

VANITY FAIR, HUBBUB IN THE FAIR, IN THE CAGE DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Psalm 62:9; Ecclesiastes 1:2–14, 2:11–17, 11:8 and Isaiah 40:17. Explain, in your own words, the two reasons for the name of the fair in the town of Vanity.

2. According to the dreamer, how long has the fair been around?

Archbishop James Ussher, who lived during the time of Bunyan, calculated that God created the world around 4004 BC (see www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Ussher). In fact, throughout the history of Christianity, the church fathers and others have accepted that the world was formed within the past few thousand years (see www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Church_Fathers). Today, the creation is commonly thought to be millions or billions of years old. How old do you think the Earth is? Why?

Does it matter how old the Earth is? Explain your answer. (For more information, see www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Creation-matters.)

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3. The dreamer mentions that “the ware of Rome and her merchandise is greatly promoted in this fair; only our English nation, with some others, have taken a dislike thereat.” In light of what you learned in chapter 1, what do you think Bunyan meant by this?

4. How did Christian and Faithful respond to the persecution they experienced?

Have you ever experienced persecution for the cause of Christ? Tell about one experience and how you responded. Should you have responded differently?

5. How did Christian and Faithful’s view of God sustain them?

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6. Read one chapter from Ecclesiastes each day for the next twelve days. Write down twelve things that you learned from this book by Solomon.

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