The background features a soft, sepia-toned landscape. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible under a pale sky. In the foreground on the right, the slender, drooping branches of a willow tree are adorned with small, dark, round buds or berries. The overall texture is slightly grainy, reminiscent of aged paper.

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

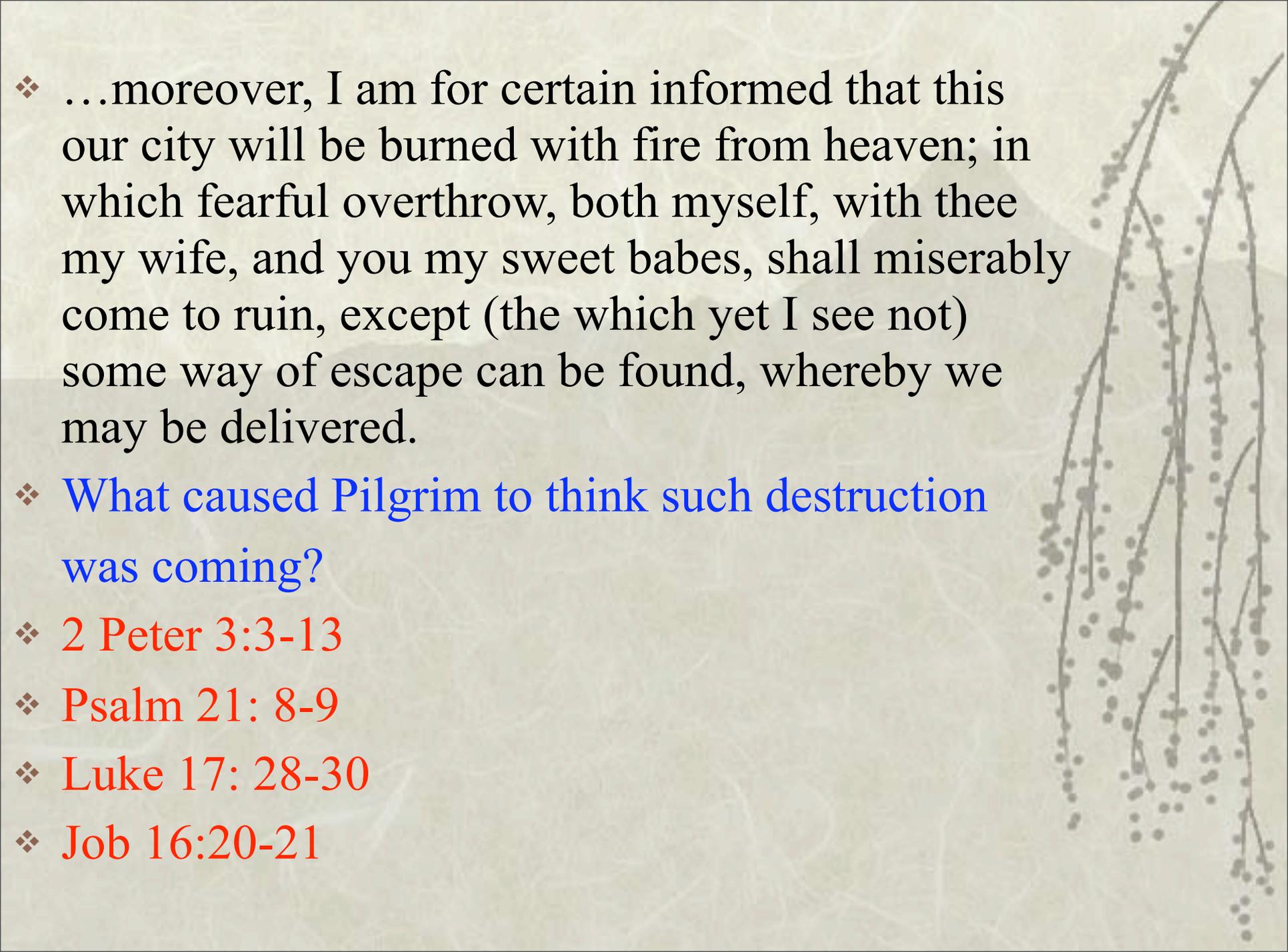
1 In the Similitude of a Dream

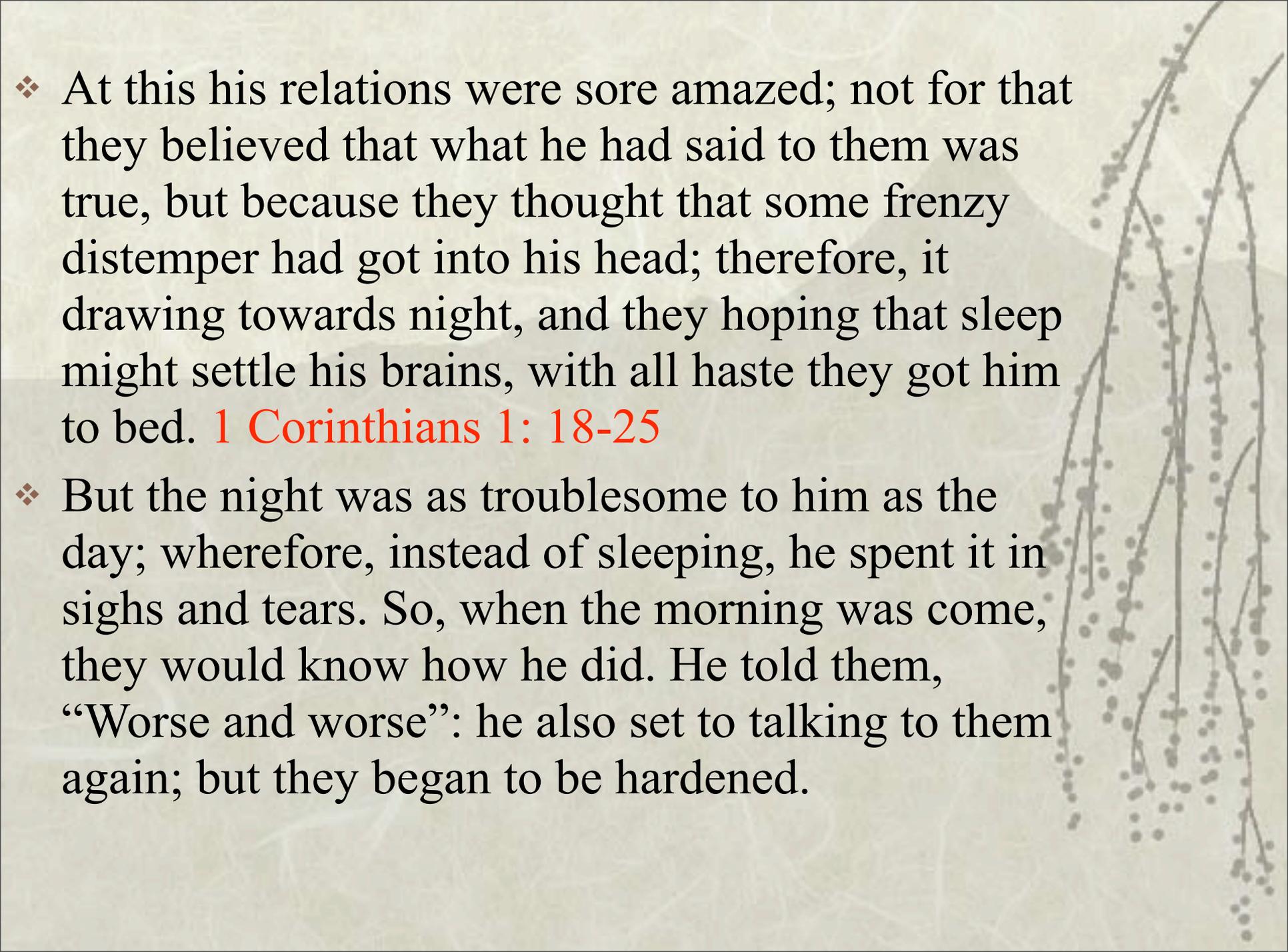
❖ As I walked through the wilderness of this world, I lighted on a certain place where was a Den, and I laid me down in that place to sleep: and, as I slept, I dreamed a dream. I dreamed, and behold, I saw a man clothed with rags, standing in a certain place, with his face from his own house, a book in his hand, and a great burden upon his back. **Isa. 64:6; Luke 14:33; Ps. 38:4;** I looked, and saw him open the book, and read therein; and, as he read, he wept, and trembled; and, not being able longer to contain, he brake out with a lamentable cry, saying, "What shall I do?" **Acts 2:37 Habakkuk 1:2-3**



❖ In this plight, therefore, he went home and refrained himself as long as he could, that his wife and children should not perceive his distress; but he could not be silent long, because that his trouble increased. Wherefore at length he brake his mind to his wife and children; and thus he began to talk to them: O my dear wife, said he, and you the children of my bowels, I, your dear friend, am in myself undone by reason of a burden that lieth hard upon me;



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- ❖ ...moreover, I am for certain informed that this our city will be burned with fire from heaven; in which fearful overthrow, both myself, with thee my wife, and you my sweet babes, shall miserably come to ruin, except (the which yet I see not) some way of escape can be found, whereby we may be delivered.
 - ❖ What caused Pilgrim to think such destruction was coming?
 - ❖ 2 Peter 3:3-13
 - ❖ Psalm 21: 8-9
 - ❖ Luke 17: 28-30
 - ❖ Job 16:20-21

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- ❖ At this his relations were sore amazed; not for that they believed that what he had said to them was true, but because they thought that some frenzy distemper had got into his head; therefore, it drawing towards night, and they hoping that sleep might settle his brains, with all haste they got him to bed. **1 Corinthians 1: 18-25**
 - ❖ But the night was as troublesome to him as the day; wherefore, instead of sleeping, he spent it in sighs and tears. So, when the morning was come, they would know how he did. He told them, “Worse and worse”: he also set to talking to them again; but they began to be hardened.

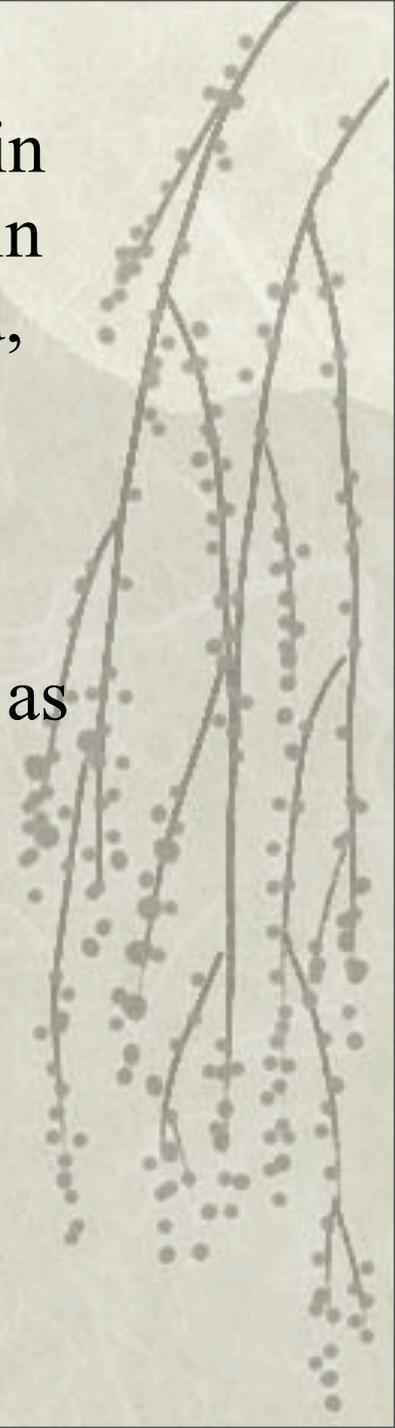
- ❖ They also thought to drive away his distemper by harsh and surly carriages to him; sometimes they would deride, sometimes they would chide, and sometimes they would quite neglect him.
- ❖ **Matthew 5:10-12, 38-44**
- ❖ **John 16:33**
- ❖ Wherefore he began to retire himself to his chamber, to pray for and pity them, and also to condole his own misery; he would also walk solitarily in the fields, sometimes reading, and sometimes praying: and thus for some days he spent his time.



Now, I saw, upon a time, when he was walking in the fields, that he was, as he was wont, reading in his book, and greatly distressed in his mind; and, as he read, he burst out, as he had done before, crying, "What shall I do to be saved?"

Acts 16:30-31

I saw also that he looked this way and that way, as if he would run; yet he stood still, because, as I perceived, he could not tell which way to go. I looked then, and saw a man named Evangelist coming to him and asked, Wherefore dost thou cry?



❖ He answered, Sir, I perceive by the book in my hand, that I am condemned to die, and after that to come to judgment and I find that I am not willing to do the first nor able to do the second.

❖ **Hebrews 9:27**

❖ **Job 10:21-22**

❖ **Ezek. 22:14**



Then said Evangelist, Why not willing to die, since this life is attended with so many evils? The man answered, Because I fear that this burden is upon my back will sink me lower than the grave, and I shall fall into Tophet. **Isa. 30:33**

And, Sir, if I be not fit to go to prison, I am not fit, I am sure, to go to judgement, and from thence to execution; and the thoughts of these things make me cry.

Why did Pilgrim believe he personally was doomed?

Genesis 2:16-17 **Genesis 3:17-19**

Romans 3:9-18, 23 **Romans 5:12-14**

Then said Evangelist, If this be thy condition, why standest thou still? He answered, Because I know not whither to go. Then he gave him a parchment roll, and there was written within, Flee from the wrath to come.

Matthew 3:7

Isaiah 30:33

The man therefore read it, and looking upon Evangelist very carefully, said, Whither must I fly?



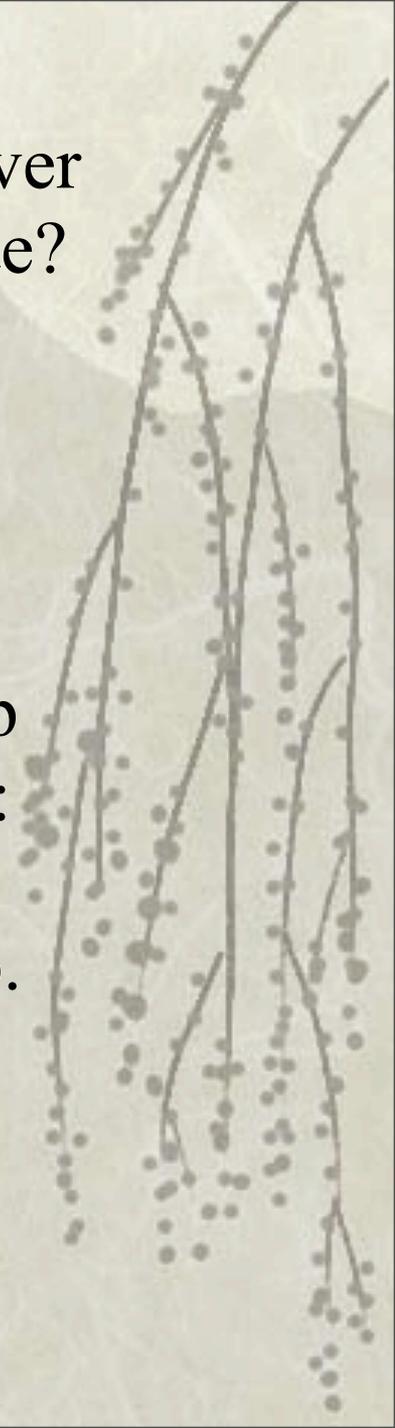
Then said Evangelist, pointing with his finger over a very wide field, Do you see yonder wicket-gate?

Matt. 7:13,14 The man said, No. Then said the other, Do you see yonder shining light?

Ps. 119:105

2 Pet. 1:19

He said, I think I do. Then said Evangelist, Keep that light in your eye, and go up directly thereto: so shalt thou see the gate; at which, when thou knockest, it shall be told thee what thou shalt do.



Obstinate and Pliable

So I saw in my dream that the man began to run.

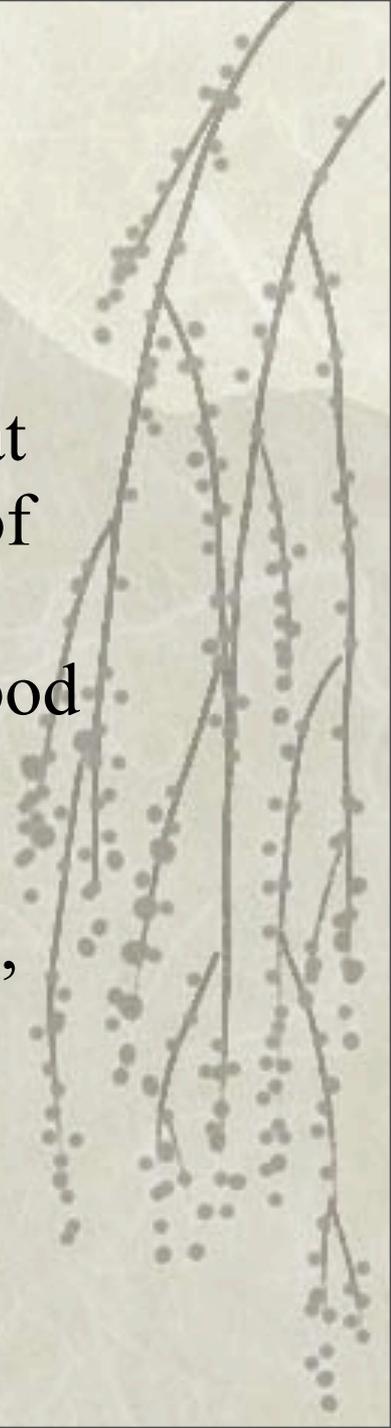
Now, he had not run far from his own door, but his wife and children, perceiving it, began to cry after him to return; but the man put his fingers in his ears, and ran on, crying, Life! life! eternal life!

Luke 14:26

So he looked not behind him, but fled towards the middle of the plain.

Genesis 19:17

The neighbours also came out to see him run **Jer. 20:10**; and, as he ran, some mocked, others threatened, and some cried after him to return; and, among those that did so, there were two that resolved to fetch him back by force. The name of the one was Obstinate and the name of the other Pliable. Now, by this time, the man was got a good distance from them; but, however, they were resolved to pursue him, which they did, and in a little time they overtook him. Then said the man, Neighbours, wherefore are ye come? They said, To persuade you to go back with us.



But he said, That can by no means be; you dwell, said he, in the City of Destruction, the place also where I was born: I see it to be so; and, dying there, sooner or later, you will sink lower than the grave, into a place that burns with fire and brimstone: be content, good neighbours, and go along with me.

OBSTINATE What! said Obstinate, and leave our friends and our comforts behind us?

CHRISTIAN Yes, said Christian, for that was his name, because that **ALL** which you shall forsake is not worthy to be compared with a little of that which I am seeking to enjoy **2 Corinthians 4:18**

...and, if you will go along with me, and hold it, you shall fare as I myself; for there, where I go, is enough and to spare. Come away, and prove my words.

❖ **Luke 15:17**

OBSTINATE What are the things you seek, since you leave all the world to find them?

CHRISTIAN I seek an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, and it is laid up in heaven, and safe there, to be bestowed, at the time appointed, on them that diligently seek it. Read it so, if you will, in my book.

1 Pet. 1:4

Heb. 11:16

OBSTINATE Tush! said Obstinate, away with your book; will you go back with us or no?

CHRISTIAN No, not I, said the other, because I have laid my hand to the plough.

Luke 9:62

OBSTINATE Come, then, neighbour Pliable, let us turn again, and go home without him; there is a company of these crazy-headed coxcombs, that, when they take a fancy by the end, are wiser in their own eyes than seven men that can render a reason.

Prov. 26:16

PLIABLE Then said Pliable, Don't revile; if what the good Christian says is true, the things he looks after are better than ours: my heart inclines to go with my neighbour.

OBSTINATE What! more fools still! Be ruled by me, and go back; who knows whither such a brain-sick fellow will lead you? Go back, go back, and be wise.

CHRISTIAN Nay, but do thou come with thy neighbour, Pliable; there are such things to be had which I spoke of, and many more glorious besides. If you believe not me, read here in this book; and for the truth of what is expressed therein, behold, all is confirmed by the blood of Him that made it.

Hebrews 9:17-22; 13:20

PLIABLE Well, neighbour Obstinate, said Pliable, I begin to come to a point; I intend to go along with this good man, and to cast in my lot with him: but, my good companion, do you know the way to this desired place?

CHRISYIAN I am directed by a man, whose name is Evangelist, to speed me to a little gate that is before us, where we shall receive instructions about the way.

PLIABLE Come, then, good neighbour, let us be going. Then they went both together.

OBSTINATE And I will go back to my place, said Obstinate; I will be no companion of such misled, fantastical fellows.

Now, I saw in my dream, that when Obstinate was gone back, Christian and Pliable went talking over the plain; and thus they began their discourse.

CHRISTIAN Come, neighbour Pliable, how do you do? I am glad you are persuaded to go along with me. Had even Obstinate himself but felt what I have felt of the powers and terrors of what is yet unseen, he would not thus lightly have given us the back.

PLIABLE Come, neighbour Christian, since there are none but us two here, tell me now further what the things are, and how to be enjoyed, whither we are going.

CHRISTIAN I can better conceive of them with my mind, than speak of them with my tongue. God's things unspeakable: but yet, since you are desirous to know, I will read of them in my book.

PLIABLE And do you think that the words of your book are certainly true?

CHRISTIAN Yes, verily; for it was made by Him that cannot lie.

Titus 1:2

PLIABLE Well said; what things are they?

CHRISTIAN There is an endless kingdom to be inhabited, and everlasting life to be given us, that we may inhabit that kingdom for ever.

Isaiah 45:17

Isaiah 65:17

John 10:27-29

PLIABLE Well said; and what else?

CHRISTIAN There are crowns and glory to be given us, and garments that will make us shine like the sun in the firmament of heaven.

2 Timothy 4:8

Matthew 13:43

Revelation 3:4

Revelation 22:5



PLIABLE This is very pleasant; and what else?

CHRISTIAN There shall be no more crying,
nor Sorrow: for He that is owner of the place will
wipe all tears from our eyes.

Isaiah 25.6-8

Revelation 7:16-17

Revelation 21:4

