In our last lecture, G.B. Cheever reminded us that “Vanity Fair is the City of Destruction in its gala dress, in its most seductive sensual allurements.” Christian and Faithful, having emerged from the Wilderness, now enter the Fair for the first time. Their very presence stirs up the people and puts the whole town in an uproar.
1. Christian and Faithful were dressed in clothes that were very different from those sold in the Fair. You will recall that one of the three angels at the cross stripped Christian of his rags and gave him new clothes. This refers to the robe of righteousness mentioned in Zechariah 3:4 (cf. Rev. 7:9). His filthy clothes were removed, his sins taken away, and Christ’s righteousness was imputed to him.
IMPUTATION

Christ’s Righteousness

Sin
2. The people of Vanity Fair thought their speech was strange. “Very few people could understand what they said. They spoke the language of Canaan fluently” (Bunyan). “We speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood...” (I Cor. 2:7-8).
3. Christian and Faithful passed by all the booths and wares. One merchandiser called out to them, “What will you buy?” They looked at him solemnly and said, “We buy the truth.” Because of these words, “the people despised the men even more. Some mocked, some taunted, some shamed them, and some called upon others to strike them.”
Bunyan tells us that “pandemonium broke out in the Fair.”

*Pandemonium* is from the ancient Greek (it is not found in the New Testament) and is a compound word, pan = all + daimon = demon, meaning *all the demons*.

John Milton (1608-1674) used the word in Book I, line 756 of his *Paradise Lost*. 
Meanwhile the winged heralds by command
Of sovran power, with awful ceremony
And trumpet’s sound throughout the host proclaim
A solemn council forthwith to be held
At Pandemonium, the high capitol
Of Satan and his peers...
Satan was cast out of heaven after his battle for supremacy over God. The defeated dark angel never considered changing his ways, but longed to pervert God’s will and find a way to make evil out of good. After he addressed his comrades, the legions of devils dug into the bowels of the ground for gold and with their inhuman powers constructed a great temple in about an hour. It was called Pandemonium.
Painting by John Martin, 1825, Louvre, Paris
• Pandemonium broke out in the Fair. Bunyan used this word to convey the sense of “utter confusion, uproar; wild and noisy disorder; a tumult; chaos” (OED).
• Order was lost; everything was in confusion; the Fair was almost destroyed.
• The Great One of the Fair quickly came down and appointed some of his most trusted friends to examine Christian and Faithful.
Initial Persecution

- The examiners beat them and smeared them with dirt.
- Faithful and Christian were put into a cage, exposing them to the malice and revenge of the people.
- The Great One was laughing at all that happened to them.
“There is no power in the wicked to honour Christ’s minister, except they are either trembling before him, or else laughing at him.”
Christian’s & Faithful’s Response

- They were patient.
- They did not return evil for evil.
- They blessed those who were persecuting them.
- They spoke good words rather than bad ones.
- They returned kindness when they received injuries from the crowd.
“Wherefore as I went, I lift up my heart to God for light and strength, to be kept, that I might not do anything that might either dishonour Him or wrong my own soul, or be a grief or discouragement to any that were inclining after the Lord Jesus Christ.”
Guilty Until Proven Innocent

- Christian and Faithful were severely beaten.
- They put chains on them.
- They led them up and down the Fair as examples to others.
- Raging over the conversion of some, they decided the two men had to die.
Faithful and Christian comforted one another, knowing that whoever would be called upon to suffer would be better off.

They committed themselves to the all-wise disposal of him who rules all things and remained in their situation with contentment until their sentence was carried out.
John Bunyan

“Here I lie waiting the good will of God to do with me as He pleaseth, knowing that not one hair of my head can fall to the ground without the will of my father who is in heaven; that, let the rage and malice of men be what they may, they can do no more and go no farther than God permits them; and even when they have done their worst, we know that all things work together for good for them that love God.”
The Judge

• The Judge: Sir John Kelynge
• A person of eminent learning and eminent suffering
• He was silenced for 20 years during the Rebellion
• MP for Bedford
• He acted as one of the counsel for the Crown in the trial of the Regicides.
• He prepared the Act of Uniformity in May, 1661.
• He lacked discretion and was violent, overbearing, and insulting.
## The 12 Jurors

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Bunyan’s County Magistrates

- Sir John Kelynge of Southill, Chairman
- Sir Henry Chester of Lidlington
- Sir George Blundell of Cardington
- Sir William Beecher of Howbury
- Sir Thomas Snagg of Millbrook
The Charges

• They were enemies to, and disturbers of, their trade.
• They had made commotions and divisions in the town.
• They had won other people over to their own dangerous opinions, in contempt of the law of their prince.
The Three Witnesses

• Envy, Superstition, and Pickthank (flatterer)
• **Envy’s Charges**: One of the vilest men in our country; controls people with disloyal notions; affirmed that Christianity and the customs of our town of Vanity are diametrically opposed to one another; condemns our actions and us personally.
The Three Witnesses

• **Superstition’s Charges**: He is a troublesome person; said that our religion is nothing and could not please God; therefore, we must worship in vain, are still in our sins, and will finally be damned.

• **Pickthank’s Charges**: He has complained against our noble Prince Beelzebub and spoken against his friends.
What the Jury Said

• Blind-Man (Foreman): “I can see clearly that this man is a heretic.”

• No-Good: “Away with such a fellow from the earth!”

• Malice: “I hate the very looks of him.”

• Love-Lust: “I could never put up with him.”

• Live-Loose: “Nor I, because he would always be condemning my way.”
What the Jury Said

• Heady: “Hang him, hang him!”
• High-Mind: “A sorry low-life.”
• Enmity: “My heart rises against him.”
• Liar: “He is a scoundrel.”
• Cruelty: “Hanging is too good for him.”
• Hate-Light: “Let us get rid of him.”
• Implacable: “Let us immediately pronounce him guilty of death.”
“The language of the judge, and his whole deportment on the bench, are a copy to the life of some of the infamous judges under King Charles, especially the wretch Jefferies (Lord Chief Justice). You may find in the trial of the noble patriot Algernon Sidney the abusive language of the judge against Faithful almost word for word.” Sidney was beheaded on December 7, 1683.
“In response to what Mr. Envy has said, I never said anything but this: that the rules, laws, customs, or people that are against the Word of God are diametrically opposed to Christianity. If I have said something wrong in this, convince me of my error. I am ready to make my retraction right here before you. As to the second person who spoke, namely, Mr. Superstition, and his charge against me, I only
said this: that in the worship of God there is required a divine faith. But there can be no divine faith without a divine revelation of the will of God. Therefore, whatever is done in the worship of God that is not in agreement with divine revelation is only done by human faith. That faith will not give anyone eternal life. As to what Mr. Pickthank said, I say - avoiding terms that I supposedly said like I ‘violently complain’
and words like these - that the prince of this town, with all his riffraff, his attendants who are named by him, are more fit for hell than for being in this town and country. And so the Lord have mercy upon me!”
“The Most Cruel Death”

- First, they scourged him.
- They beat him and lanced his flesh with knives.
- They stoned him and pricked him with their swords.
- They burned him at the stake.
Jesus’ Teaching

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me, before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you” (John 15:18-20).
Jesus’ Teaching

• “Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body” (Hebrews 13:3).

• “Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you” (I John 3:13).
“Now I saw that there stood behind the crowd a chariot and a couple of horses waiting for Faithful, who was taken up into it and immediately carried up through the clouds, with the sound of a trumpet, the fastest way to the Celestial Gate.”