

The Holy War



Week 9

The return of Mansoul's prisoners

to

The restoration of the image of Shaddai

Goals

- To gain a greater understanding of the **spiritual warfare** in which we are engaged.
- To develop a greater awareness of the **methods employed by Satan**.
- To deepen our appreciation for the **grace of God** in saving sinners.
- To learn more about ourselves through empathizing with Mansoul (**Mansoul = me**)

Synopsis

Basking in the joy of their pardon, the townsmen invite Emmanuel to permanently reside with them.

They enjoy intimate fellowship with Him as He restores and renovates the town.

Opposites

What are some of the opposites that Bunyan uses to describe the differences between how the prisoners went down to Emmanuel and how they came back up?

How they went down	How they came up
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“They looked for nothing but the axe and block; but, behold, joy and gladness, comfort and consolation, and such melodious notes attending them that it was sufficient to make a sick man well.”

Return of the Prisoners

Town: (Gave a loud shout that made the captains jump)

Town: Welcome, welcome! And blessed be he that has spared you!

Town: We see it is well with you; but how must it go with the town of Mansoul? Will it go well with the town of Mansoul?

Conscience and Understanding: Oh! tidings! glad tidings! Good tidings of good, and of great joy to poor Mansoul!

Town: (Gave another shout that made the earth ring)

Town: (Inquired more particularly how things went in the camp)

Prisoners: (Told them all that had happened at the camp)

Town: (Wondered at the wisdom and grace of Prince Emmanuel)

Conscience: PARDON, PARDON, PARDON for Mansoul!

Expressions of Joy

- In what ways did the town express its joy at the glad tidings?
 - No man could sleep that night
 - There was joy and music in every house
 - All the townsmen could do was tell and hear of the things related to their happiness
 - They attributed unique excellence to Shaddai and Emmanuel
 - “Is this the common custom of princes?”
 - “Do they . . . show such kind of favours to traitors?”
 - “No; this is only peculiar to Shaddai, and unto Emmanuel, his Son!”

Reading of the Pardon

What Scripture passages are quoted by the Recorder, Mr. Conscience, during the reading of the town's pardon the next day?

“The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, pardoning iniquity, transgressions, and sins, and to them all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven”

Exodus 34:6-7

Matthew 12:31

Further Expressions of Joy

- What further ways do the townsmen show their joy after the reading of the pardon?
 - “They could not forbear leaping for joy”
 - They “ran upon the walls of the town”
 - They “leaped and skipped”
 - They “bowed themselves seven times with their faces toward Emmanuel’s pavilion”
 - They “shouted out aloud for joy”
 - They said, “Let Emmanuel live for ever!”
 - They rang the bells, sang and had music in every house

Joy

Joy – even “great joy” – appears often in Scripture and is always depicted as a personal, and sometimes collective, response to the wonder of the Gospel.

Can you think of any New Testament Bible examples of believers who expressed the exuberant joy of their salvation?

- The wise men when they saw the star (Matthew 2:10)
- The ladies who visited Jesus' empty tomb (Matthew 28:8)
- Jesus disciples at the moment of His ascension (Luke 24:52)
- After Phillip's ministry in Samaria, “there was great joy in that city” (Acts 8:8)
- The Philippian jailer “rejoiced, believing in God with all his house” (Acts 16:34)
- Believers were able to have great joy in the salvation of others (Acts 15:3)
- John rejoiced greatly upon hearing of others walking in truth (I John 1:2)

Fullness

Ephesians 3:16-19

16. [I ask God] that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;
17. So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18. May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
19. And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
20. Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us . . .

Ceremonies

- What ceremonies and feats did Emmanuel command to further impress upon the town of Mansoul His pardon?
 - All the trumpets in camp sounded
 - The colors were displayed (half each on Mt. Gracious & Justice)
 - The captains showed themselves in all their battle dress
 - The soldiers shouted for joy
 - Captain Credence trumpeted from the top of the castle
 - The captains showed the townsmen "feats of war"
 - They marched and counter-marched
 - They opened to the right and left
 - They divided and subdivided
 - They closed
 - They wheeled
 - They made good their front and rear with their right and left wings

Effects

- **What effect did these ceremonies have on the town?**
 - The hearts of the townsmen were captured
 - They asked Emmanuel to come into the town and live there forever.
- **What reasons did they give for asking Him this?**
 - We have room for you, your men and your weapons
 - If you withdraw we will die, and we will lose our joy
 - “Our enemies will a second time come upon us”
 - There may be many Diabolonians still lurking in the town
 - “Loath we are to fall again into his [Diabolus’] horrible hands”

(Entreaty #1 from the town with marginal note)

Probing Question

- **Emmanuel responds with what question?**
 - If I come into your town will you allow me to prosecute My and your enemies, and will you help me do so?
- **How do the townsmen answer Him?**
 - We don't know what we will do.
 - We did not think that we would ever be as traitorous as we have been.
 - Do not put trust in us, but come and conquer us with Your love and grace.

Entreaty #2 from the town

Grand Entrance

- Emmanuel: "I will willingly in this comply with your desires."

Describe His entrance into the town:

- The townsmen gathered boughs and flowers to lay in the streets between Eye-gate and the castle.
 - He was clad in golden armor
 - He rode in His royal chariot
 - The trumpets sounded before Him
 - The colors were displayed
 - His armies of 10,000 went up at His feet
 - The elders of the town danced before Him
 - The town's walls, windows, balconies and rooftops were filled with those trying to view His approach
- What Biblical event is this reminiscent of?
 - The triumphal entry

Discussion

The townsmen were very eager to house the King's men. Describe the spiritual significance of the captains' placement?

Captain	Residence	Spiritual Significance
Innocency	Mr. Reason	
Patience	Mr. Mind	
Charity	Mr. Affection	
Good-hope	Lord Understanding	
Boanerges Conviction	Mr. Conscience	
Judgment Execution	Lord Will-be-will	
Credence	The castle	

Reinstatement

- **What 3 commands did Emmanuel give to Lord Will-be-will after reinstating him to his position?**
 - Take care of the gates, wall, and towers in Mansoul.
 - Withstand all insurrections and tumults against the town.
 - Apprehend any Diabolonians left in the town (to be tried by law).
- **What 2 commands did Emmanuel give to Lord Mayor Understanding after reinstating him to his position?**
 - Build a palace near Eye-gate that is like a defensive tower.
 - Read in the Revelation of Mysteries all the days of your life that you might know how to perform your office aright.

Replacement

- Whom did Emmanuel assign the office of Recorder in place of Mr. Conscience?
 - Mr. Knowledge
- Why did He not reinstate Conscience to his former position?
 - Because he had another job for him to do that he would learn more about later.

Renovations

- **What renovations did Emmanuel make to the town?**
 - He built new towers
 - He had the great slings hung on the towers and castle
 - He added a new irresistible weapon that would throw stones from the castle out at Mouth-gate
 - He had the image of Diabolus destroyed
 - He had the image of Shaddai set up again upon the castle gates
 - He added His own image as well
 - He had the image drawn more fairly than before
 - He had his name engraved in gold on the front of the town
- **What reason did Emmanuel give for having the images drawn more fairly than before?**
 - Because He and His Father were come to Mansoul in more grace and mercy than before.

Foreshadowing

- For now, all is well in the town of Mansoul. What events does Bunyan use to foreshadow the danger that lies ahead?
 - The instructing of Will-be-will to put down insurrections and tumults against the town
 - The mention of Diablonians still lurking in the town
 - The fortification of the town with offensive and defensive measures

Interaction

- Describe the attitude and actions of the townsmen toward Emmanuel after He took up residence within the town.
 - The elders thought they could never get enough of Him.
 - They desired Him to come out of the castle and visit with them in their streets and homes.
 - They craved continual access to Him without difficulty or interruption.
 - When He spoke they gave audience.
 - When He walked, they imitated Him.
- Emmanuel threw a feast for the townsmen and entertained them with delightful foods, musicians, and riddles from His Father's court. What was the content of the riddles?
 - The types of Christ mentioned in the Scriptures
 - A "portraiture . . . of Emmanuel himself"

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