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1. Do you agree that the Interpreter is a picture of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

2. The “only man whom the Lord of the place ... hath authorized to be thy guide” has seven characteristics. What are they?

Do those you seek counsel and learn from have these characteristics?

3. In the dusty parlor vignette, Bunyan says that “the dust is his original sin and inward corruptions.” Bunyan believed that all humans are born sinners, separated from God and with “original sin.” Read Genesis 3; Romans 3:9–18; Romans 5:12–20 and 1 Corinthians 15:20–22. What is “original sin”? (See also www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Original_sin.)

4. Read Romans 5:20; Romans 7:9; 1 Corinthians 15:56 and Galatians 3:19–25. What do these verses teach about the Law?

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Contrast this view of the Law with the one taught by Worldly Wiseman.

What do the following verses teach us about the washing that takes place in the life of a convert? Ephesians 5:25–27; Acts 15:8–9; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:4–6; Hebrews 10:21–23; Revelation 22:13–14

The struggle between keeping the Law and being justified by faith is a common theme throughout *Pilgrim's Progress*. As you read through the rest of this book, make a note of the times Bunyan deals with this topic.
