. You See - Christian Was Convinced By Mr. Worldly-Wiseman:
 - That The Best Way To Get Rid Of His Burden:
 - Was To Try To Keep:
 - The Works Of The Law!
 - And - To Try To Live:
 - A Moral & A Good Life!
 - And His Hope Was That:
 - Some Day - His Good Works:
 - Would Outweigh His Bad Works:
 - And His Burden Would Be Gone!
 - But - What Happened Instead?
 - When He Was Confronted With:
 - That Mountain Of Morality:
 - Christian Became “Afraid That He Should Be Burned. Here, Therefore, He Sweat And Did Quake For Fear!”

- But - Then - By God's Grace:
 - Bunyan Writes - "With That he Saw Evangelist Coming To Meet Him!"
 - But - This Meeting Was Different:
 - Than The First!
 - Evangelist Had:
 - "A Severe And Dreadful Countenance" This Time!
 - And So Christian:
 - "Began To Blush For Shame!"

9. I Think This Shows Us:

- That Witnessing To The Lost:
 - May Take Different Forms At Times!
- Sometimes - You:
 - **Woo** People **To** Christ:
 - Using The Promises Of Christ's:
 - Pardon & Peace!
 - But Other Times - You May Need To:
 - **Warn** People **About** Christ:
 - Using The Promises Of Christ's:
 - Justice & Judgment!
 - But - That Is To Be Expected!
 - Even As Jude Tells Us:
 - In Jude 1:22-23 - "And of some have compassion, making a difference: / And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh!"
 - This Was The Time:
 - When Evangelist Had To:
 - Pull Christian Out Of The Fire:
 - And Save Him With Fear!
 - He Confronted Him:
 - As The Prophet Nathan Confronted King David:
 - With The Words - "Thou Art The Man!"
 - "Thou Art The Man That Art Running Into This Misery; Thou Has Begun To Reject The Counsel OF The Most High, And To Draw Back Thy Foot From the Way Of Peace, Even Almost To The Hazarding Of Thy Perdition!"
 - It Is True - We Need To Stress:
 - The Grace & Loving-Kindness Of The Lord!
 - But It Is Also True - That For A Sinner:
 - "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!" (Hebrews 10:31)

10. Well - After Evangelist:

- Meets Up With Christian:
 - We Are Privy To Their Conversation:
 - About That Mountain Of Morality!
 - And So - The First Thing We Need To See About This Mountain - And Even:
 - God's Law As A Whole Is:

1. **The Cause Of Morality!**

- The Cause Of Morality:
 - Is The Holiness Of God!
 - It Was His Holiness & Majesty:
 - That Was On Full Display:
 - At Mount Sinai In The Book Of Exodus!
 - In The Margin, Bunyan Refers To Exodus 19:16-19!
 - And What Takes Place In The Next Chapter?
 - In Exodus 20? The Giving:
 - Of The Law - The Ten Commandments!
 - Which We Spent Some Time Looking At Last Year On Sunday Nights!
 - But - Even Though Our Pilgrim:
 - Responded To The Moral Law Of God:
 - The Way He Did - With Fear & Trembling!

- That Does Not Mean:
 - There Was Anything Wrong:
 - With God's Law!
- After All - How Does The Apostle Paul:
 - Describe God's Law?
 - In **Romans 7:12** - "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good!"
- In Truth:
 - The Law Of God:
 - Was Both A Revelation & A Reflection:
 - Of The Nature & Character Of God! And - It Still Is!
 - He Is - In The Words Of The Seraphims:
 - Of Isaiah 6:3 - "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
- So - The Problem For Christian Was Not:
 - With God Or His Law!
 - The Problem For Christian Was:

2. ***The Condition Of Morality!***

- The Condition Of Morality:
 - Is Given To Us Romans 10:5:
 - "For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them!"
- When Christian:
 - Was Confronted With:
 - The Terrible Majesty & Holiness Of God:
 - In The Words Of Bunyan:
 - "His Burden Now Seemed Heavier To Him, Than While He Was In His Way!"
 - God Graciously Opened Christians Eyes:
 - To See The Reality Of Things!
 - To "Behold Things As They Are!"
- So That - No Matter What Or How Much:
 - Either He Or We Might Do:
 - In Compliance With The Will & Word Of God:
 - We Are Still Sinners!
 - And Are Woefully Still Unclean, Unworthy, And Undone!
- This Is What Took Place:
 - In The Heart & Life Of The Apostle Paul As Well:
 - In **Romans 7:9-11** - "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. / And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death!"
 - You See - The Law Of God:
 - Requires Perfect Morality!
 - A Morality:
 - Which Noone Can Achieve!
 - And Romans 3 Makes This Clear!
 - Romans 3:10 - "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one!"
- So - Instead Of:
 - Curing Us:
 - From Our Sins:
 - The Law Of God Leads To:

3. ***The Curse Of Morality!***

- The Three Men That Evangelist Talks To Christian About:
 - All Had - In His Words:
 - "A Design To Beguile Thee Of Thy Salvation!"
 - And - He Called Mr. Worldly-Wiseman:
 - An "Alien!"
 - And - Mr. Legality:
 - A "Cheat!"

- And - His Son Civility:
 - A “Hypocrite!”
- So - They Took The Good Thing That God Gave:
 - To Reveal **His** Righteousness:
 - And Turned It Into A Way:
 - For Man To Try To Establish His Own Righteousness!
 - Which Is Impossible!
- But - Those Three Men:
 - Were Agents Of The Devil!
 - They Were In Bondage To Him:
 - And This Was Their Design All Along!
 - They Knew - From:
 - **Galatians 3:10** - “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them!”
- So - Instead Of Being:
 - Helped With His Burden:
 - His Burden - Became Heavier!
 - Even Heavier Than When:
 - He Was In The Slough Of Despond - Which Was Still Along The Right Path!
- Well - Rightfully So:
 - Christian - “Now” - “Looked For Nothing But Death, And Began To Cry Out Lamentably!”
 - But - What Caused Christian:
 - To Start Down This Path:
 - To Begin With?
 - Evangelist Told Christian:
 - “There Are Three Things In [The Counsel Of Mr. Worldly-Wiseman] That Thou Must Utter Abhor!”
 - And This Shows To Us:

4. ***The Concern About Morality!***

- With These Three Things:
 - Bunyan Shows To Us That:
 - Part Of The Responsibility Of An Evangelist:
 - Is To Expose Error!
 - And - Christian Was Blind To Three Main Errors:
 - That Were In The Advice Of Mr. Worldly-Wiseman!
 - The First Error Was:
 - The Deliberate Contradiction:
 - To The Word!
 - The Word Of God!
 - Evangelist Told Him:
 - One Way To Go - The Right Way!
 - Just As Jesus Said In **Matthew 7:14** - “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it!”
 - But - That So Called “Wiseman” Told Christian:
 - To Go Another Way - The Wrong Way!
 - As Jesus Said In **Matthew 7:13** - “Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat!”
 - And Christian Believed:
 - The Word Of The World:
 - Instead Of:
 - The Word Of The Lord!
 - And - This Is Still:
 - A Dangerous Error!
 - As It Has Always Been!
 - Even In The Garden Of Eden - The Serpent Questioned God’s Word! To Eve, He Asked - “Yea, Hath God Said?”
 - The Second Error Was:

- The Deceptive Contradiction:
 - Of The Cross!
 - The Cross Of Christ!
- What God Says:
 - Is Necessary For Eternal Life:
 - The World Contradicts & Says:
 - “Shall Be Thy Death!”
- But - Jesus Said:
 - In Luke 9:23 - “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me!”
- It Is A Cross:
 - To Deny What Seems:
 - To Be The Way Of Life:
 - Like The Paths Of Morality & Civility!
 - And Instead:
 - To Trust In What Seems:
 - To Be The Way Of Death:
 - The Cross Of Christ!
- It Is A Cross:
 - To Deny Yourself:
 - And Those Things You Think:
 - You Can Control - Even:
 - Your Self-Righteousness!
 - And Instead:
 - To Trust Completely:
 - In The Righteousness Of Someone Else - Even Someone You’ve Never Seen:
 - For Your Salvation!
- The Third Error Was:
 - The Destructive Contradiction:
 - Of The Law!
 - The Law Of God!
 - Evangelist Told Christian:
 - That Morality, Legality, & Even Civility:
 - Could Never “Deliver Thee From Thy Burden” - Even Though:
 - That Was What Mr. Worldly-Wiseman Promised They Could Do!
- This Is The Great Concern:
 - About Morality!
 - True Morality Is Good!
 - But - Good Is Not Good Enough:
 - To “Deliver Thee From Thy Burden!
 - And - Christian Is Starting:
 - To Understand This More & More!
 - Because - Then - He Seeks Once Again For:

5. ***The Cure For Morality!***

- Christian’s Heart Is Truly Broken!
 - His Sin - By Consenting To & Believing In;
 - Those Errors - Was “Very Great!”
 - Evangelist Informed Him That:
 - “Thou Has Forsaken The Way That Is Good, To Tread In Forbidden Paths!”
 - That Is - He Forsook:
 - The True Gospel!
 - And Followed After:
 - A False Gospel - “Another Gospel: Which Is Not Another!” (Galatians 1:6-7)
- So - He Cried Out:
 - “Sir, What Think You? Is There Hope? May I Now Go Back, And Go Up To The Wicket-Gate? Shall I Not Be Abandoned For This, And Sent Back From Thence Ashamed? I Am Sorry I Have Hearkened To This Man’s Counsel! But May My Sin Be Forgiven?”
 - Oh, What A Promise We Have:
 - For Christian - In Psalm 51:17 - “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and

a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise!”

- As An Answer:
 - Did You Notice:
 - How Evangelist Sent Him Back On His Way?
 - “After He Kissed Him [With Nothing But A Fatherly Kiss], [He] Gave Him One Smile, And Bid Him Godspeed!”
 - There Was Hope:
 - For Christian Still!
 - And As Paul Says In Titus 3:3-4:
 - “For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. / **But after that** the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared!”
- The Cure For Morality:
 - Or - Rather - The Lack Thereof:
 - Is The Gracious, Forgiving Smile Of God:
 - Upon Sinners Who:
 - Turn From Their Own Works & Trust In The Finished Work Of Jesus Christ!
 - Because - As Evangelist Told Christian:
 - “Yet Will The Man At The Gate Receive Thee, For He Has Good-Will For Men!”
 - And - As We Will See Next Week:
 - That “Man At The Gate” Is Jesus!

Conclusion:

1. Have You Faced The “Mountain Of Morality”:
 - As Christian Did?
 - It Is A Place - Not Of Help:
 - But Of Hopelessness!
 - Because - “There Is None Righteous, No Not One!”
2. The World May Look At You:
 - And See Someone:
 - Who Has It All Together!
 - You Are Moral & Civil & Good!
 - But - What Really Matters:
 - Is How God Sees You!
 - As We Are Told In:
 - 1 Samuel 16:7 - “For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart!”
 - And What Does He See There?
 - Isaiah 64:6 - “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags!”
3. So - Remember:
 - For Your Own Sins:
 - As Well As For:
 - The Sins Of Others:
 - Morality, Legality, And Civility:
 - Will Not Save You Or Relieve You From The Burden Of Your Sin!
 - What Will?
 - Christ Alone!
 - And Trusting In His Righteousness:
 - Instead Of Your Own!

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