

Open to Hebrews 11:29

This book – life's instruction manual
- 2 Peter 1 – everything necessary for life, godliness

Ignore this book...to your peril
(quotes on next slide)

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B.W. JOHNSON (1833-1894)

Presumption is one of the greatest of all dangers. He who realizes this danger will be on his guard.

"It is good for us to shame ourselves out of our presumptuous confidence in ourselves."

Matthew Henry (1662 - 1714)

Consider these quotes....let them sink in

I want you to know, that I think this is true
- one of our greatest dangers is our presumptions self confidence

That is what I believe God brings before us today
- continuing our study in Hebrews 11 – about faith
- giving us a working model, example of faith
- today, clearly see that faith opposite presumption

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Notice with me our verse today: Heb 11:29

Referring to one of the most well know miracles of God
- parting of the Red Sea

Before we look at what is emphasized here

- lets go back to the OT and familiarize ourselves
with the account of the Red Sea's Parting

Turn to Exodus 14

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1) God's Guidance

I would like you to notice 7 quick things about what
happens here

First – I want you to see that God is guiding them.
In fact, look back chap 13:17-18

Then look at 14:1-4
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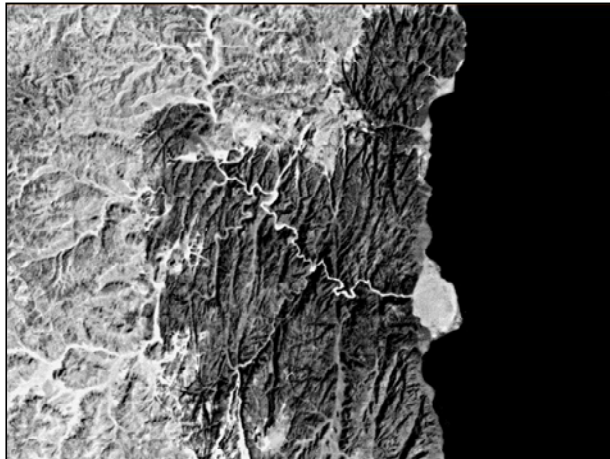
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Here you see a satellite map of the Sinai Peninsula

There is some debate where Israel traveled, and even where they get to – Mt Sinai...another discussion

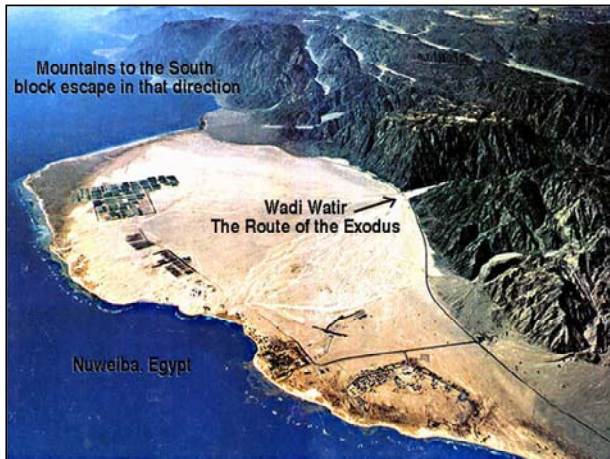
But on the map you see a very possible path



Here is a satellite map that shows you that there is a gorge that takes you through mountain ranges, this is where I think Israel travel – what referring to



This is that pass, and looking towards the Red Sea



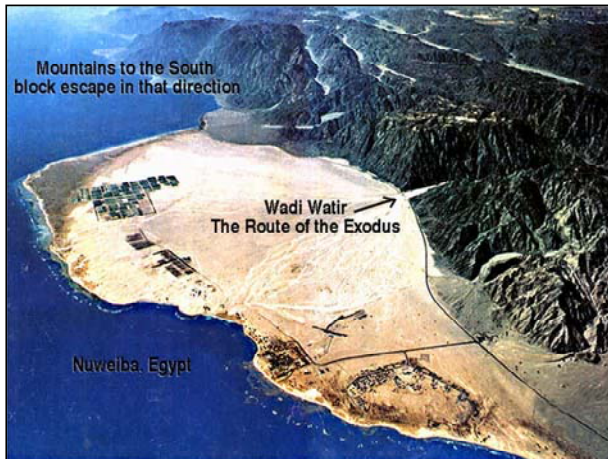
Would have brought them here

A beach – surrounded by mountains, with only one real exit and entrance – thus trapped as Pharaoh thought



As you look out from there, you would be looking across the Red Sea into Arabia – impassable waters

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Point again....God is guiding.

Yet, feels like a trap, or impossible situation – between a rock and a hard place

When God does that...know He has a plan

- maybe you are in such a place today
- feel hemmed in...is a good place to be

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Second – notice Egypt's pursuit
- change of heart, angry, self confident

Third – notice Israel's fear – panic

Fourth – Moses' encouragement
- good encouragement to us today
- especially if you are in a "hard place"
- Don't fear. (fear and faith opposites)
- Stand still – this is not your battle
- See, you will see God's salvation

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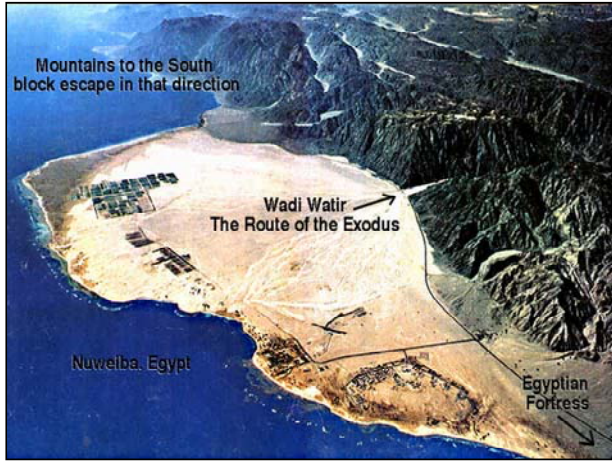


Amazing encounter – one Israel would look back to for a long time...still do today.

Three key miracles here

- 1) Cloud between Egypt and Israel
- Interestingly – dark on one side, light on other
- 2) Parting of the Red Sea
- 3) Dry ground....

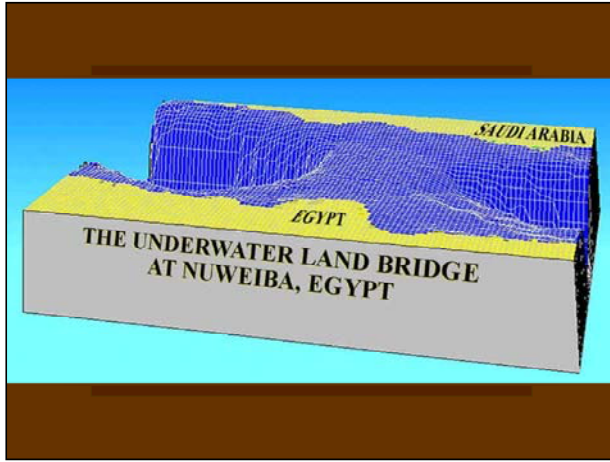
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Imagine it here



See the water



Interestingly, providentially – is an underwater land bridge at this location....

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some dispute...think "Reed Sea_ - shallow
- simple answer...no.
- water a wall on either side
- Egyptians drown in

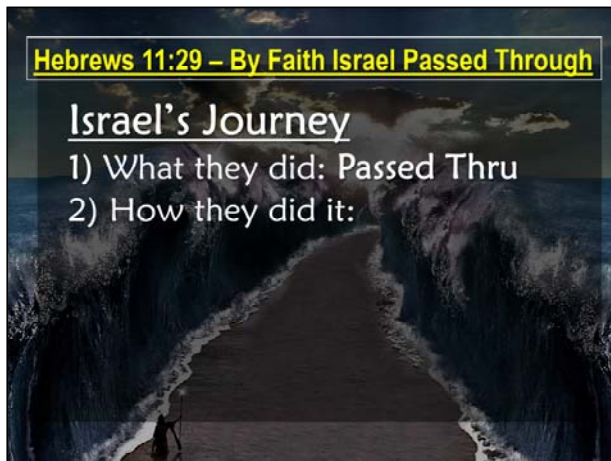
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Sixth thing to notice – Israel passes through

Seven – Egyptians are destroyed

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So...now we have the account fresh in minds

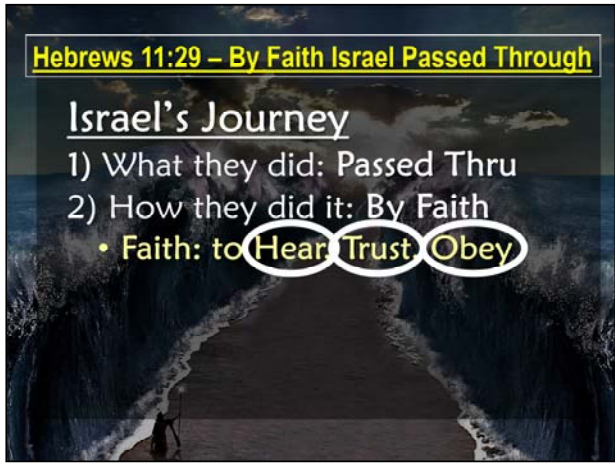
Lets go back to Hebrews 11 – see what God has

First – notice Israel's Journey

1) What they did – they passed through
- passed through the waters

2) How did they do it? (next slide)

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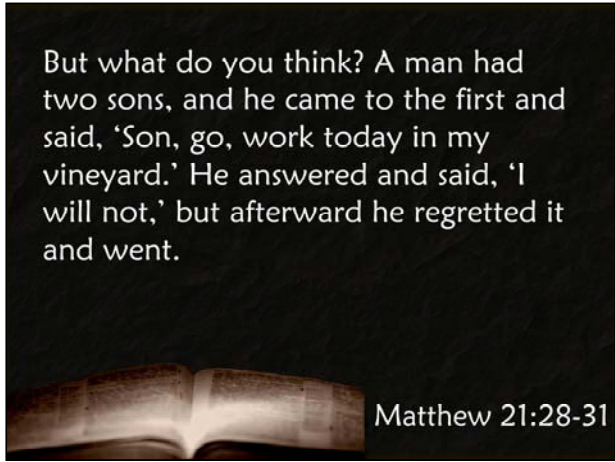
They did this by faith
- that is what this chapter is about – showing us
- showing us to have faith

What is faith – I have given you a 3 word definition
- hear, trust and obey

Hear – faith comes by hearing – responding to God
- The reason they could do this – following God
- they are hearing God
- Could not attempt on own...only obeying God

Trust – believing what God says...
- the wonderful thing about this – was not perfect
- perfect would be good...great to see such trust
- but such a standard would exempt many of us
- Children of Israel feared – but still, they did not run
they did not surrender to Egypt, do go forward
- faith...real faith can and does struggle
- real key is what comes next

Obedience. Where there is obedience, is faith
- whatever fears they had – didn't undo this



Easy picture – two sons, same directions, different responses, different outcomes

But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.



Matthew 21:28-31

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Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.



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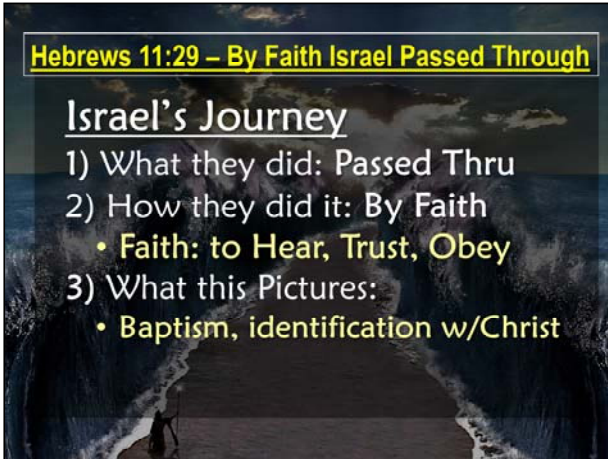
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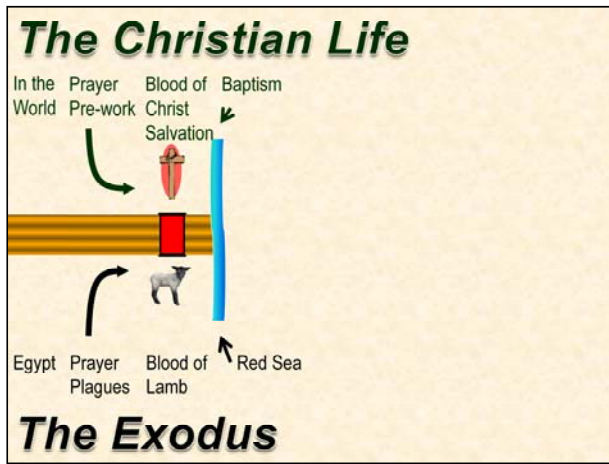
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There is a really great picture here....want you to see

- what we see in Ex 14, referred to here, is a picture of baptism, identification with Christ

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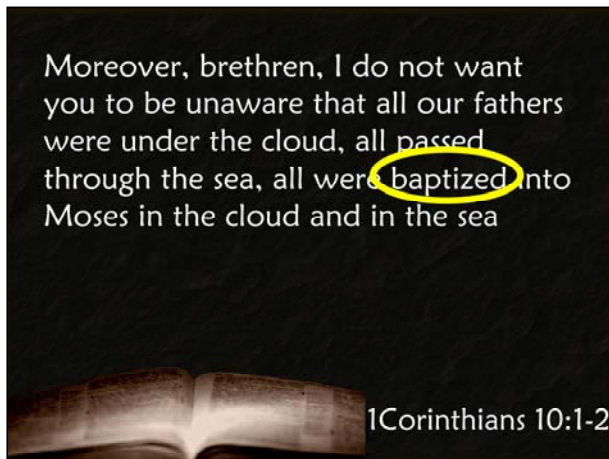
Think of the comparison here

Egypt – picture of the world...
- is what we are saved out of

Began with Israel praying – God responding
- continued with the plagues
- I see these as a picture of “pre-salvation work”
- As God draws us to Himself, destroys our gods, shows that He is real

Blood of the lamb – Jesus blood
- this is the picture of salvation, born again

Then come to Red sea – after some days
- Red Sea is a description of baptism
- (Next slide)



Notice baptism....in cloud and sea
-Cloud picture of the Spirit
-Sea of the waters

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



Galatians 3:26-27

Baptism is a picture that we have come into Christ

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“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.



Matthew 10:32-33

Personally – I see Baptism as a picture of confessing Christ

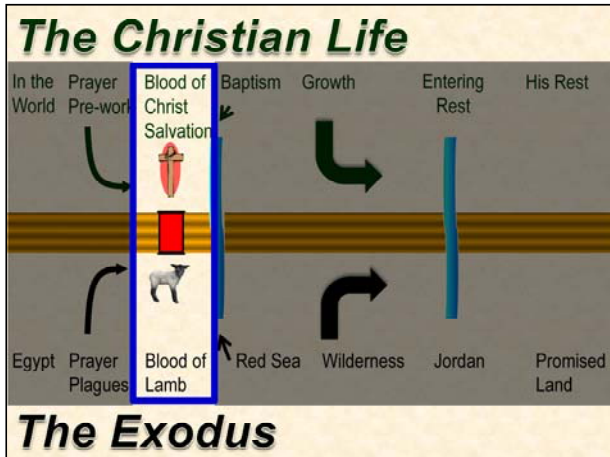
I do believe every Christian should be baptized
- baptism to take place after salvation

Yet – it is just a picture of a life, what has taken place
- born again, new life – now in Christ
- the major point is the reality
- the reality of declaring this publically, can and often does take place after the reality

For example – could happen here – while teaching
- saved....wild

In a week or so...begin telling all, telling here

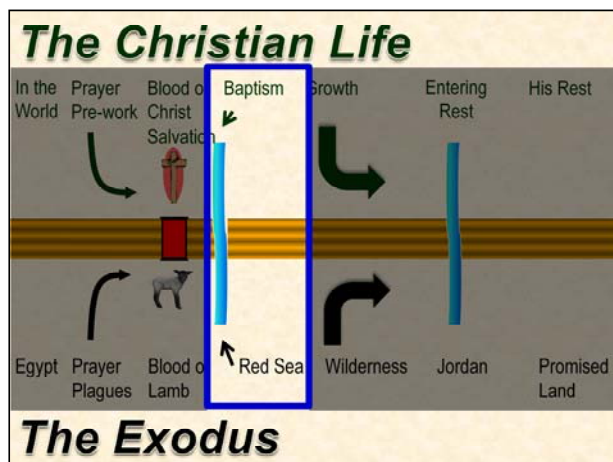
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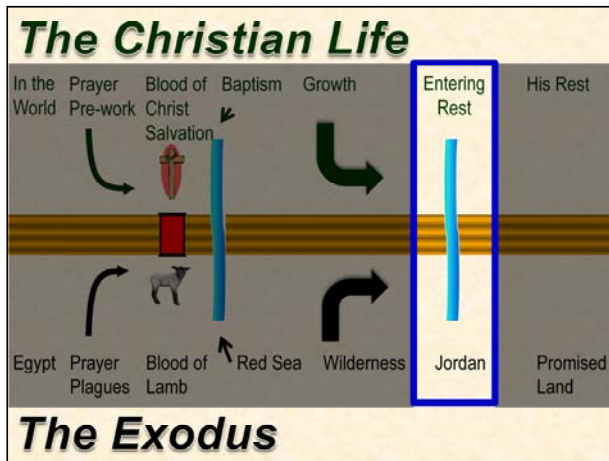
After red sea – see them progress...wander
 - picture of growth

Then is another sea – Jordan –
 - picture of entering the full Christian life
 - Talked much about in Heb 4

Here is something neat
 - Last week, v.28 – saw salvation
 - I long, keep praying for people to be saved



This week – Red Sea – baptism
 - public declaration, confessing



Next week – v.30

- picture of entering His rest, taking Jericho

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Wonderful, wild picture...but it is more

Baptism is a picture of death, Christ's, ours
 - passing through waters, picture of our passing through death

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Romans 6:3-5

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Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



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For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection



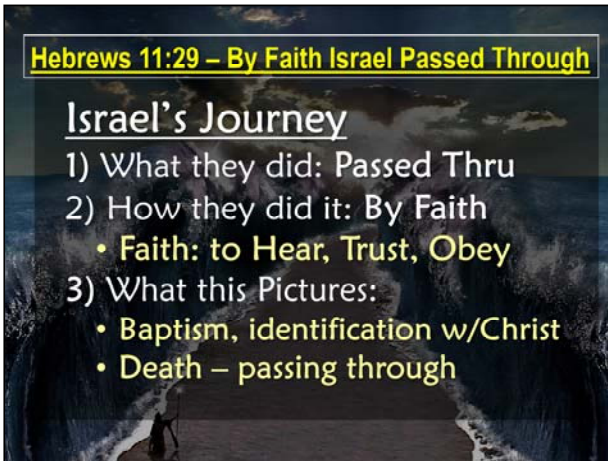
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Passed through, and so will we Christian

Can't help but think of famous passage – Ps 23

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Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.



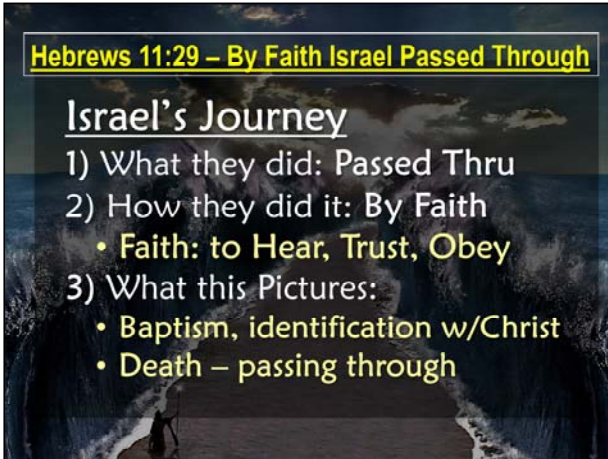
Psalm 23:4

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This is where Israel was, what Israel did by faith
By hearing, trusting, obeying – call you go

Yet....there is a grave warning here....that of the
Egyptians....

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1) What they did:



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I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.



Revelation 3:1

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Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.



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at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open
for us,' and He will answer and say to
you, 'I do not know you, where you
are from,'



Luke 13:24-28

then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from.'

Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

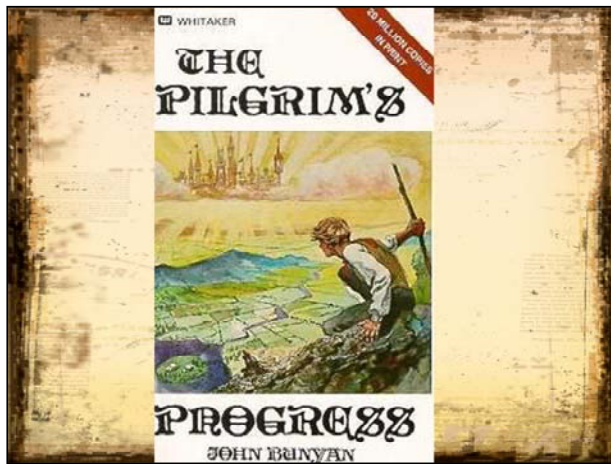


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There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.



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As he stood thinking, two men came tumbling over the wall on the left hand of the narrow way; and they came up to him. One was Formalist and the other was Hypocrisy.

CHRISTIAN. Gentlemen, where do you come from and where are you going?

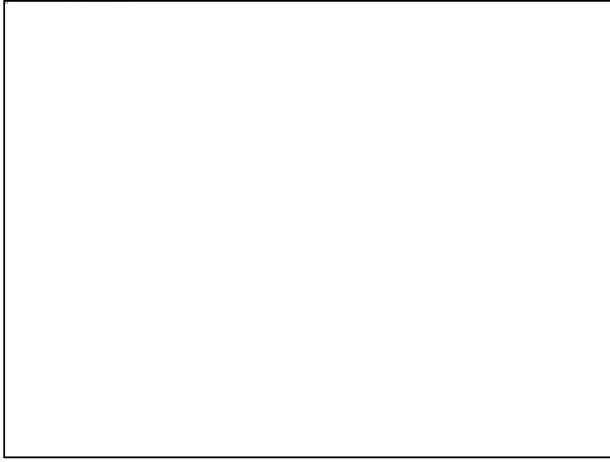
FORMALIST and HYPOCRISY. We were born in the land of Vain-glory, and are going for praise to Mount Zion.

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CHRISTIAN. Why came you not in at the gate which is at the beginning of the way? Know ye not that it is written, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*" (Jn 10:1)

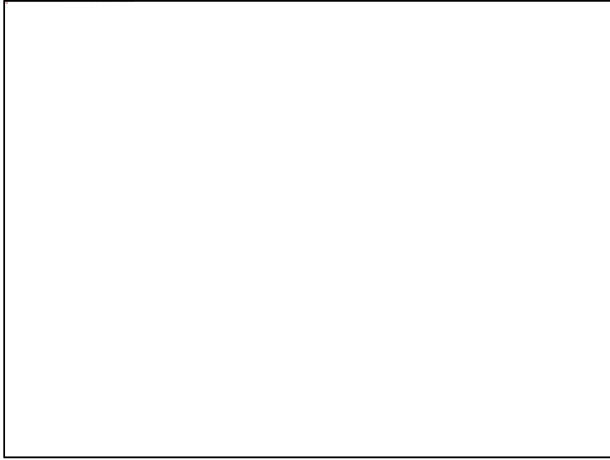
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