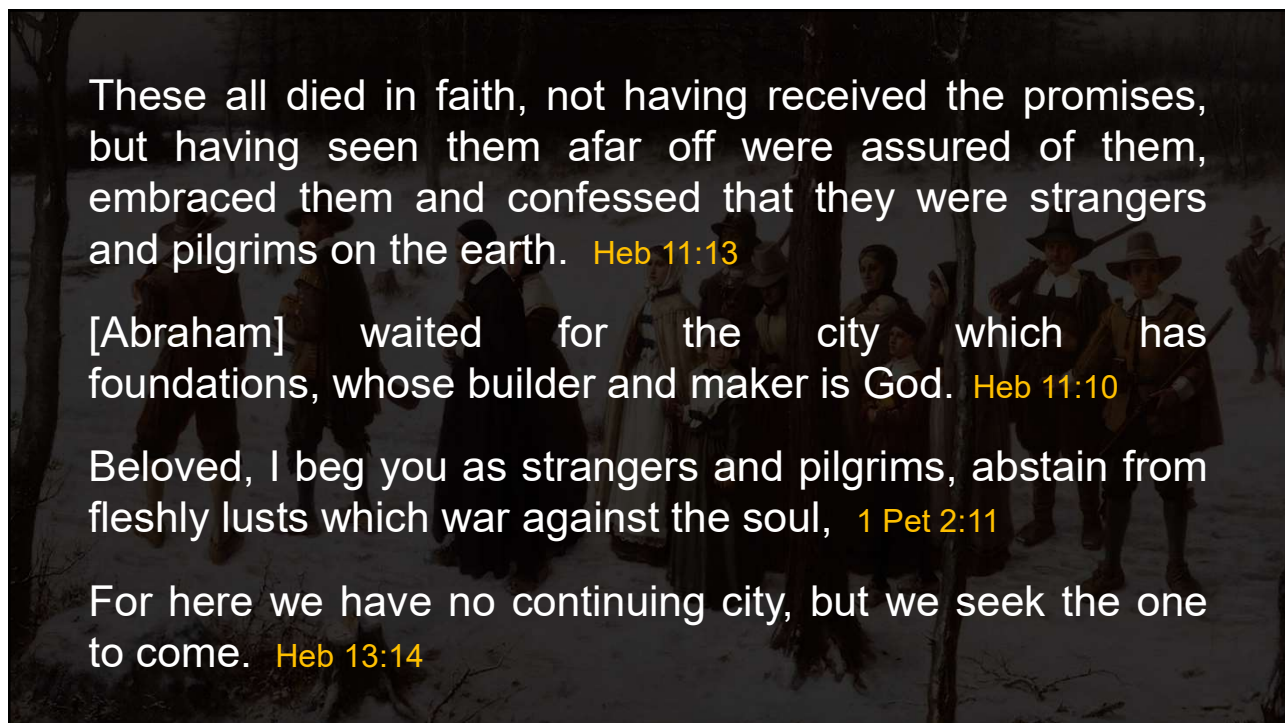




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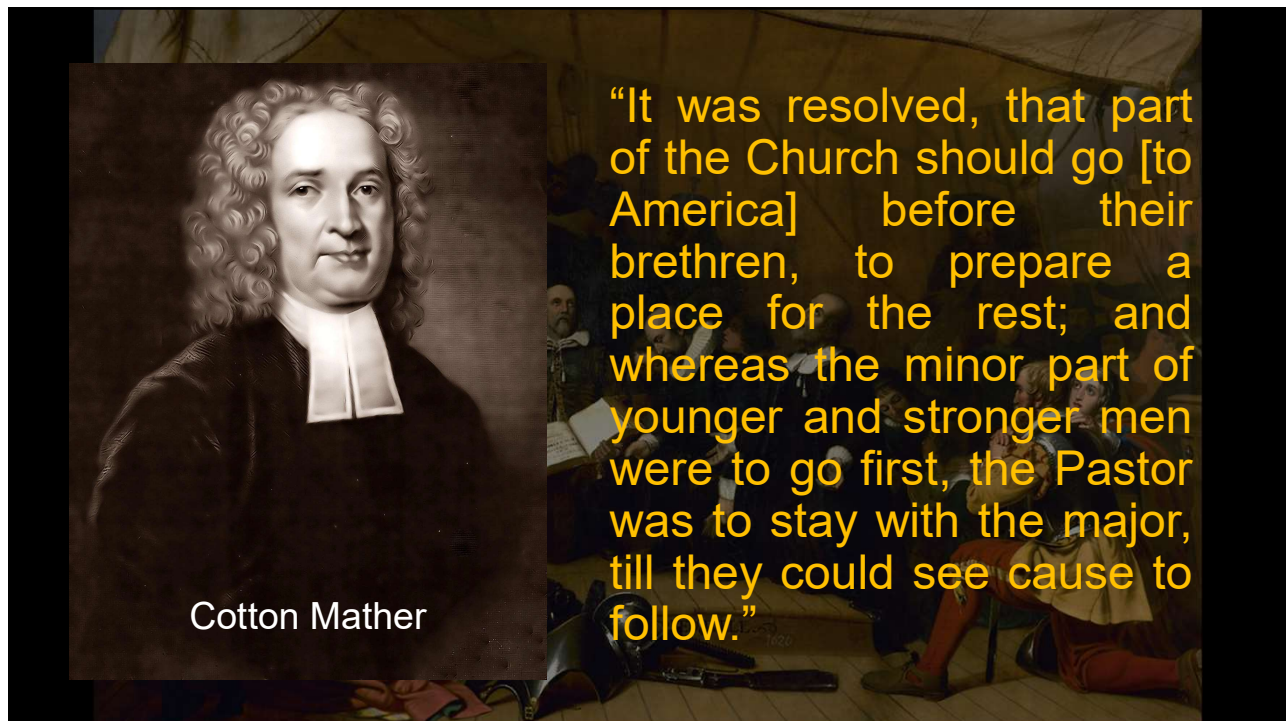
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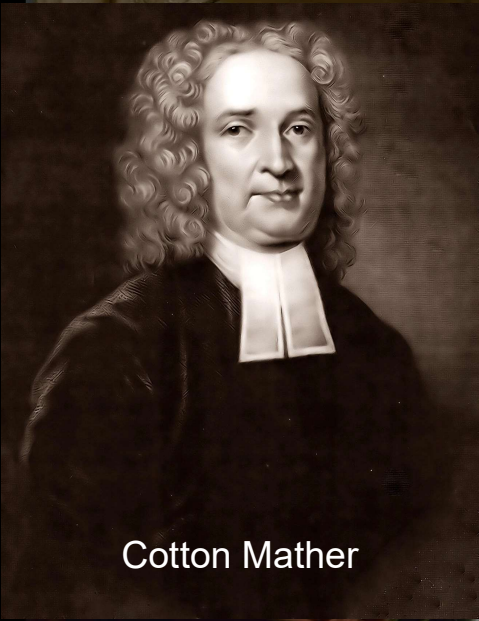
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Cotton Mather

"Their excellent pastor, on his knees, by the sea-side, poured out their mutual petitions unto God; and having wept in one another's arms, as long as the wind and the tide would permit them, they bade adieu."

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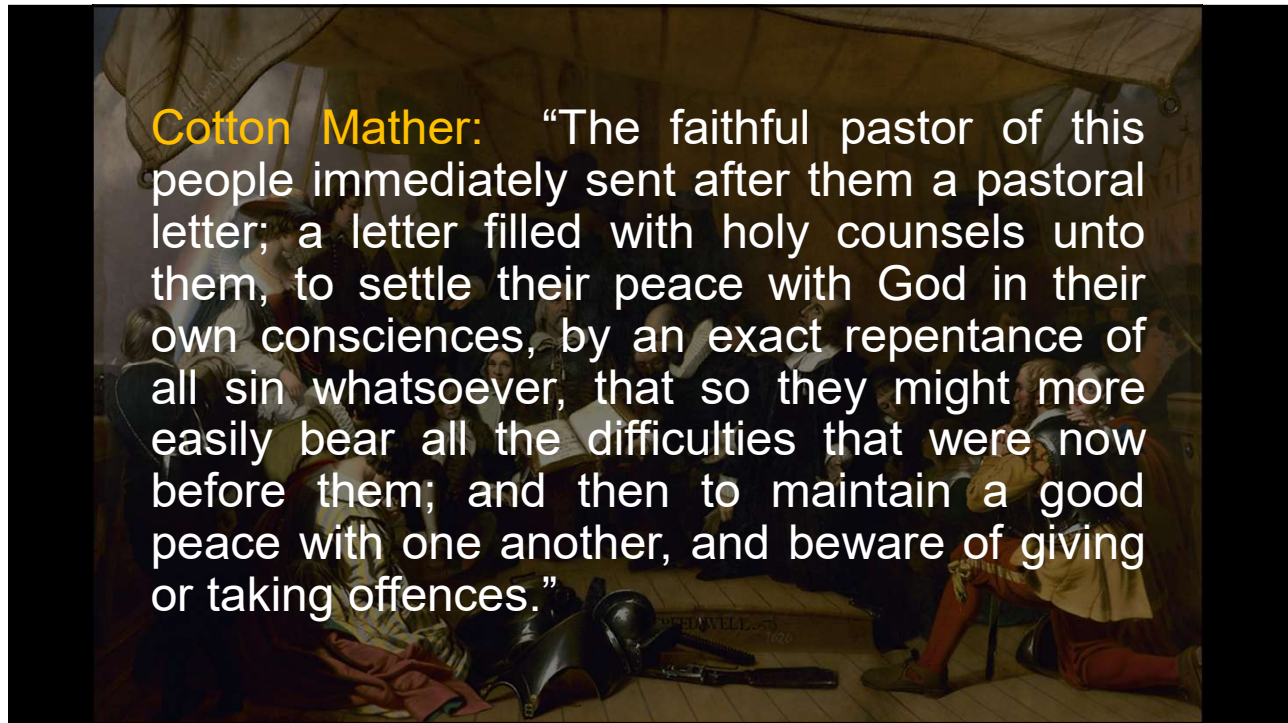
Edward Winslow

Winslow said of Robinson's farewell message:

"Here also he put us in mind of our church covenant, at least that part of it whereby we promise and covenant with God and one another to receive whatsoever light or truth shall be made known to us from His written Word."

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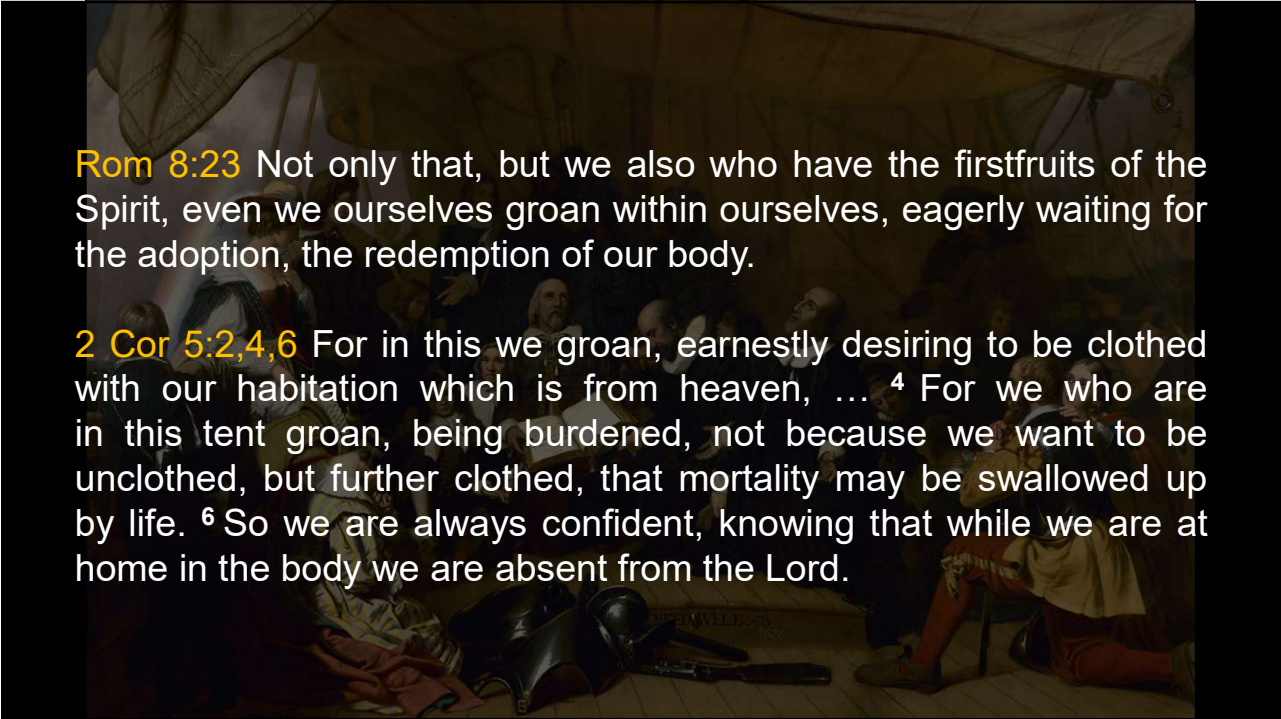
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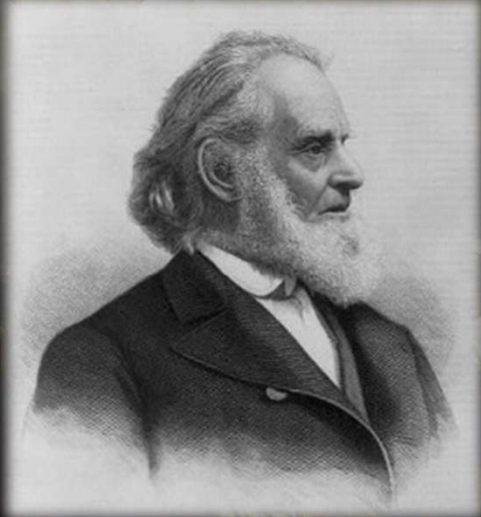
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Rom 8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

2 Cor 5:2,4,6 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ... ⁴ For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

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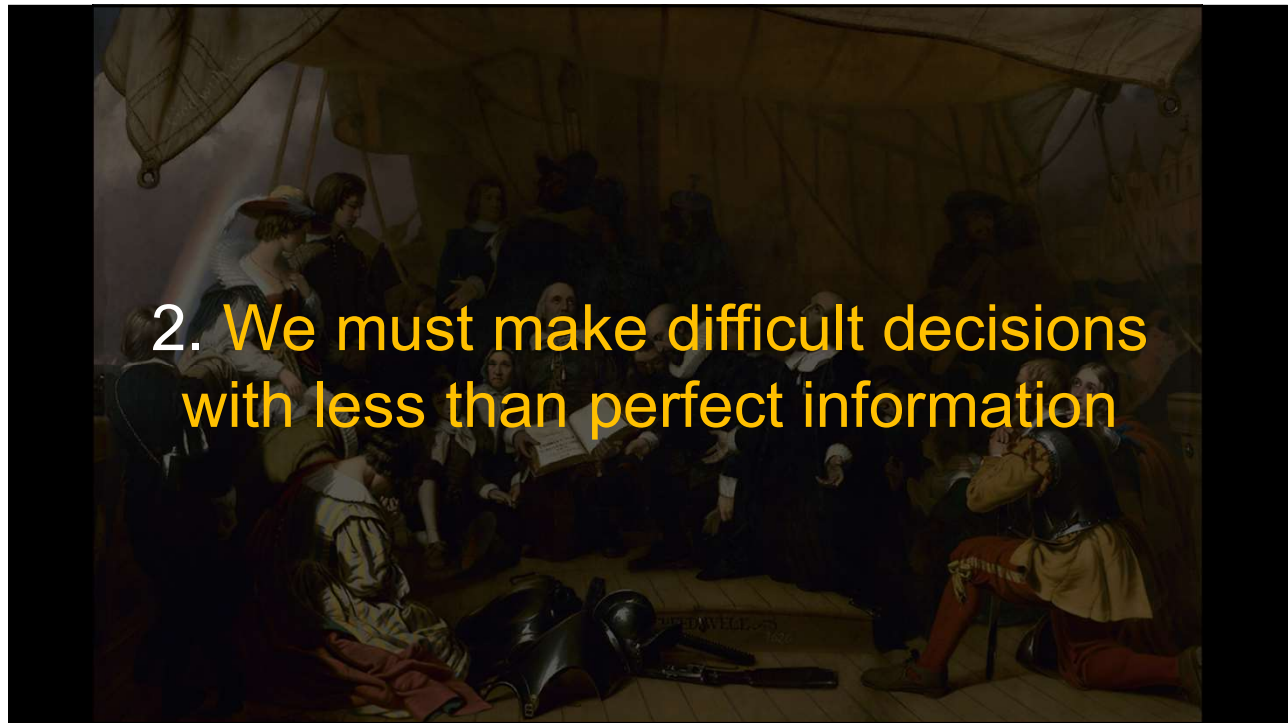


“The more they studied the New Testament, the less they could find bearing a resemblance to that or any other National Church.”

Leonard Bacon, 1874, *The Genesis of the New England Churches*

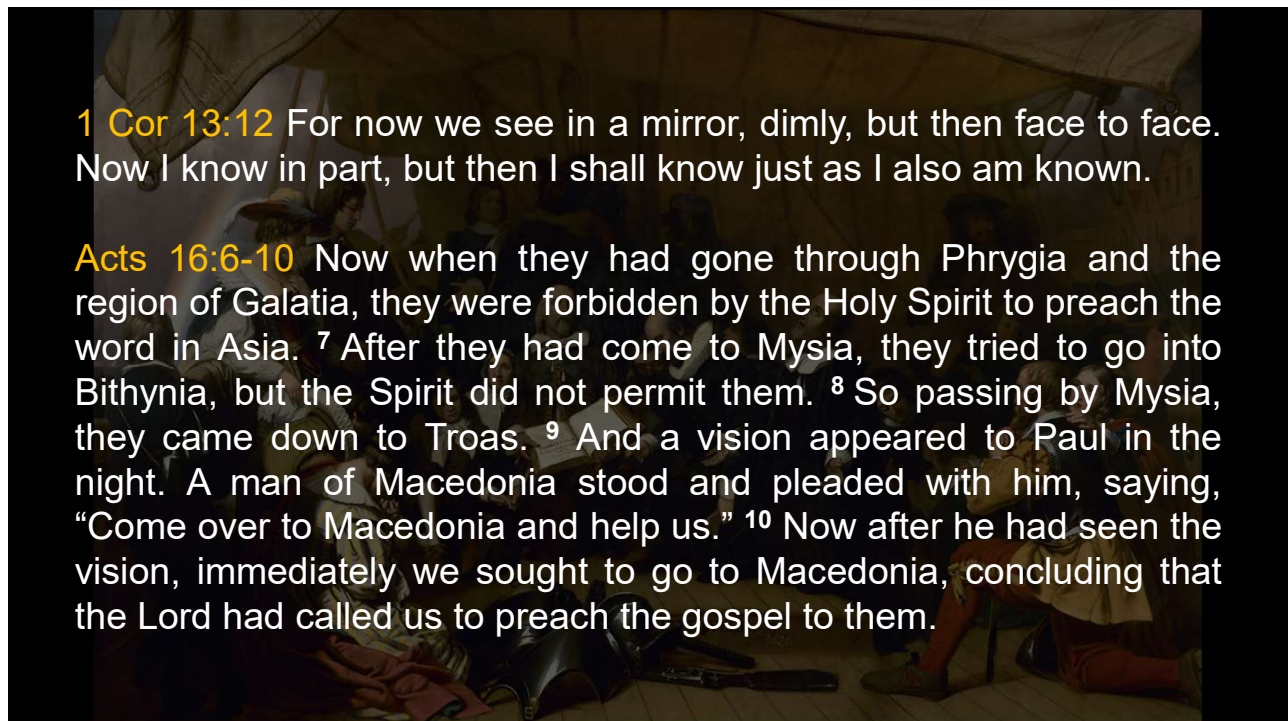
Leonard Bacon

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2. We must make difficult decisions with less than perfect information

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1 Cor 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Acts 16:6-10 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. ⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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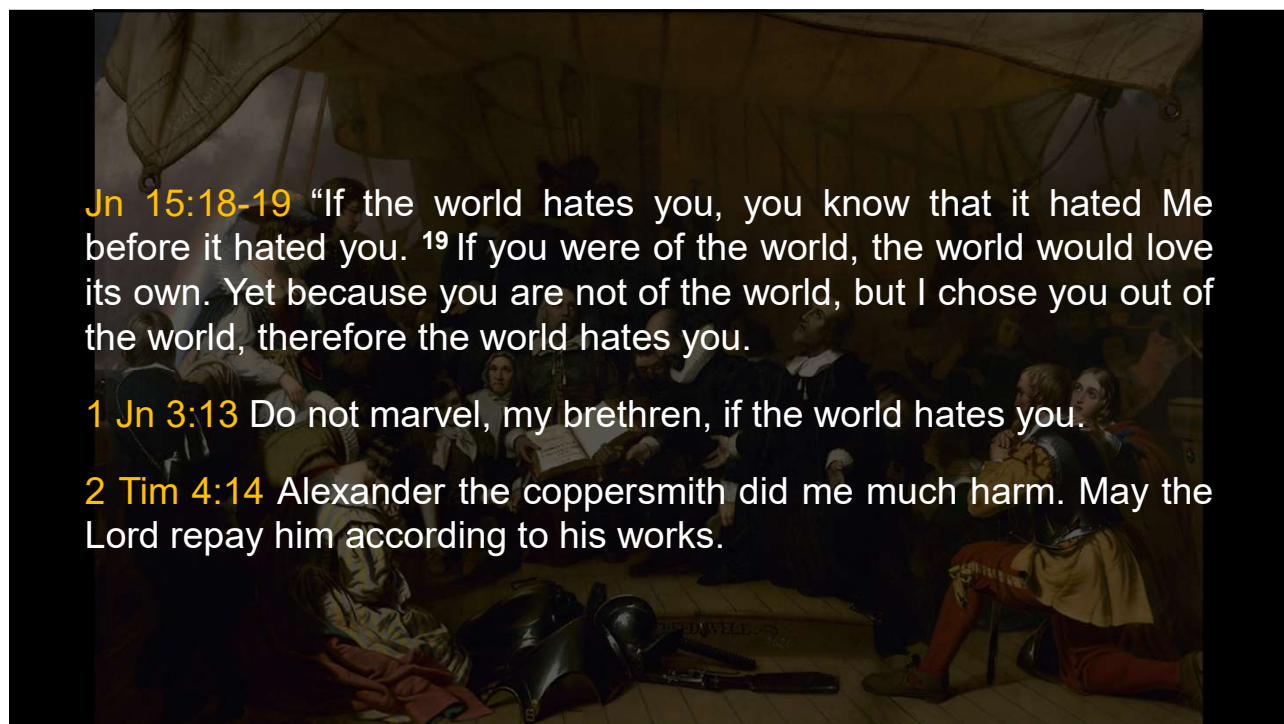
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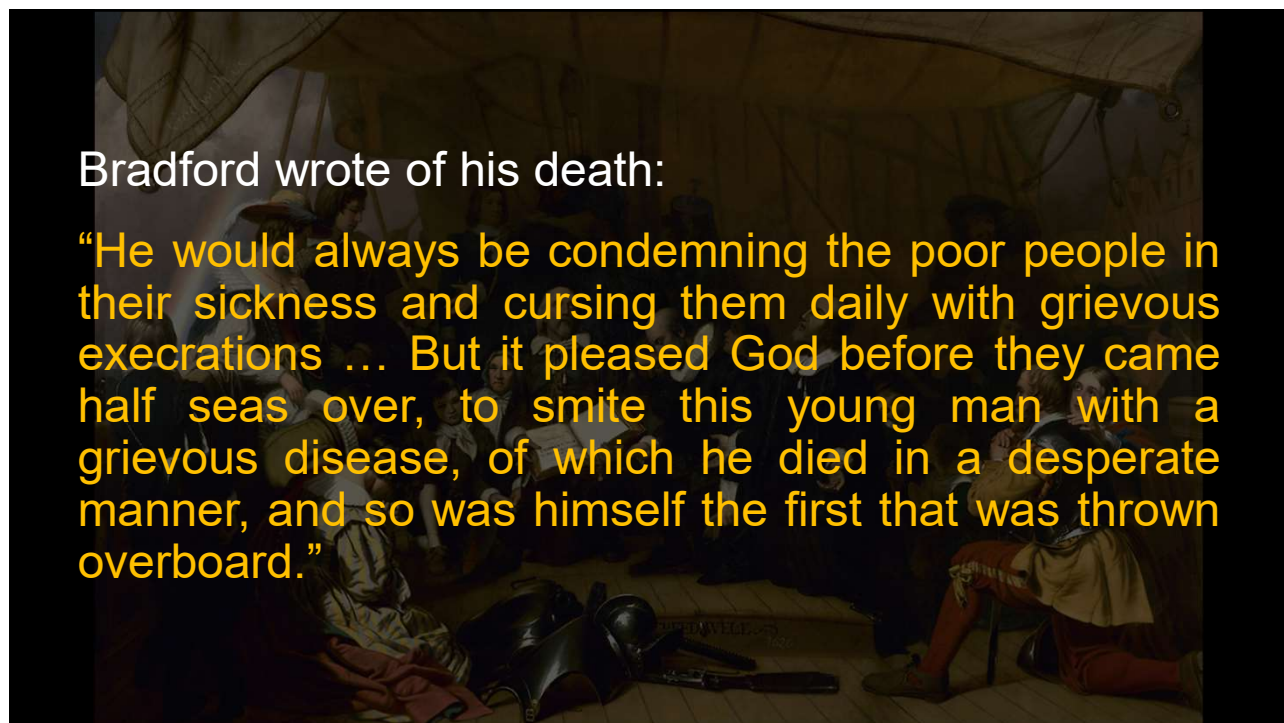


Jn 15:18-19 “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

1 Jn 3:13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

2 Tim 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

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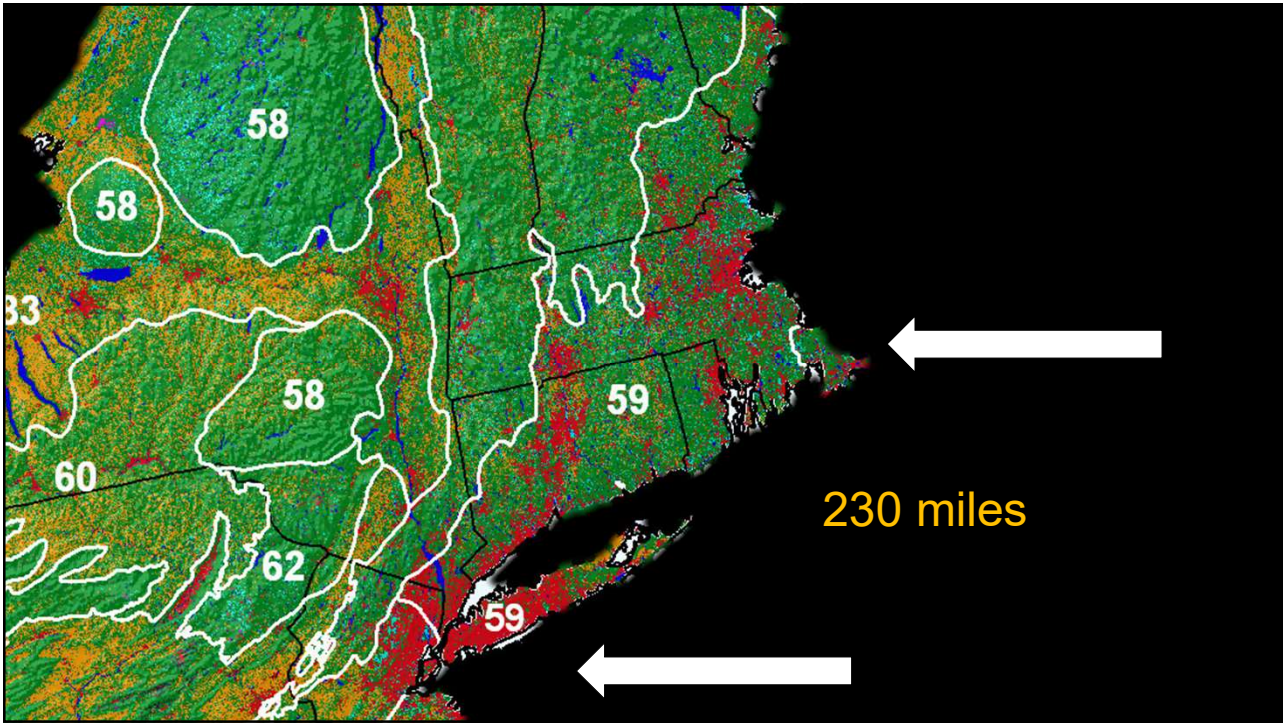
Bradford wrote of his death:

“He would always be condemning the poor people in their sickness and cursing them daily with grievous execrations ... But it pleased God before they came half seas over, to smite this young man with a grievous disease, of which he died in a desperate manner, and so was himself the first that was thrown overboard.”

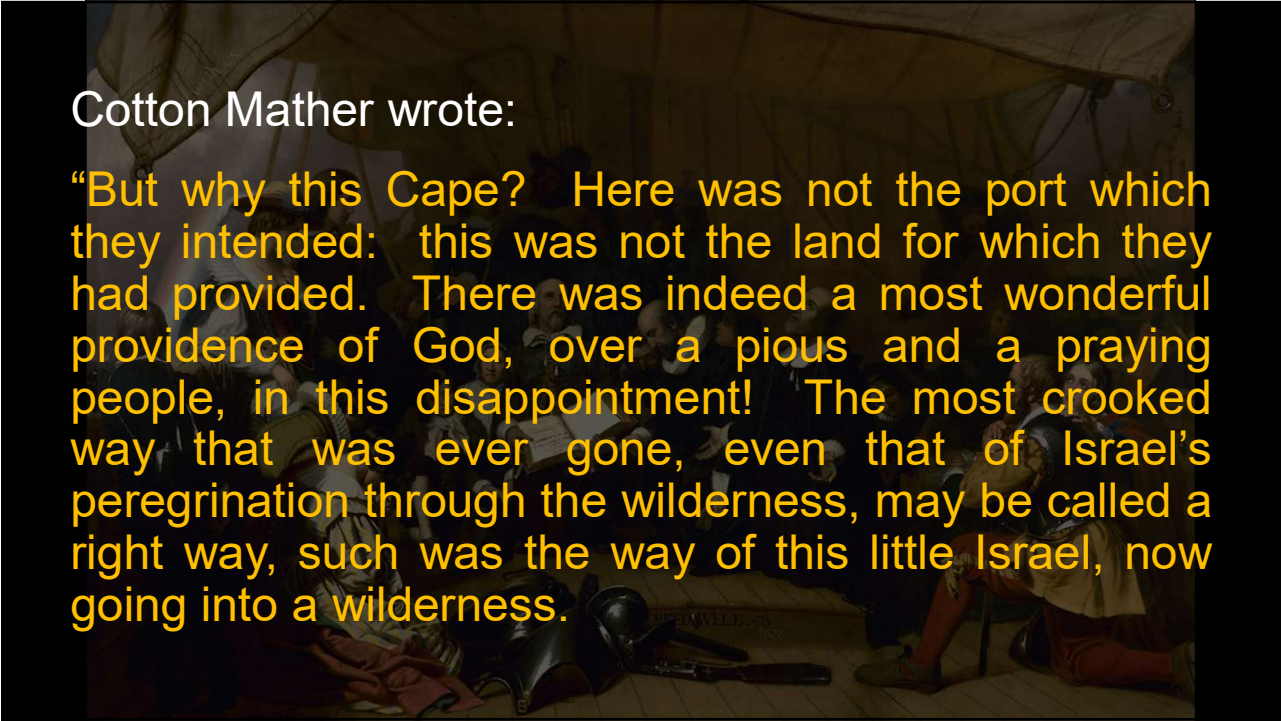
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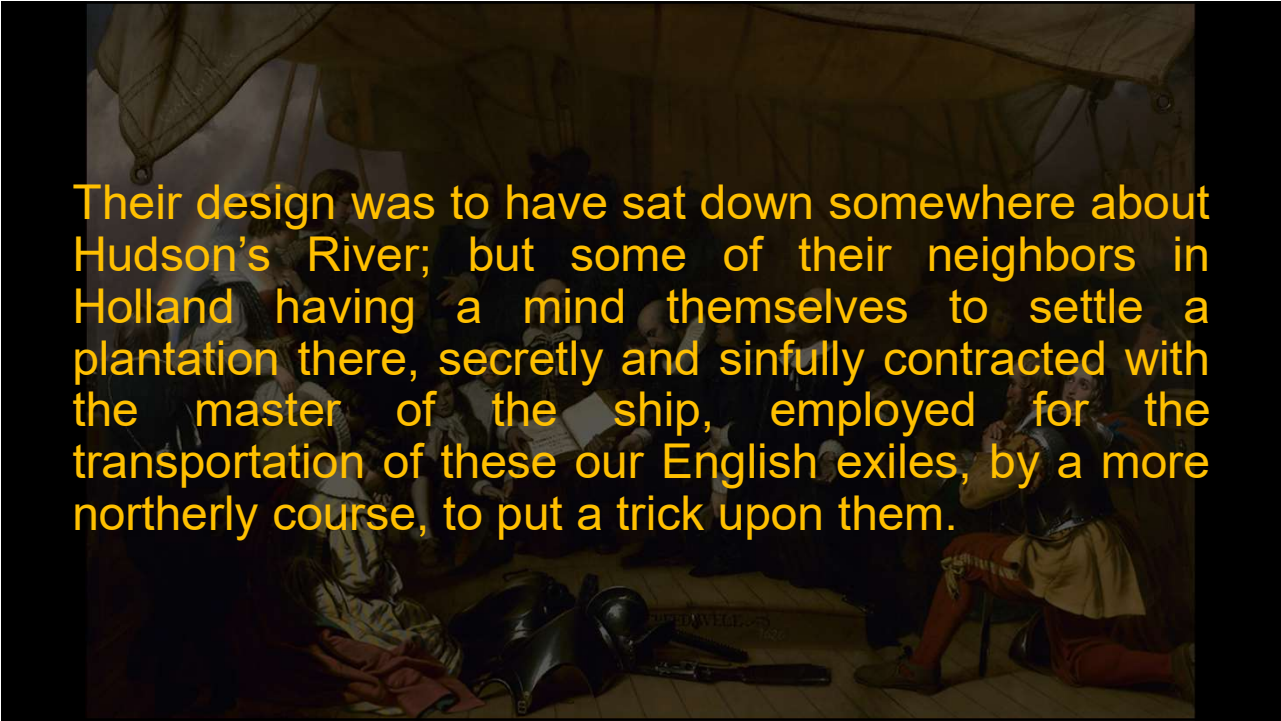
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Cotton Mather wrote:

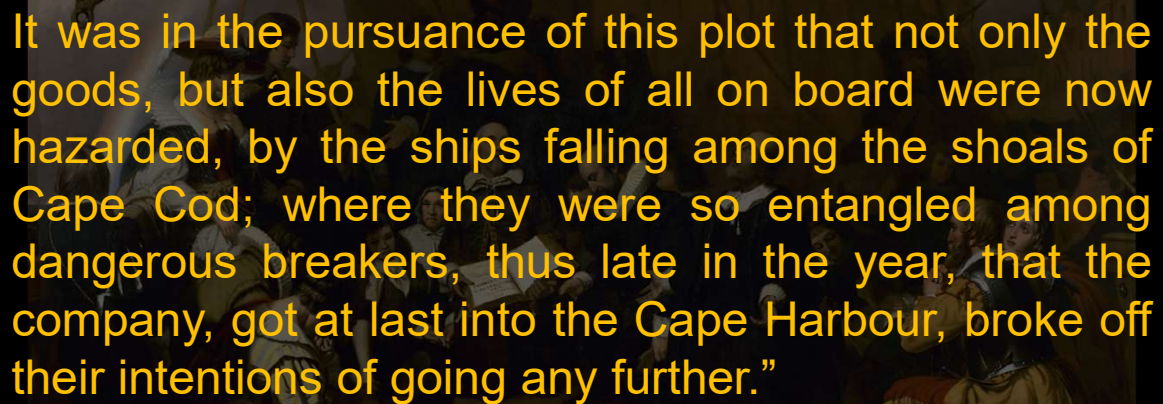
“But why this Cape? Here was not the port which they intended: this was not the land for which they had provided. There was indeed a most wonderful providence of God, over a pious and a praying people, in this disappointment! The most crooked way that was ever gone, even that of Israel’s peregrination through the wilderness, may be called a right way, such was the way of this little Israel, now going into a wilderness.

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Their design was to have sat down somewhere about Hudson’s River; but some of their neighbors in Holland having a mind themselves to settle a plantation there, secretly and sinfully contracted with the master of the ship, employed for the transportation of these our English exiles, by a more northerly course, to put a trick upon them.

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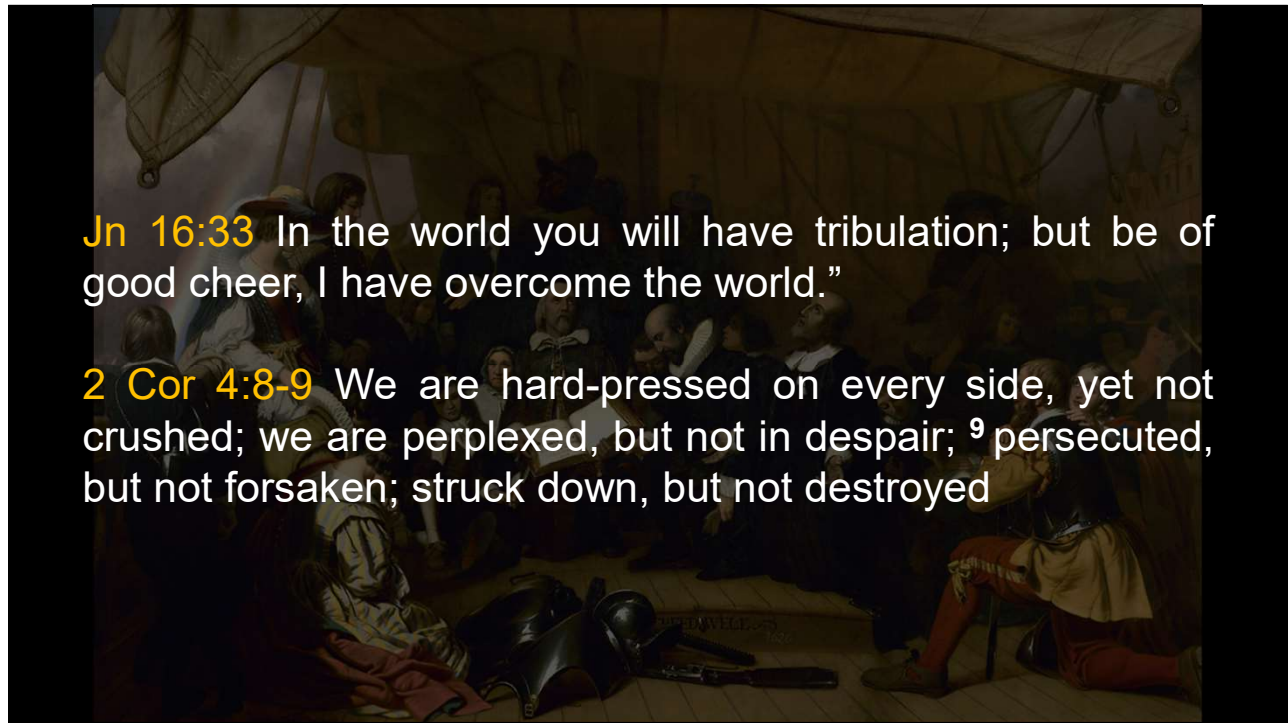
It was in the pursuance of this plot that not only the goods, but also the lives of all on board were now hazarded, by the ships falling among the shoals of Cape Cod; where they were so entangled among dangerous breakers, thus late in the year, that the company, got at last into the Cape Harbour, broke off their intentions of going any further."

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5. We often face difficult and discouraging situations

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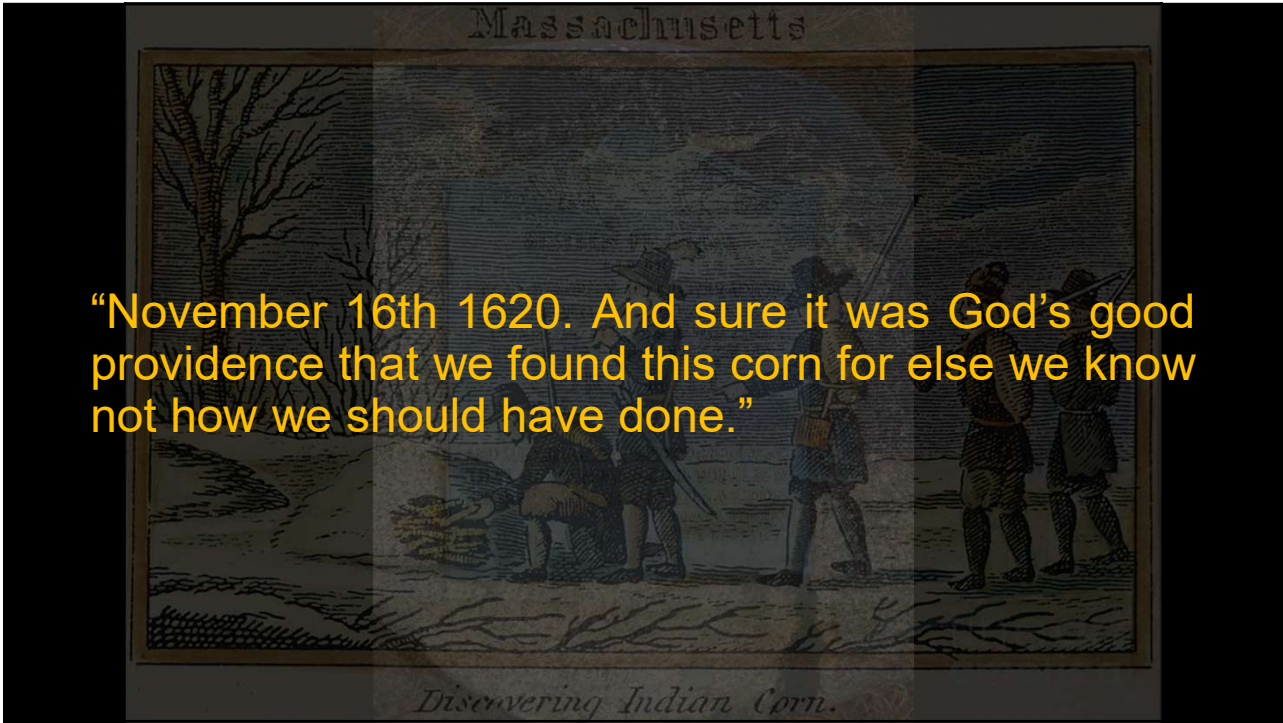
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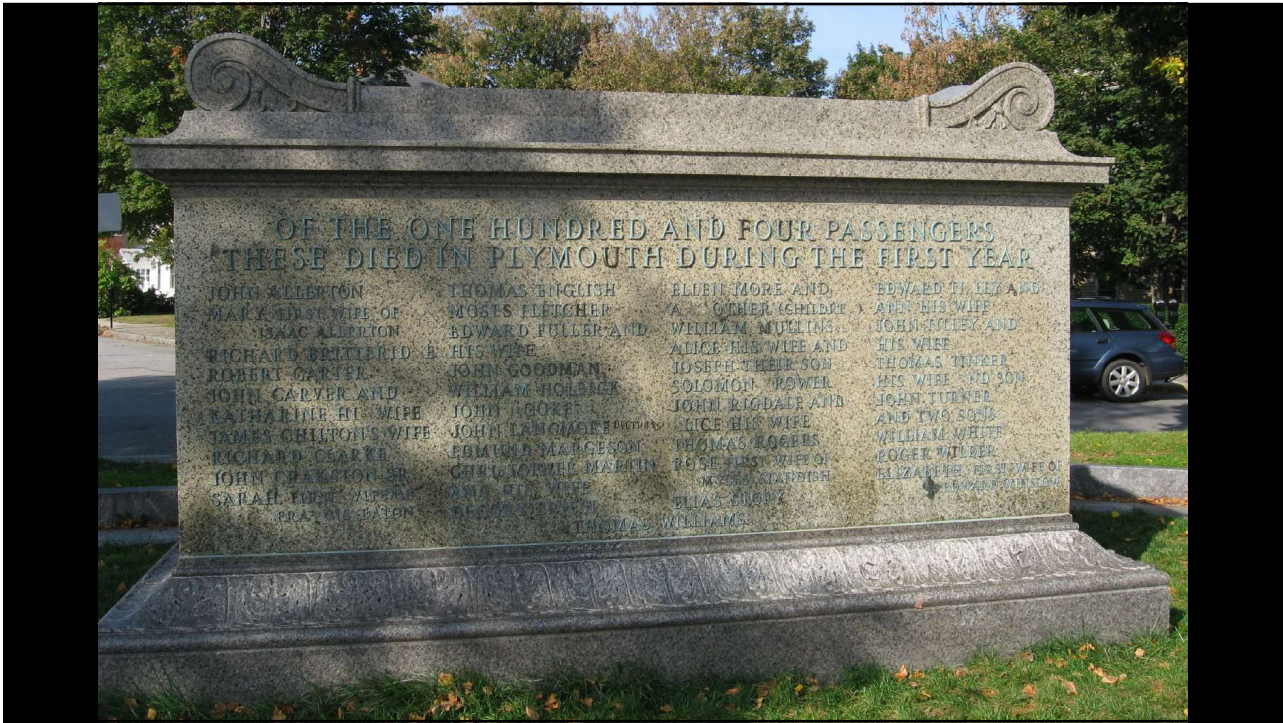
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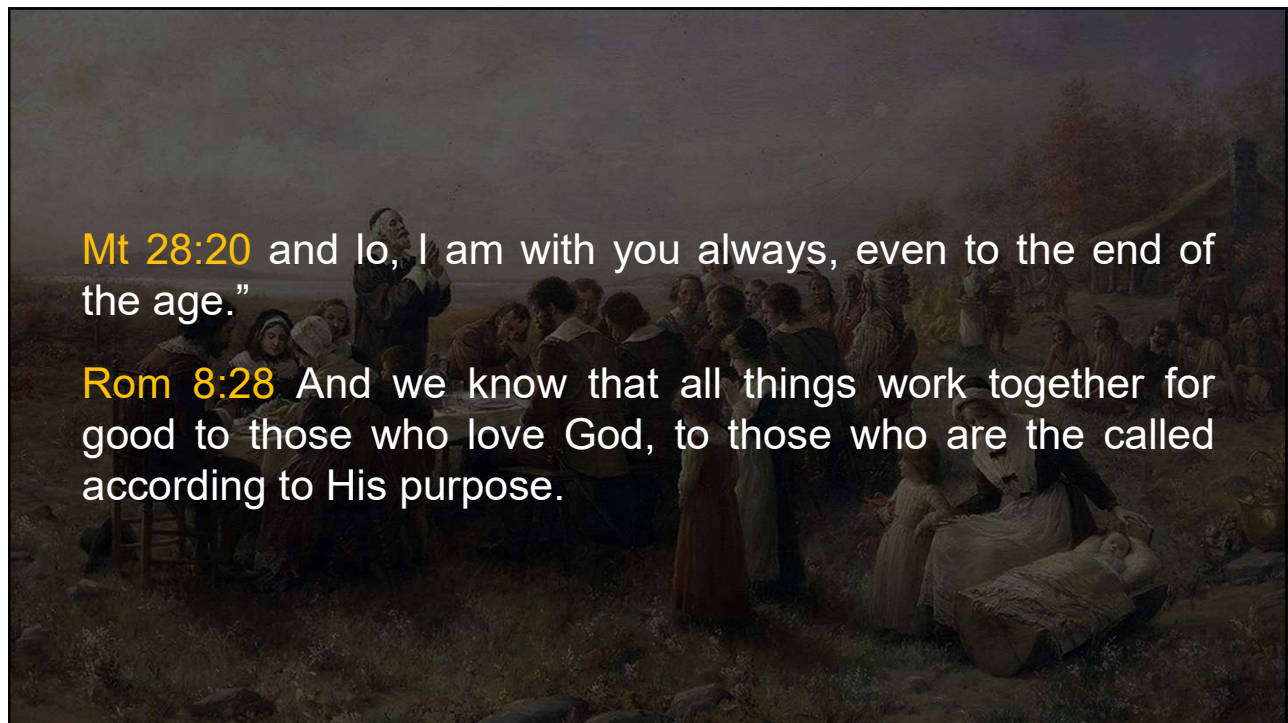


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6. We are never alone in this world –
the Lord is with us

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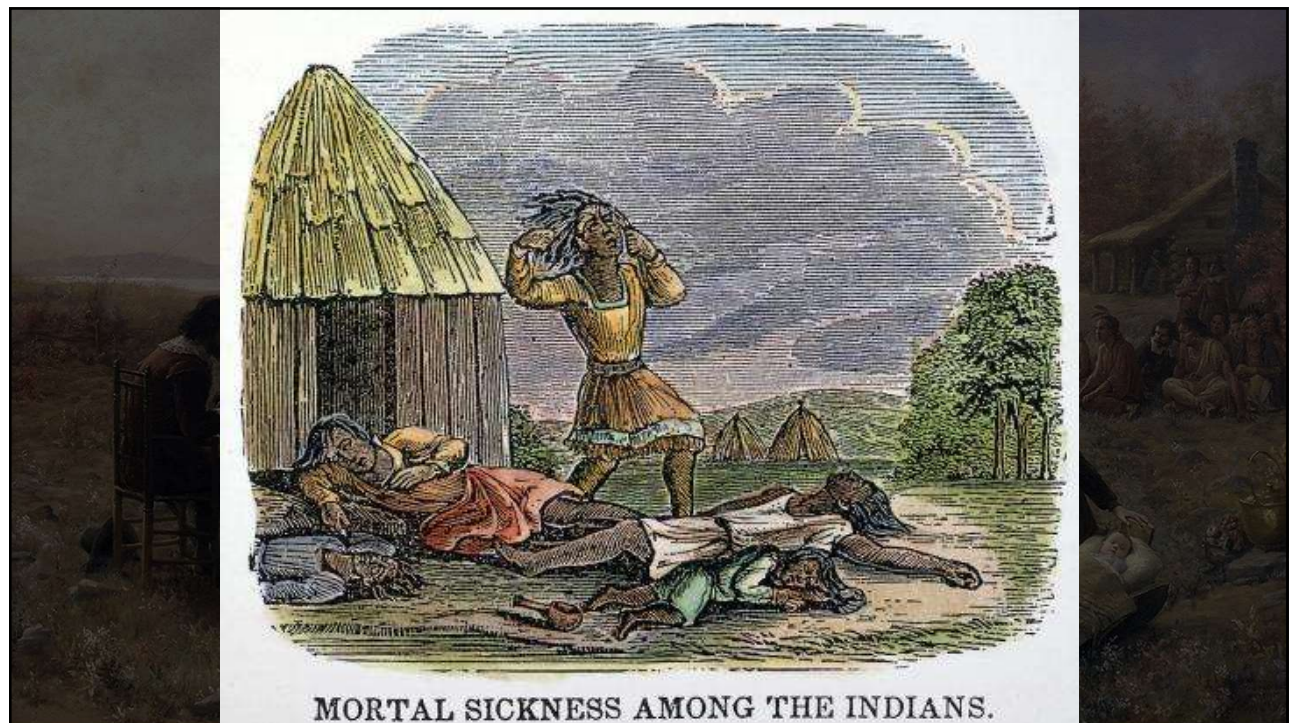
Mt 28:20 and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of
the age.”

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for
good to those who love God, to those who are the called
according to His purpose.

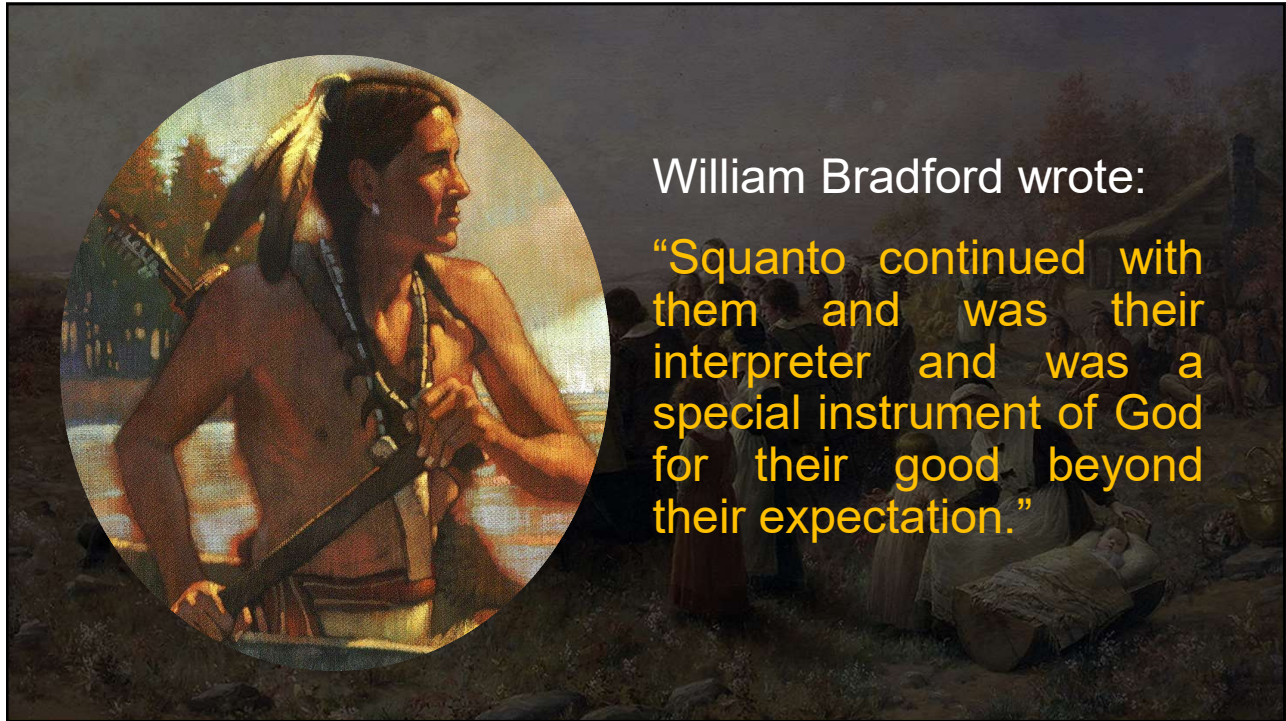
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“And yet, behold the watchful providence of God over them that seek him! ... This false dealing proved a safe-dealing for the good people against whom it was used. Had they been carried according to their desire unto Hudson’s River; the Indians in those parts were at this time so many, and so mighty, and so sturdy, that in probability all this little feeble number of Christians had been massacred by these bloody savages, as not long after some others were: whereas the good hand of God now brought them to a country wonderfully prepared for their entertainment, by a sweeping mortality that had lately been among the natives.”

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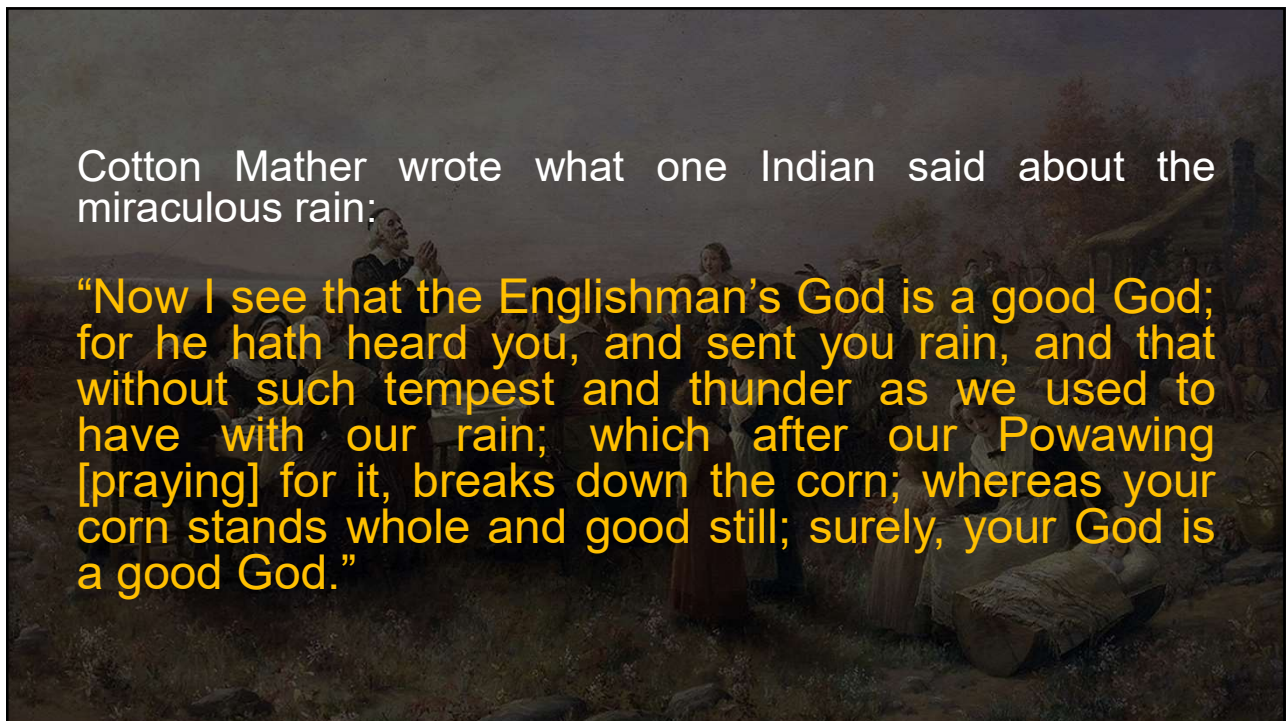
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William Bradford wrote:

“Squanto continued with them and was their interpreter and was a special instrument of God for their good beyond their expectation.”

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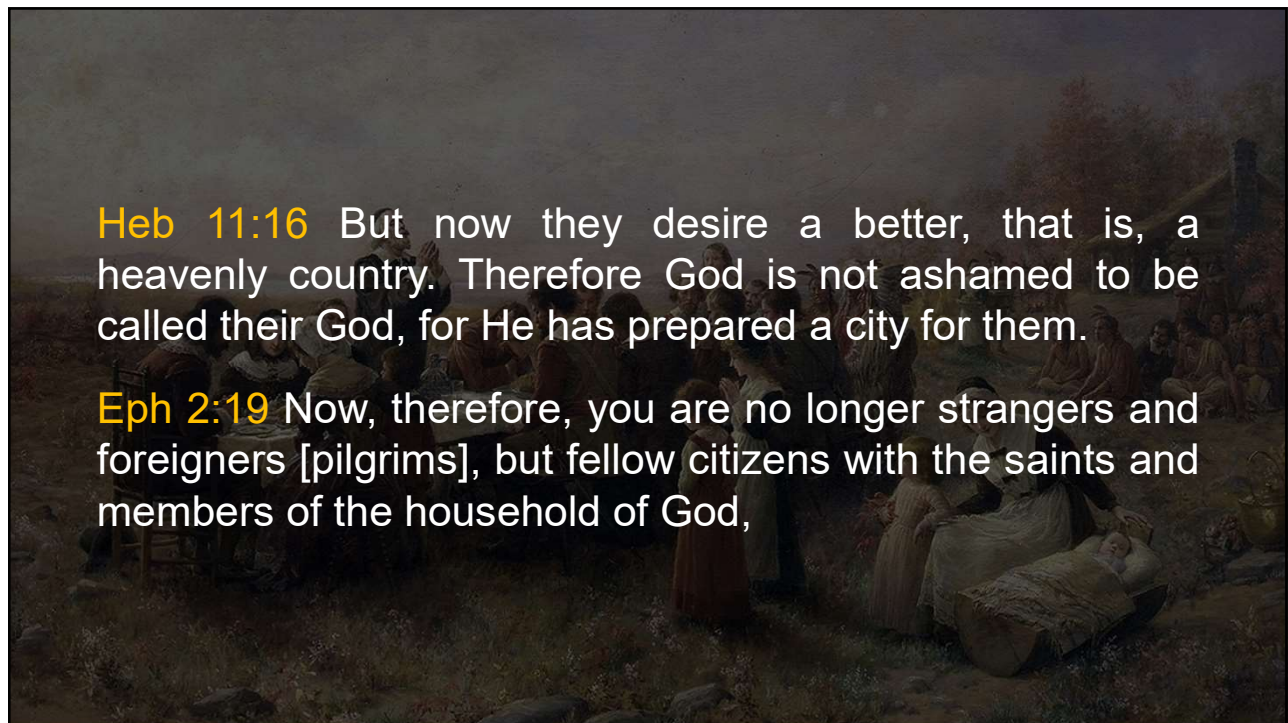
Cotton Mather wrote what one Indian said about the miraculous rain:

“Now I see that the Englishman’s God is a good God; for he hath heard you, and sent you rain, and that without such tempest and thunder as we used to have with our rain; which after our Powawing [praying] for it, breaks down the corn; whereas your corn stands whole and good still; surely, your God is a good God.”

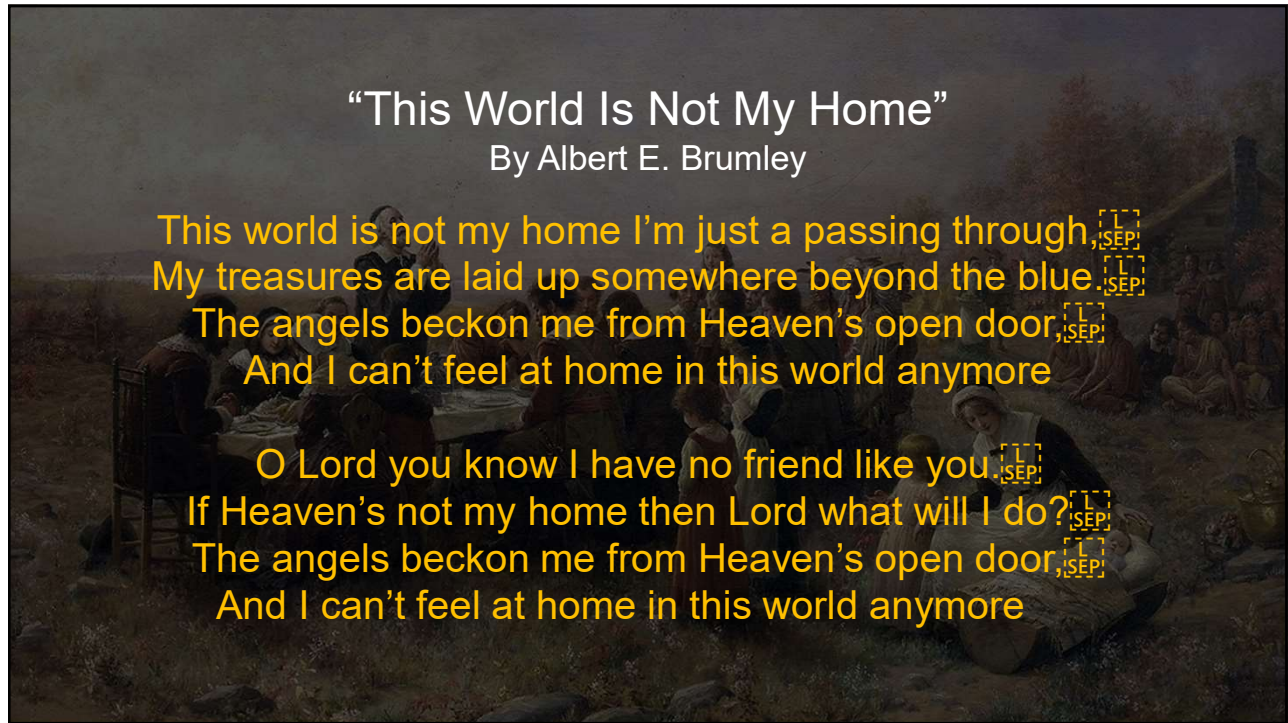
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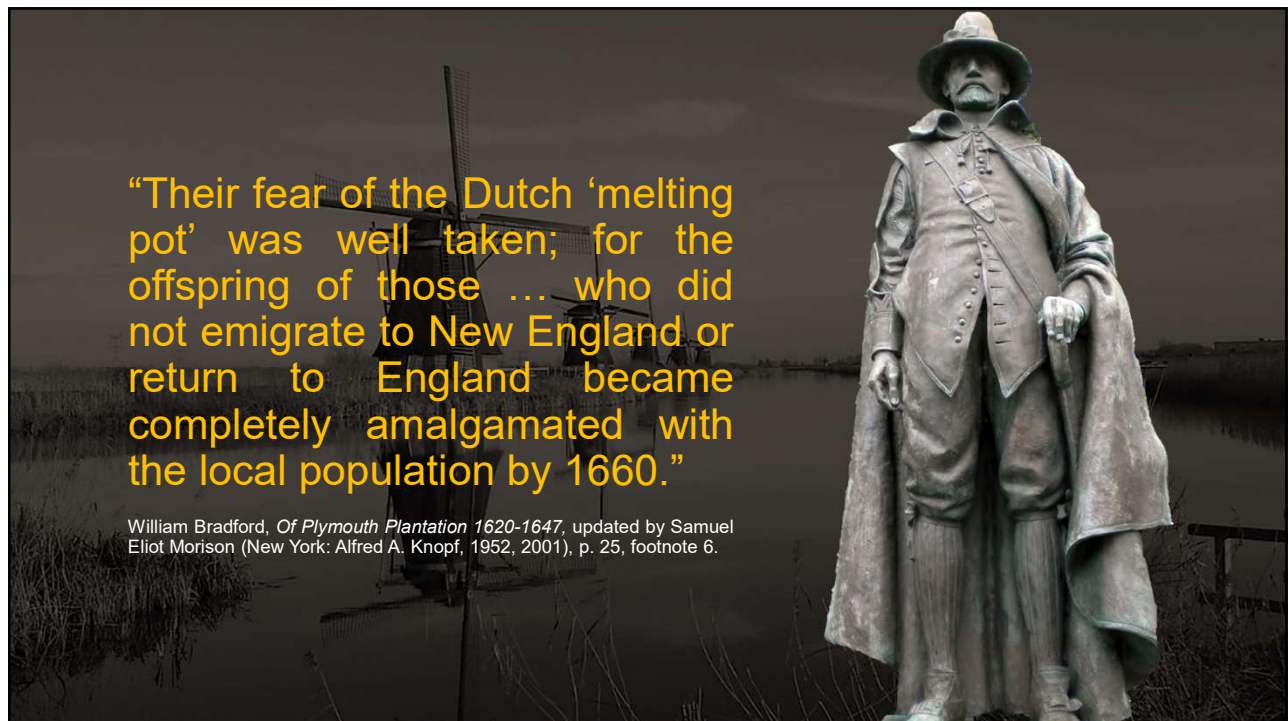
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According to exit polls, 63% of voters ages 18 to 29 voted for the left in the 2022 midterm elections. That means a majority of Gen Z support destructive left-wing policies such as socialism, open borders, student loan forgiveness, higher taxes, and late-term abortion.

Independents voted 4-1 for progressive policies – Bill O'Reilly believes because of the Jan 6 riot.

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California, Michigan, & Vermont voted to legalize abortion right up to the moment of birth.

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We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. 1 Jn 5:19