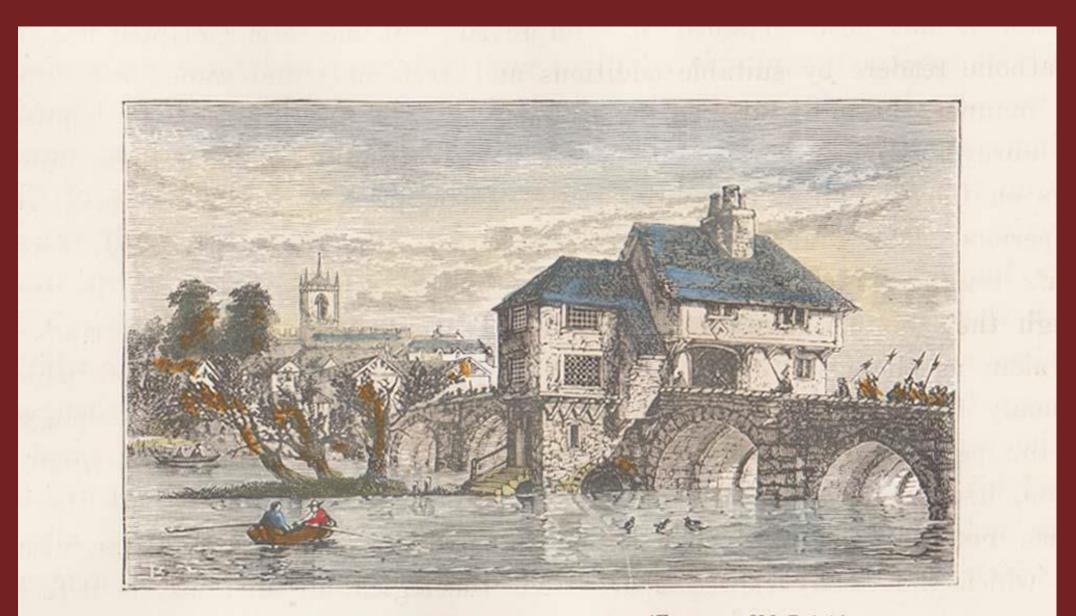


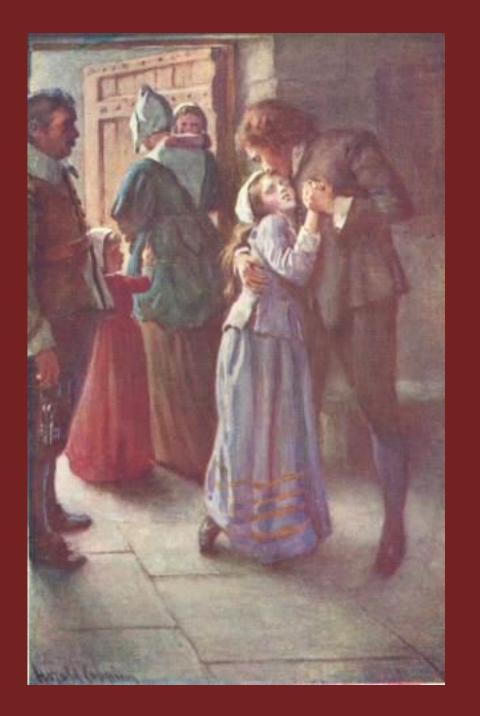
JOHN BUNYAN

1628-1688

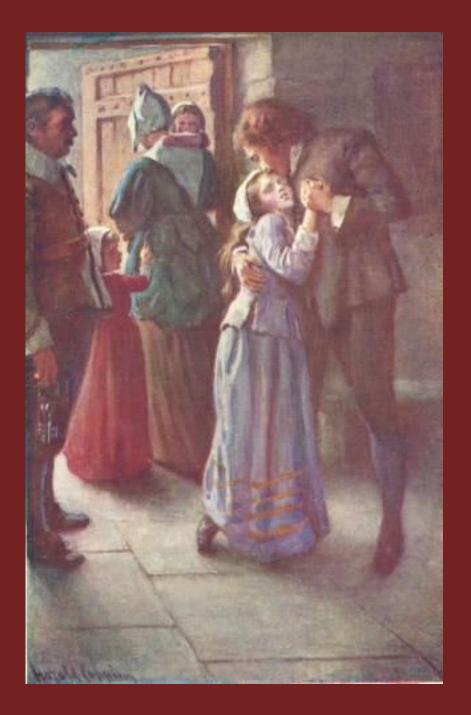


THE PRISON ON BEDFORD BRIDGE. (From an Old Print.)





... the parting with my wife and poor children, hath often been to me in this place, as the pulling the flesh from the bones, and that not only because I am somewhat too fond of these great mercies, but also because I should have often brought to my mind the many hardships, miseries, and wants that my poor family was like to meet with, should I be taken from them,



especially my poor blind child, who lay nearer my heart than all besides: Oh! the thoughts of the hardship I thought my poor blind one might go under, would break my heart to pieces. Oh! I saw in this condition I was as a man who was pulling down his house upon the head of his wife and children; yet, thought I, I must do it, I must do it:

I had also this consideration, that if I should not venture all for God, I engaged God to take care of my concernments: but if I forsook Him and His ways, for fear of any trouble that should come to me or mine, then I should not only falsify my profession, but should count also that my concernments were not so sure, if left at God's feet, whilst I stood to and for His name, as they would be if they were under my own care, though with the denial of the way of God. This was a smarting consideration, and as spurs unto my flesh.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

And ?????



Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

And put your trust in the LORD.

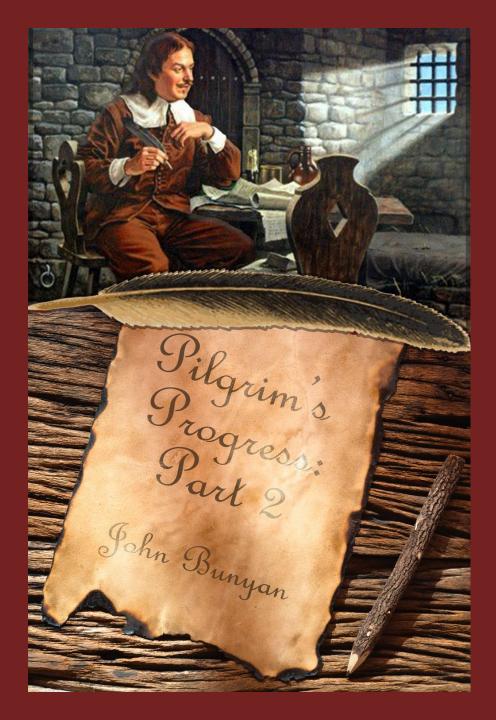


Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

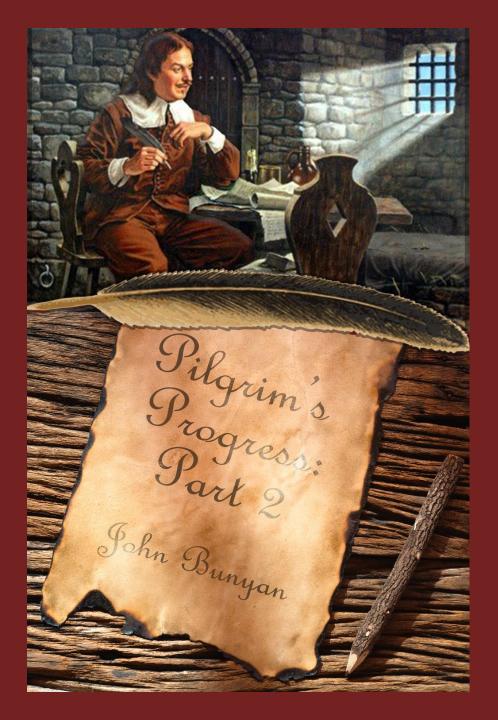
And put your trust in the LORD.

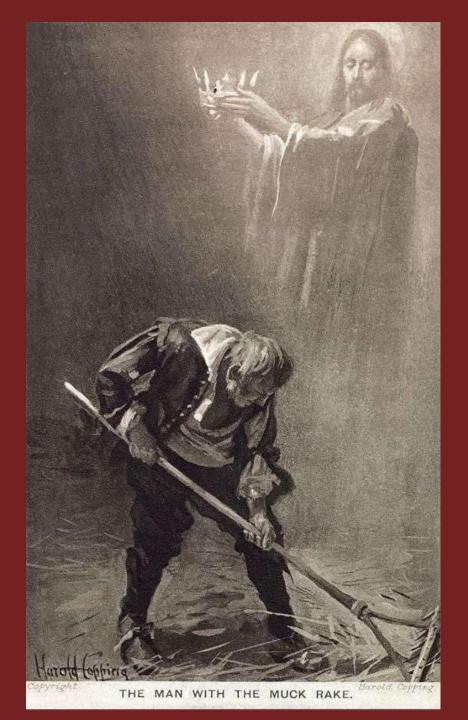
--Psalm 4:5

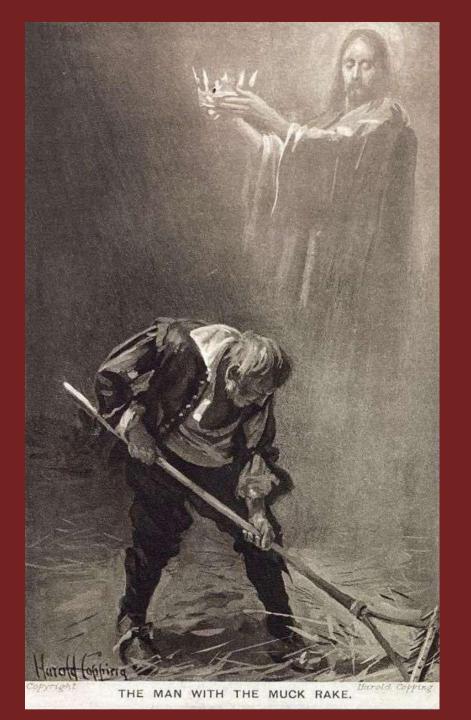
All our fretting and worrying is caused by calculating with God (Oswald Chambers).



From the Lord's showing them *by what Deed they were saved*, to their leaving Interpreter's house.







... the man could look no way but downwards: It is to let thee know, that earthly things, when they are with power upon men's minds, quite carry their hearts away from God.

