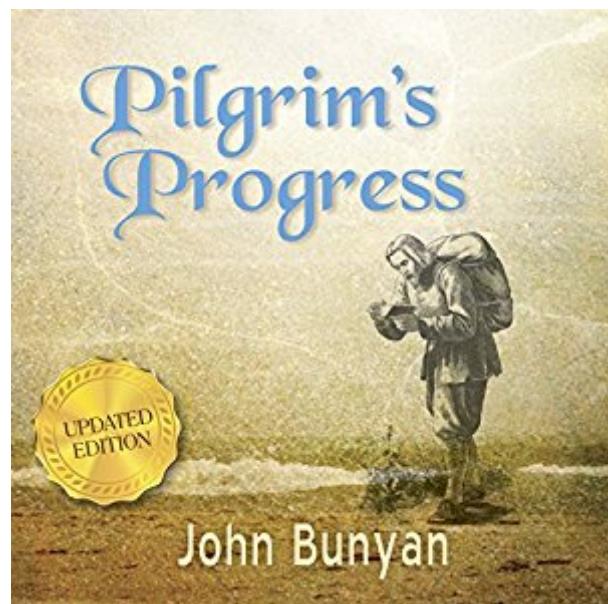


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# Pilgrim's Progress: Updated, Modern English



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Pilgrim's Progress is a classic that is just as powerful today as it was when it was first written in 1678. If you are like me though, you have struggled with the reading of this beloved book. The way we speak now has changed a lot through the years and sometimes picking up a book from a different time period can be challenging to read. I am excited to tell you about the new publication of Pilgrim's Progress. It is updated, in Modern English, but still has the original illustrations. This made such a huge difference for me. What an enjoyable read it was! I did find myself, especially at the beginning, comparing it to the original text. I wanted to see for myself how much it was changed and amazingly, very little. It's tweaked just enough to make it easy to read for today's readers. Another very unique feature about this new publication is the Bible verses that are added to the text. I'm not talking about just a Bible reference either. Entire verses including where they are found in the Bible are throughout the whole book. For example: In my dream, I saw a man clothed with rags standing in

a certain place, with his face turned from his own house. In his hand he held a book, and he bore a great burden upon his back. (For my iniquities are gone over my head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. -Psalm 38:4) This was such an amazing aspect for me. It enriched the reading in such a spiritual way. I applaud whoever came up with the idea to do this. I'm sure it took a lot of work and study, but it was well worth it. Pilgrim's Progress is not a quick read. It is something to be savored. To be meditated upon. I found myself reading some of the lines/paragraphs more than once. Then I would sit and close my eyes and think on it.

Pilgrim's Progress is likely one of the greatest works of literary allegory that exists. I realize how bold that statement might be, but one only read the book to find the truth steeped in that boldness. While Pilgrim's Progress charts the arc of the Christian journey, I don't think it is limited to the Christian experience. Truly the brilliance of John Bunyan is realized in his astute understanding and the following portrayal of the human journey as seen through Pilgrim's (Christian) eyes. Originally written almost three hundred fifty years ago, the version I review has been updated to include both the actual Holy Bible Scripture verses and the Scripture references in line with the text of the story. This is a great benefit to the reader who may want to understand the theological reference from whence Bunyan develops his story (an example follows). "What does this mean?" • Christian asked. The Interpreter answered, "This is Christ who continually maintains the work already begun with the oil of his grace in the heart. By this grace, in spite of what the Devil can do, the souls of his people still prove to be gracious." • (My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather glory in my weaknesses that the power of Christ may dwell in me. -2 Cor. 12:9) Other than the Scripture helps and modernized language, the book remains faithful to the original writing published in 1638. Although some of the concepts may be a bit complex for very young children, I wouldn't hesitate to read it to those even as young as second grade. In fact, I read the story to my children when they were between the ages of seven and twelve years old.

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we see all around us, and unfortunately, what we too often see in ourselves. But while Christian is injured and nearly killed, he eventually prevails to the end. So can you. •Finally. This is a book that I have wanted to read for forever, but for whatever reason I just never got to it. This is a wonderfully enlightening story that captured me from the first page. I actually found myself smiling, and sometimes frowning, as I read of Christian's travels and pitfalls. I marveled first at the cast of characters: Pliable, who turns back at the Slough of Despond, and Ignorance, who believes that he is a true believer, to Formalist and Hypocrisy, Mister Money-Love and Lord Hate-Good and then there is of course there is the Vanity Fair, the Valley of Humiliation, the River of the Water of Life and oh so many more. Each character Christian encounters represents and so accurately depicts what we see all around us, and sometimes in ourselves. But just as Christian is nearly destroyed and killed, he prevails and enters the Celestial City. An example for us all that we too, can prevail.

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