

John Bunyan

(1628-1688)

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The Calvino Lectures – 2003

I. Birth and Early Years

- A. Humble birth in Elstow
- B. A Tradesman
- C. Cromwell's Army
- D. First Wife – two books
- E. A Great Sense of Sin
- F. Bell-ringing
- G. The Town of Morality

II. Evangelist: Holy Mr. Gifford

- A. Major Gifford: Immoral, Royalist Soldier
- B. Capture and Escape
- C. Doctor Gifford: Settling in Bedford
- D. Four Last Things: A Remarkable Conversion
- E. Pastor Gifford: "Holy Mr. Gifford"
- F. Seven Short Years

III. Bunyan the Pastor

- A. The Baptist Presbyterian
- B. Ordination in 1657
- C. A Gifted Preacher
- D. Separatist: Non-Conformist

IV. Bunyan the Prisoner

- A. The Stuart Restoration in 1660
- B. Arrested Within Six Months

- C. Prison for 12 years
- D. Writing
- E. Release

V. Bunyan and Literature

- A. 60 years; 60 books
- B. The Autobiographical Trilogy
- C. The Perfection of Allegory
- D. “The Philistine of Genius”

VI. Bunyan’s Lessons for Today

- A. The Primacy of Scripture
- B. The Sovereignty of God
- C. The Place of True Testimony
- D. Joy
- E. The Adornment of Doctrine
- F. The Significance of Faithfulness
- G. The Glory of the Commonplace
- H. The Importance of Books
- I. The Importance of Study
- J. The Blessings of Disaster
- K. The Priority of Evangelism
- L. The Priority of True Toleration

VII. The Perennial Bunyan

- A. John Bunyan and America
- B. The Opposition of Mitre and Scepter
- C. Puritanism in America
- D. No Bishop, No King