



Location, Location, Location...?

This is the phrase often associated with looking for a perfect house in the perfect location, for the perfect amount of money! As a rule, this is a dream too far for most people and a 'trade off' has to happen! Compromise is not an easy word for some, but 'agreement' has a much softer side! A 'pilgrimage' of sorts leads to a final destination we call 'home' for the next number of years.

In the purest sense, pilgrimage is a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance; worship and adoration are intrinsic to it's fabric.

"Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signalled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him. (Matthew 2:2 MSG)

Some erstwhile astronomers from eastern countries spotted the brightest light, knew it's significance and set their hearts on pilgrimage. They were avidly seeking the location of a new born baby king, God incarnate, whose life was the true light of mankind.

It seems that a true pilgrim will never be dissuaded to leave the route until the verifiable final destination has been reached. Only then can satisfaction, peace and joy invade their being and dispel all fear, frustration and scepticism. No 'hobgoblin nor foul fiend' (Hymn - Who Would True Valour See by John Bunyan) can put to flight the ardour of an eager worshiper.

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, written by John Bunyan over 300 years ago and much of it during a 12 year stay in Bedford County Jail (for

preaching Christ), was an allegorical story on this theme. On being a pilgrim, he graphically expressed his journey; compromise was not an option for him where Christ was concerned. It wonderfully describes the twists and turns encountered throughout life from this world to that which is to come. Bunyan understood that as His follower, he was in an earthly location moving towards a heavenly location; a perfect place for 'a forever home'!

The Light of Life did arrive, but has moved location! Oh, by the way, your perfect house is at this perfect location and at the perfect price - Christ paid in full! Let nothing deter, discourage or distract us from pursuing our 'avowed intent to be a pilgrim' to reach the celestial city that is within the grasp of all who will 'follow the Master'.

A Joyful Christmas to you all...

Affectionately,

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