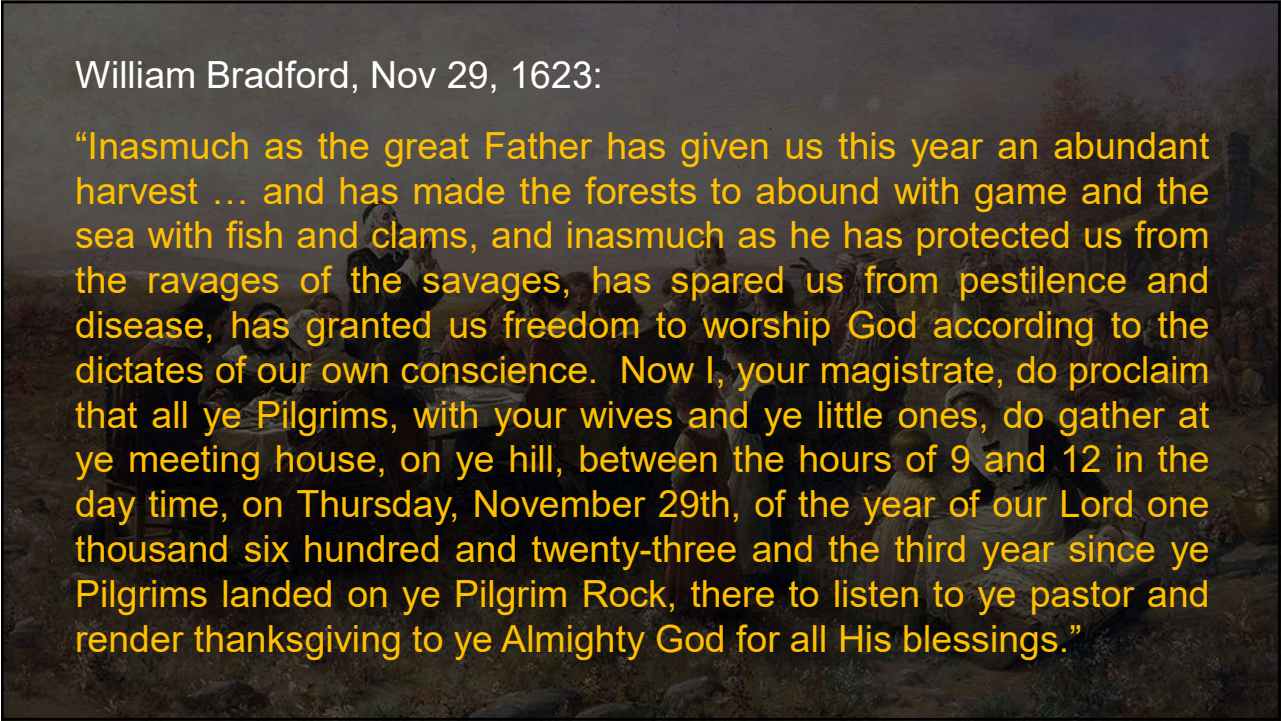




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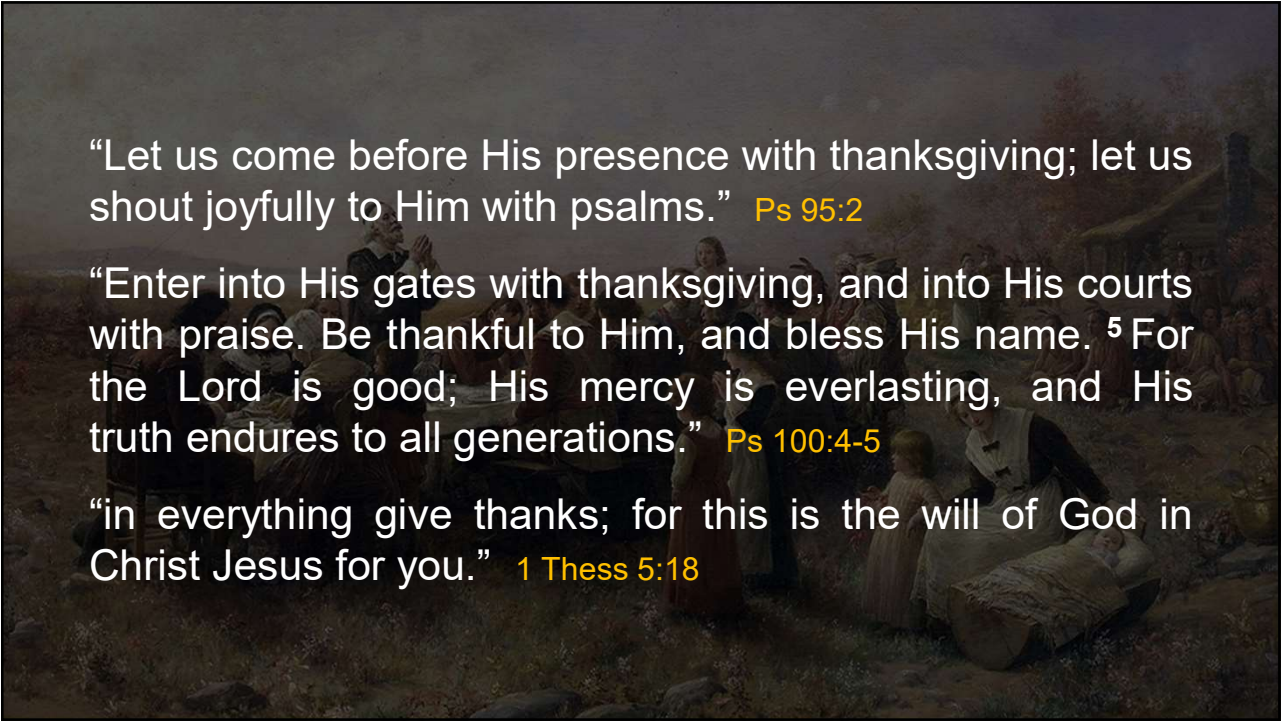
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William Bradford, Nov 29, 1623:

“Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest ... and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.”

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“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.” **Ps 95:2**

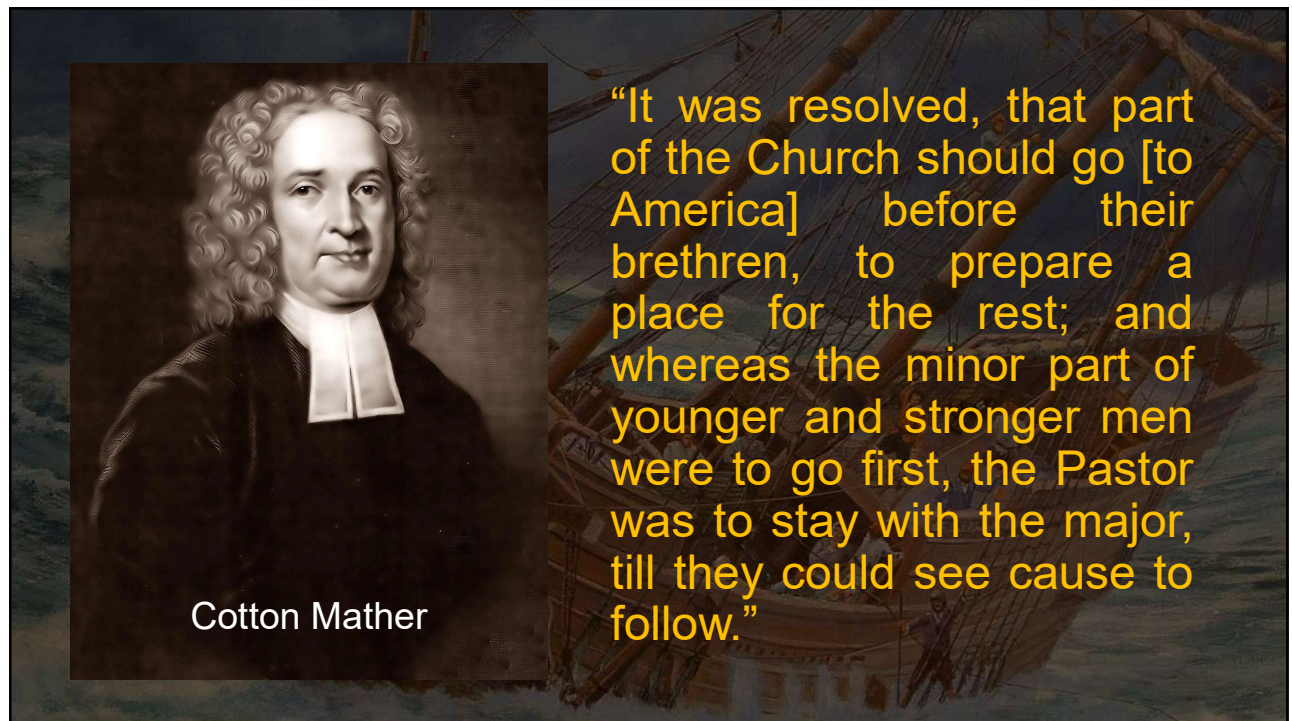
“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.” **Ps 100:4-5**

“in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” **1 Thess 5:18**

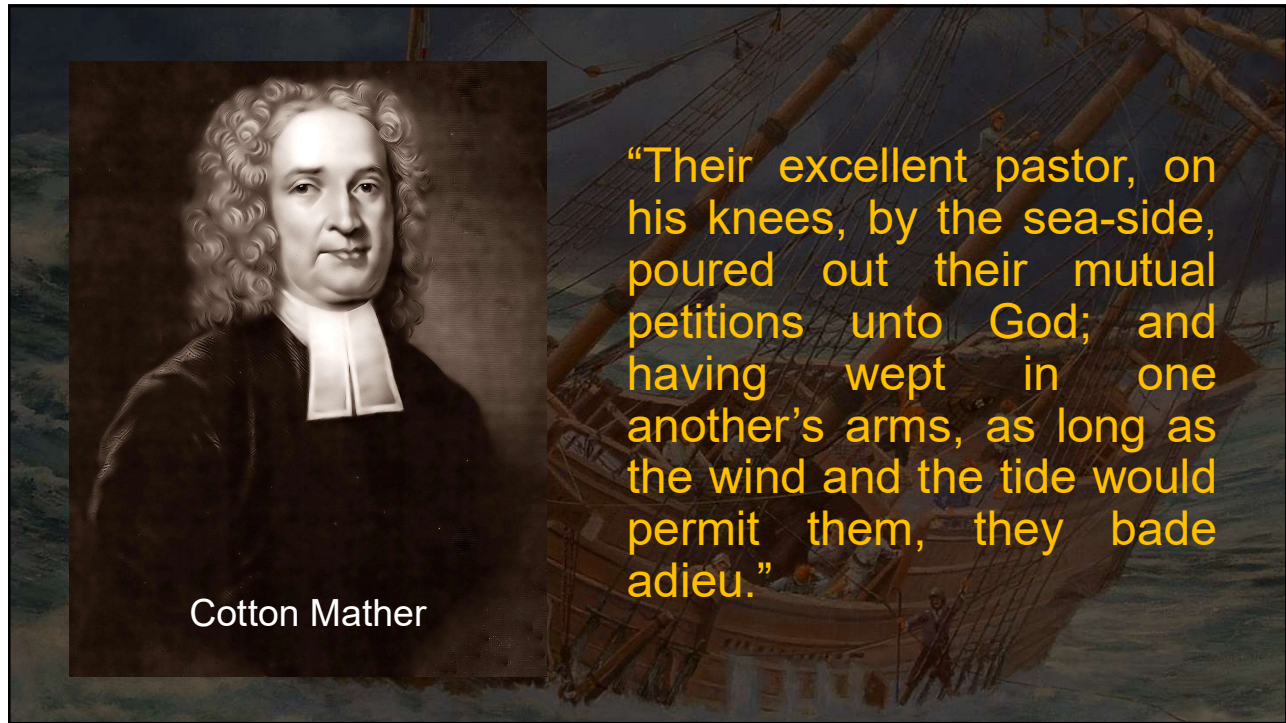
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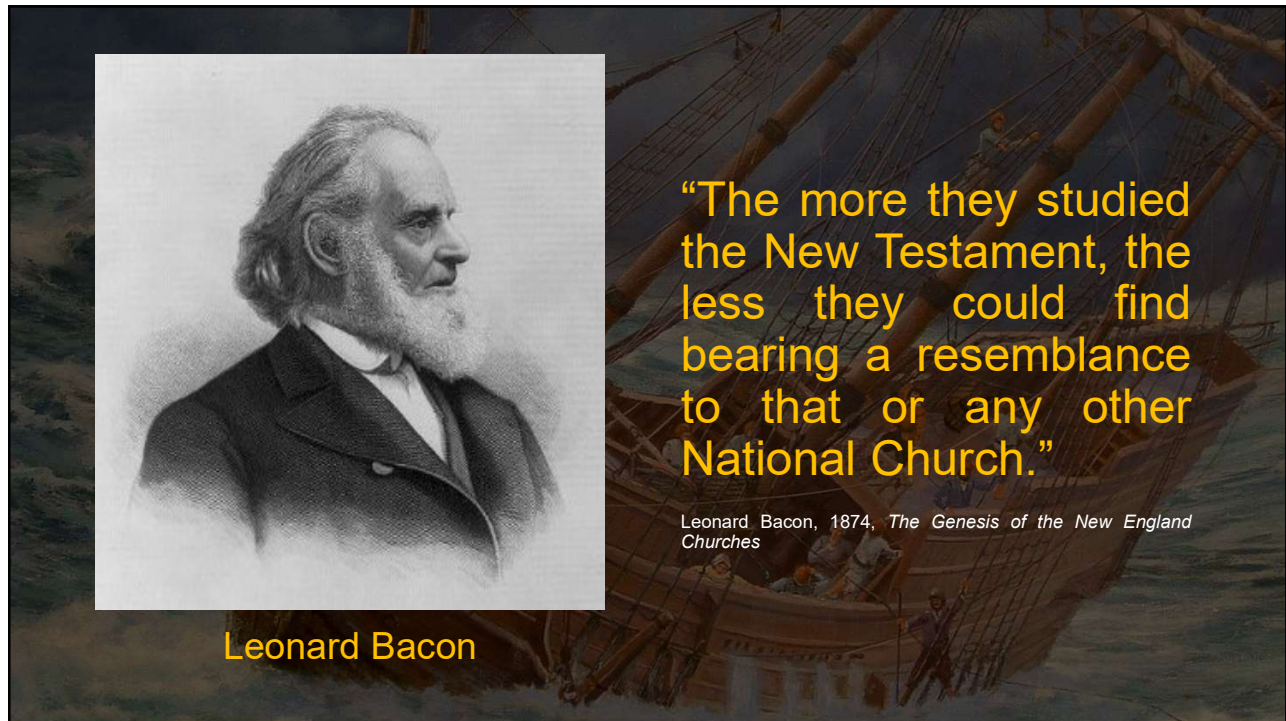
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Cotton Mather

“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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Leonard Bacon

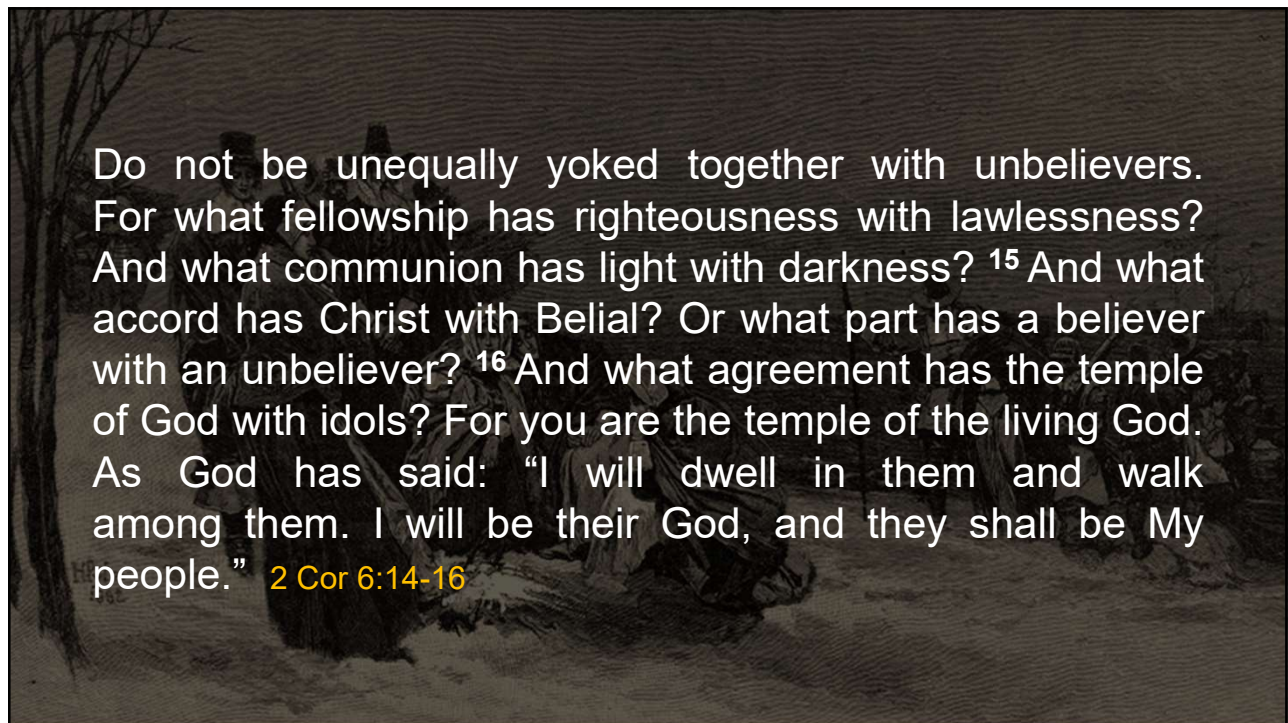
“The more they studied the New Testament, the less they could find bearing a resemblance to that or any other National Church.”

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

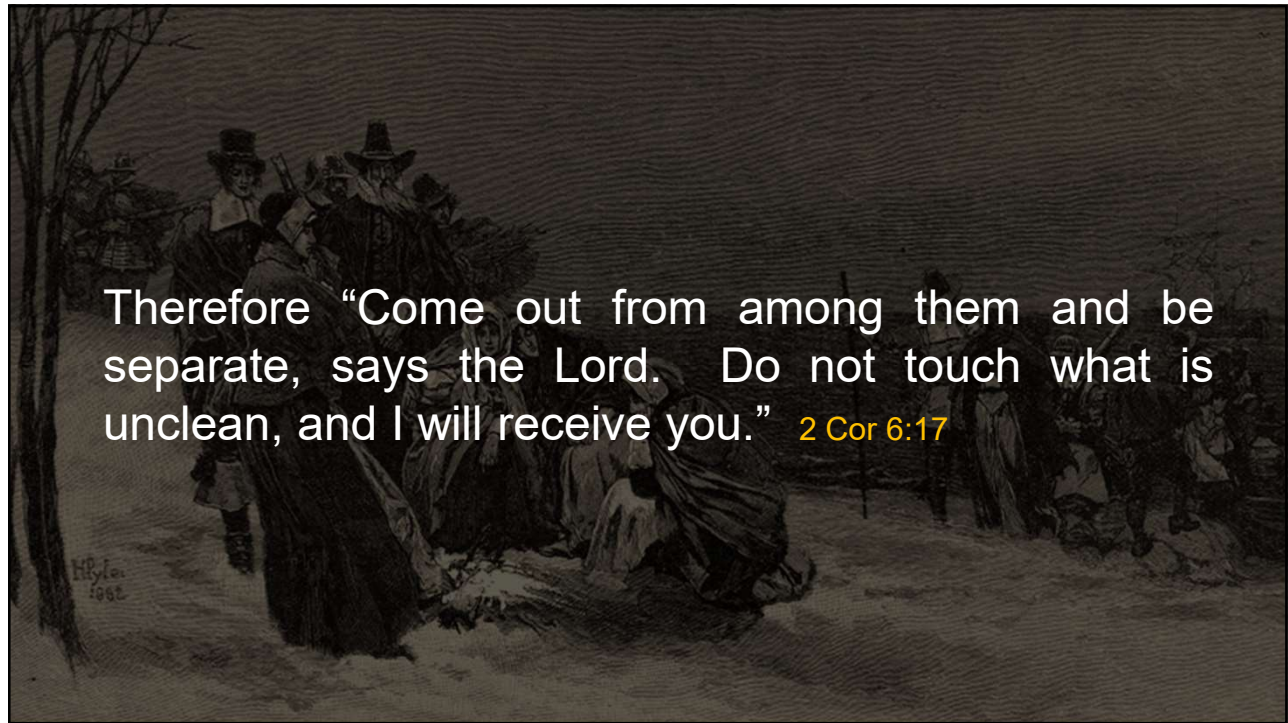
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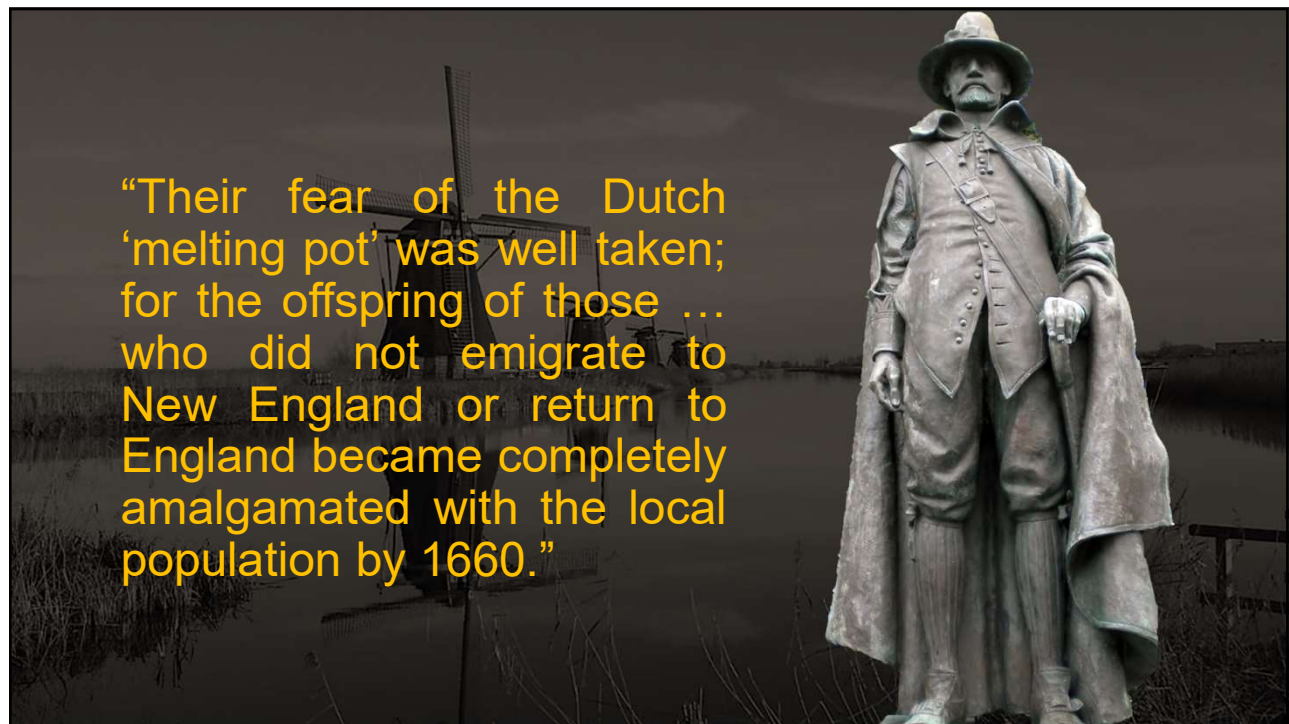
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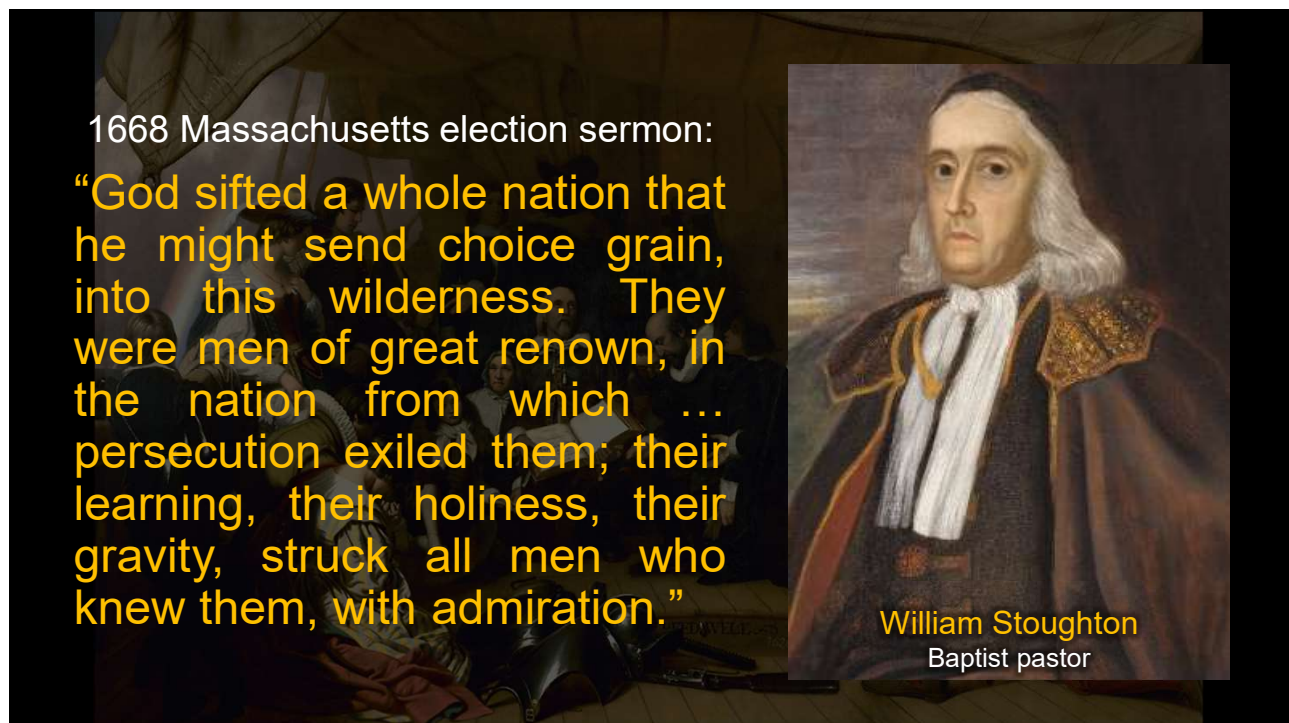


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“Their fear of the Dutch ‘melting pot’ was well taken; for the offspring of those ... who did not emigrate to New England or return to England became completely amalgamated with the local population by 1660.”

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1668 Massachusetts election sermon:

“God sifted a whole nation that he might send choice grain, into this wilderness. They were men of great renown, in the nation from which ... persecution exiled them; their learning, their holiness, their gravity, struck all men who knew them, with admiration.”

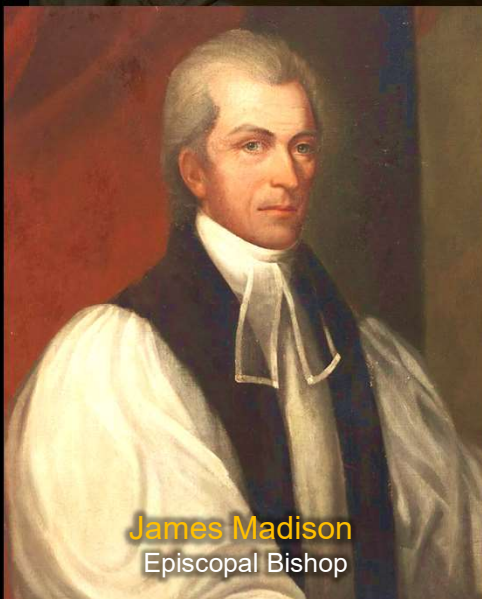
William Stoughton
Baptist pastor

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Samuel Sherwood, CT Congregational pastor, "The Church's Flight Into The Wilderness" Jan 17, 1776 (delivered with John Hancock in the audience):

"It is an indisputable fact, that the cruel hand of oppression, tyranny and persecution drove them out; and that the purest principles of religion and liberty, led them to make the bold adventure across the wide Atlantic Ocean for unadulterated Christianity, liberty and peace. This American quarter of the globe seemed to be reserved in providence, as a fixed and settled habitation for God's church, where she might have property of her own, and the right of rule and government, so as not to be controlled and oppressed in her civil and religious liberties, by the tyrannical and persecuting powers of the earth."

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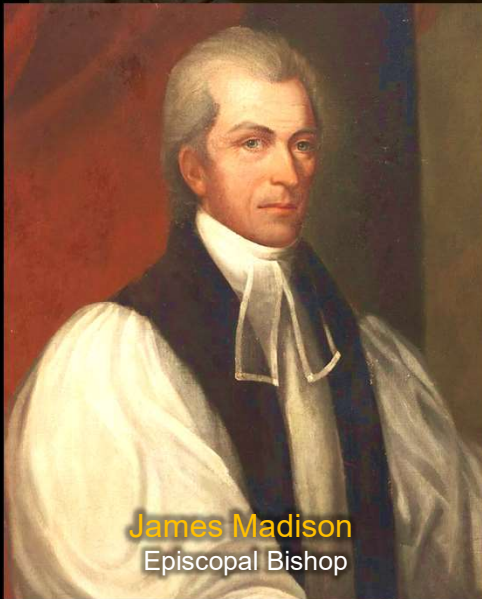


James Madison
Episcopal Bishop

"Manifestations Of The Beneficence Of Divine Providence Towards America," Richmond, VA, 1795:

"These considerations present to our minds the first traces of the beneficent designs of providence in the history of this new world. ... For surely, our forefathers, amidst the wreck of human rights, still evinced, at times, no small portion of that ethereal spirit, that ardent love of liberty, which glows in the American breast."

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James Madison
Episcopal Bishop

It was this indomitable spirit, this attachment to the inherent rights of man, stronger infinitely than the fear of those storms, which agitate the immense Atlantic, or of the fierce and cruel tenants of the howling wilderness, or the ravages of disease, and famine and death itself, which urged our forefathers to these distant shores.”

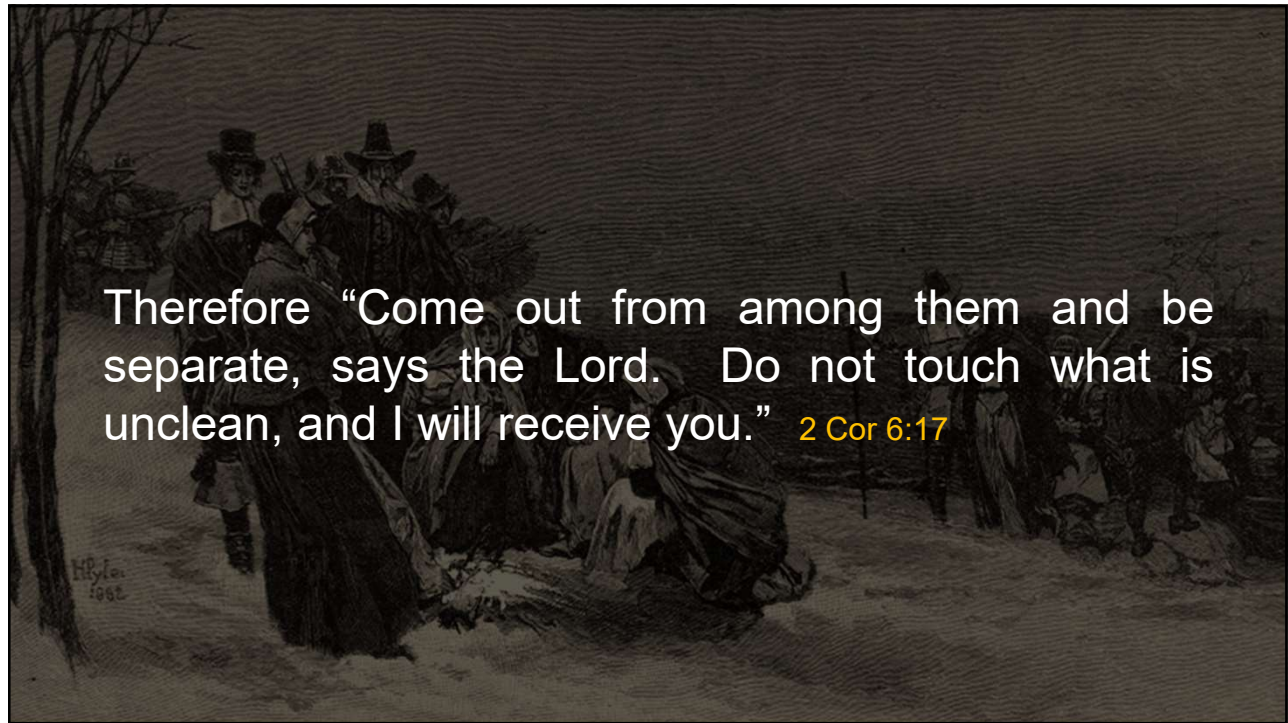
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Henry Cabot Lodge, 1881,
English Colonies in America:

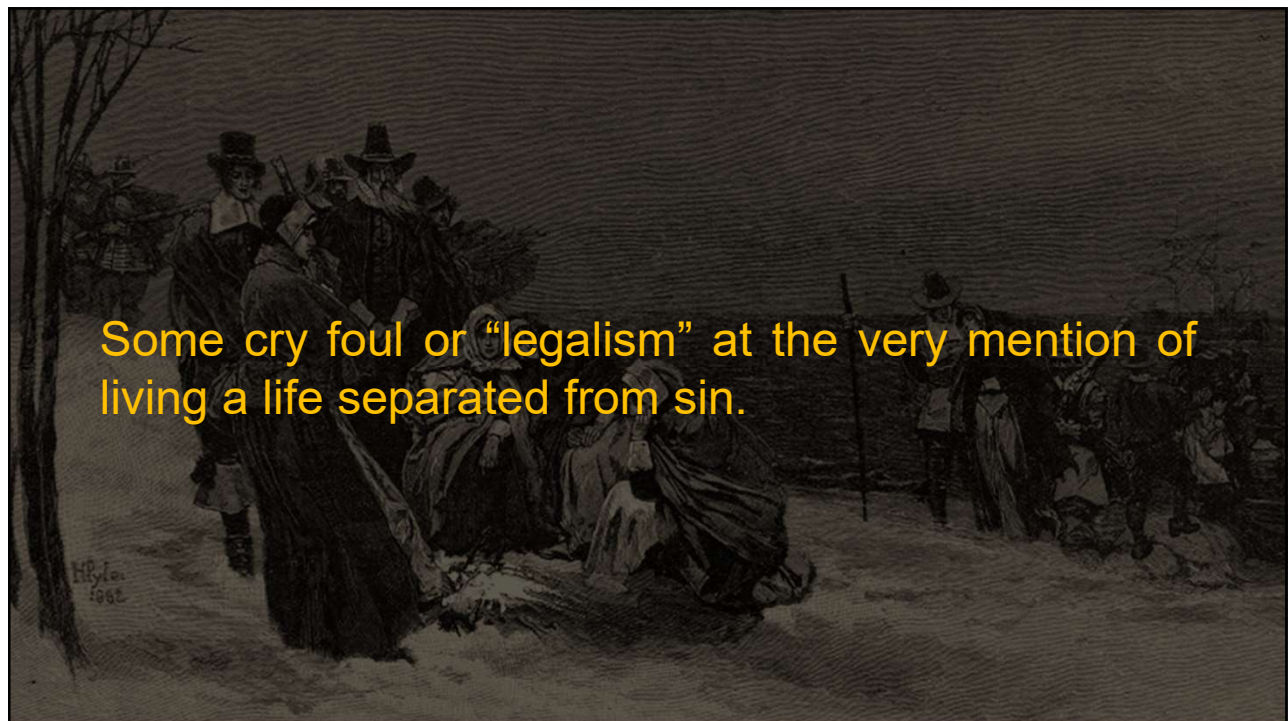
“They were poor and friendless, separatists from the Church and exiles from England; but they bore with them the seeds of a great nation and of a great system of government.”



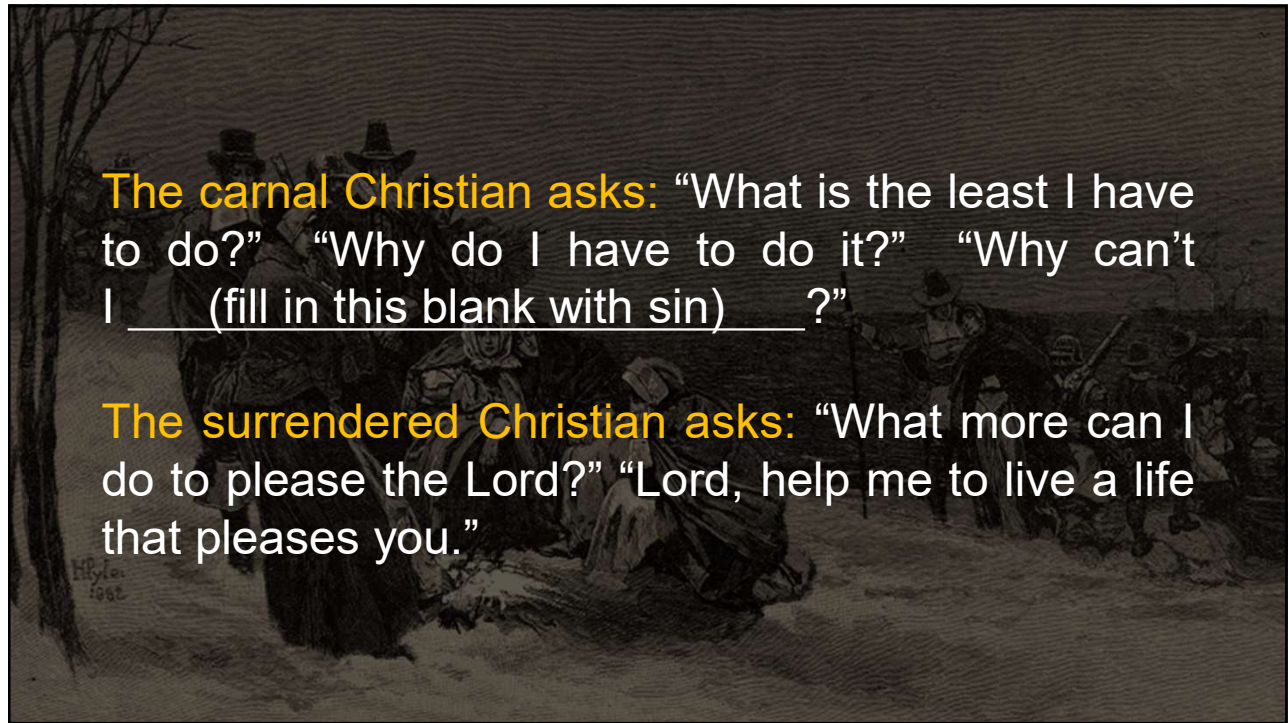
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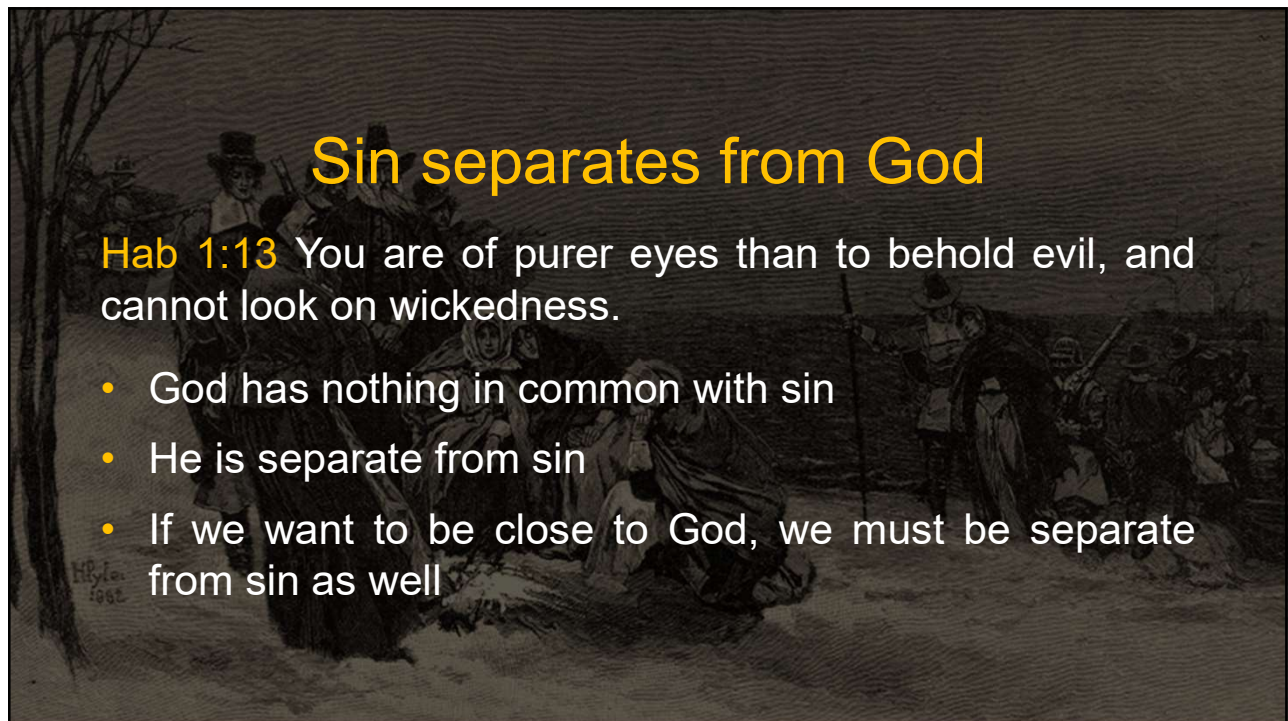
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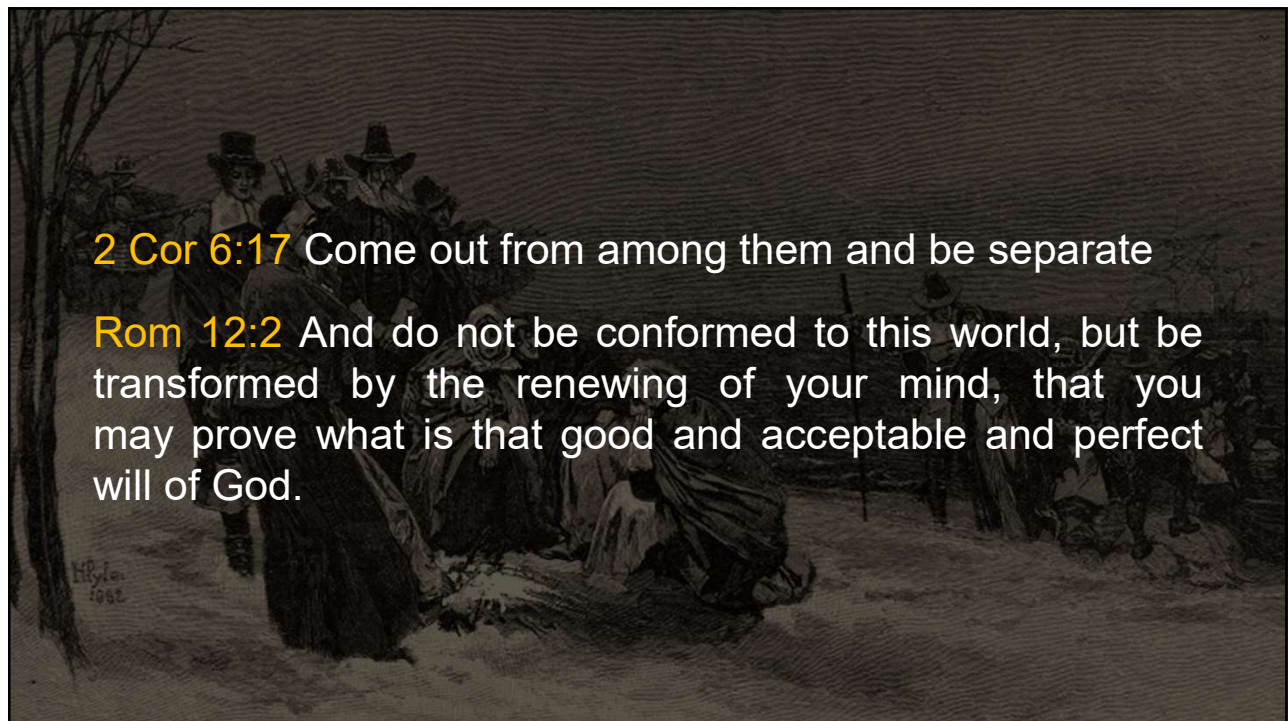


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1. A separated life reflects God's will

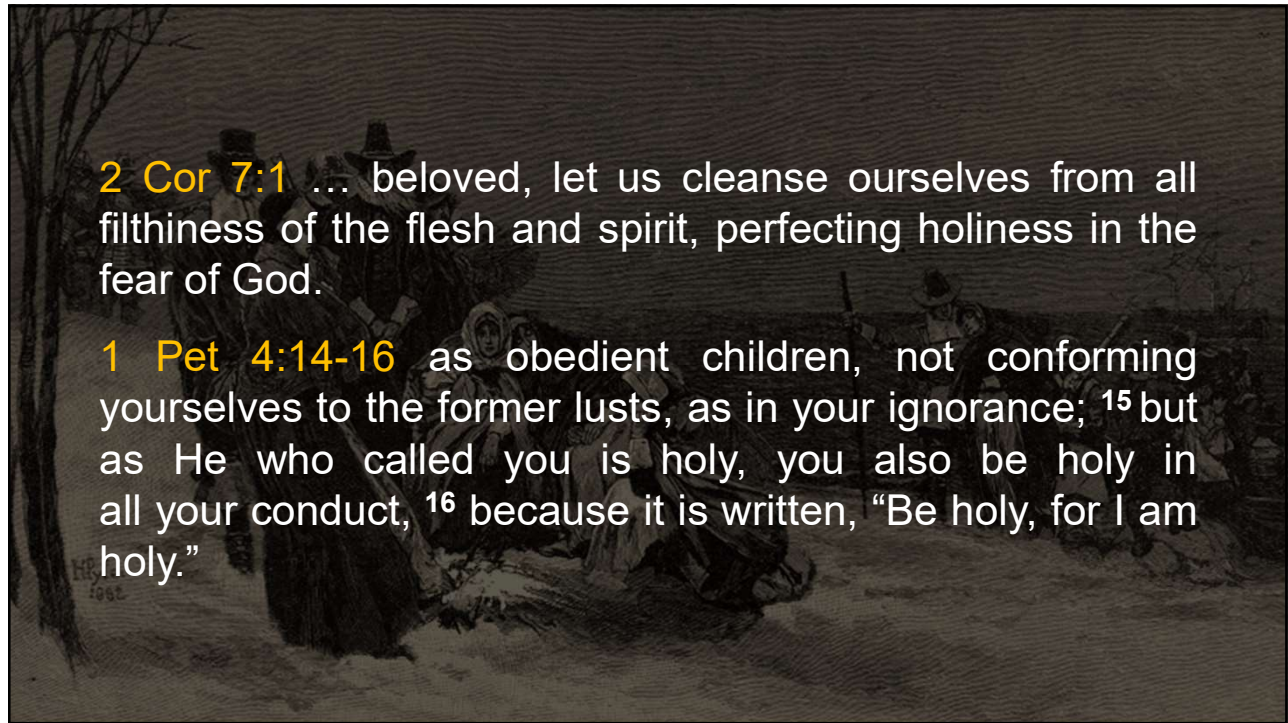
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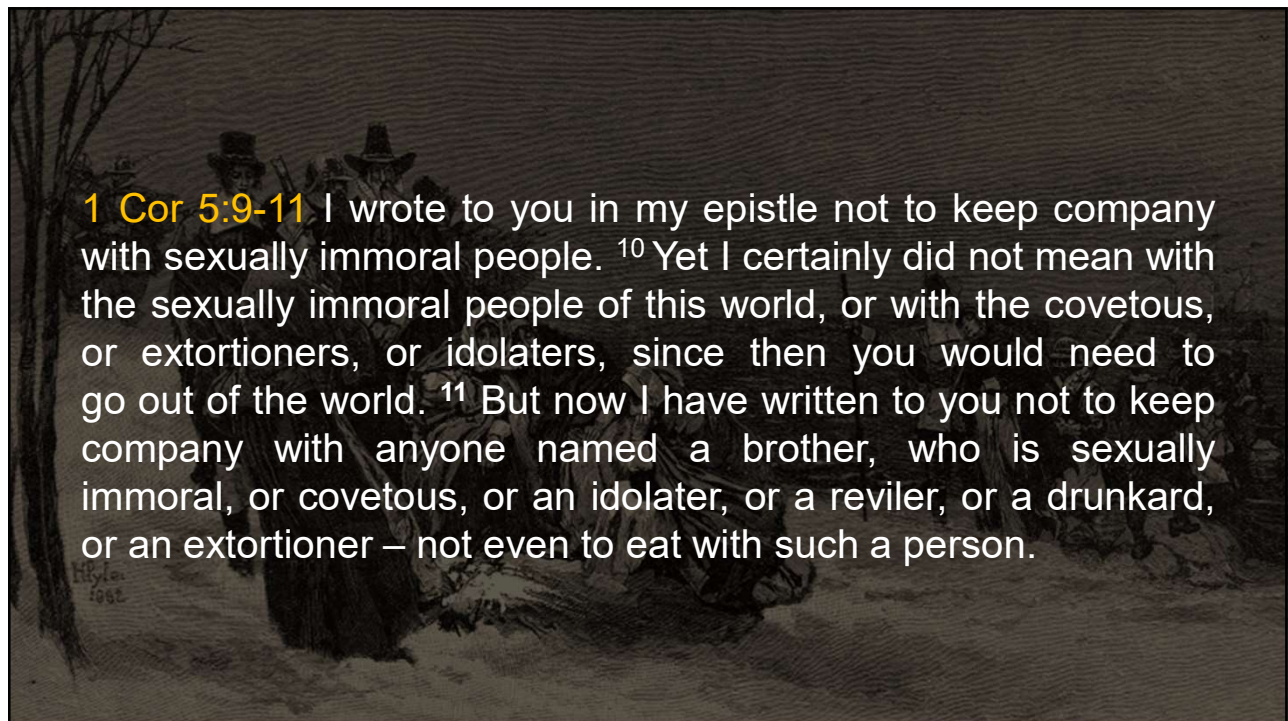
2 Cor 6:17 Come out from among them and be separate

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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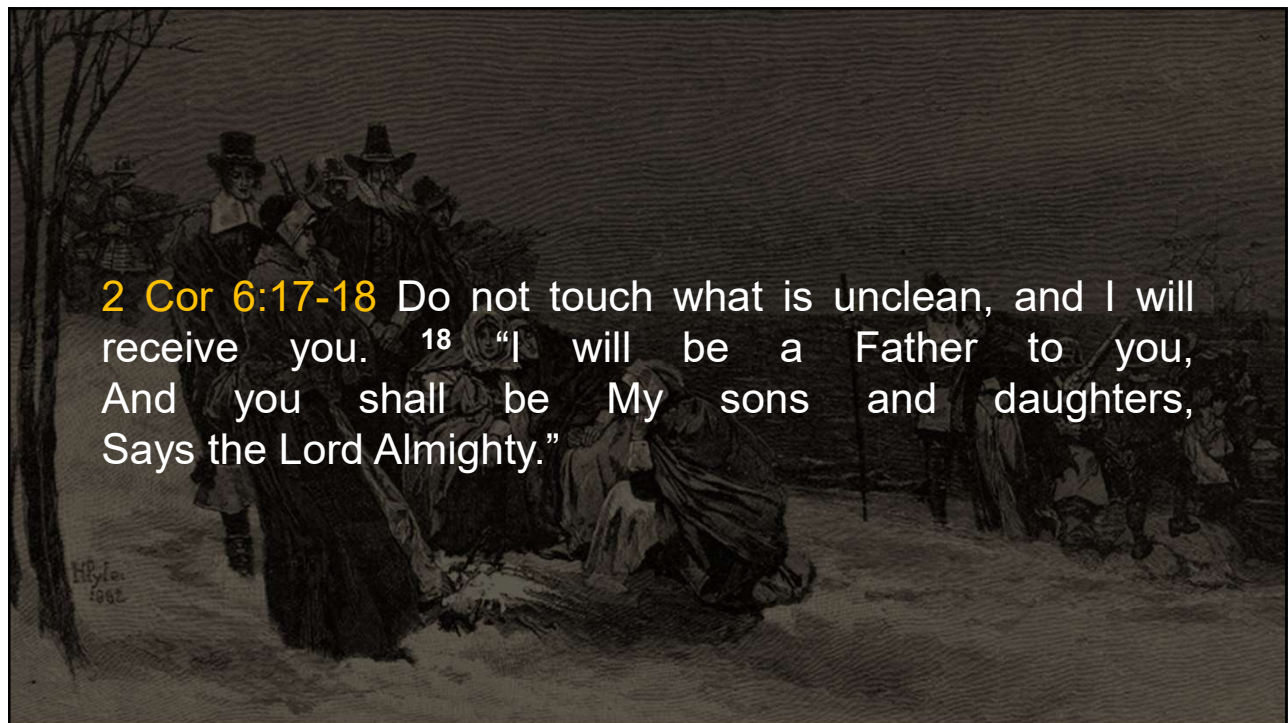
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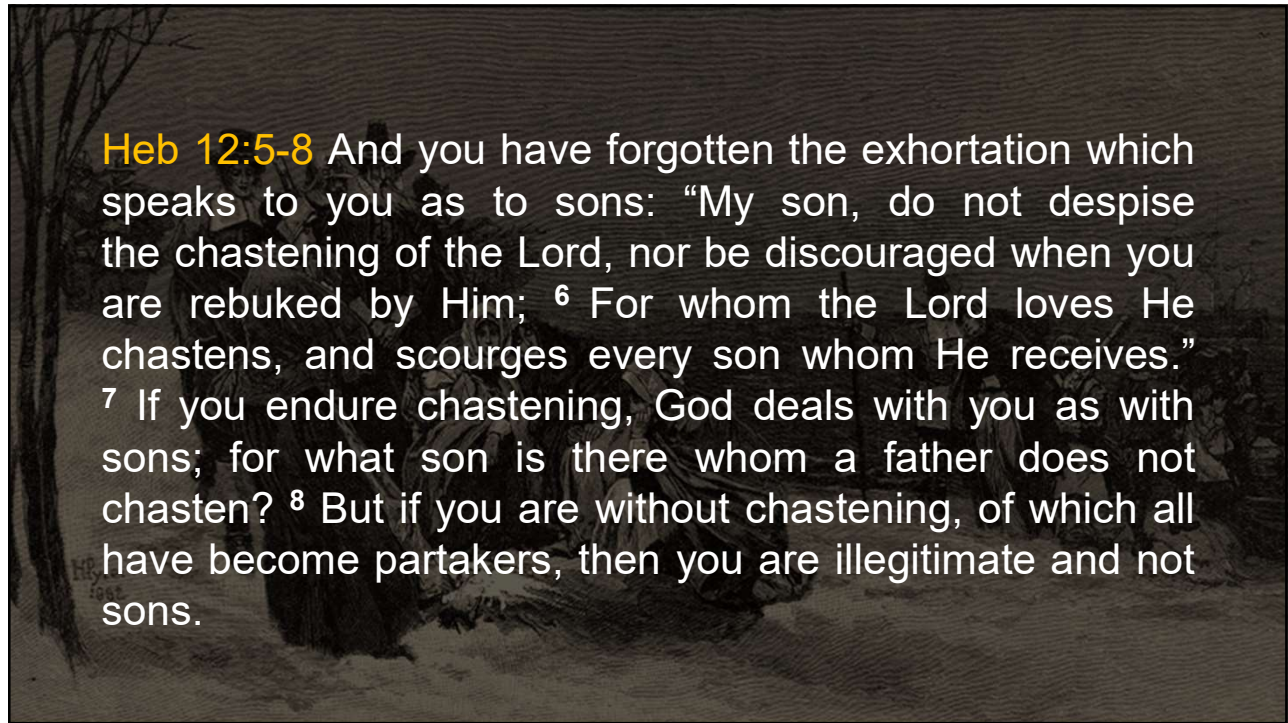
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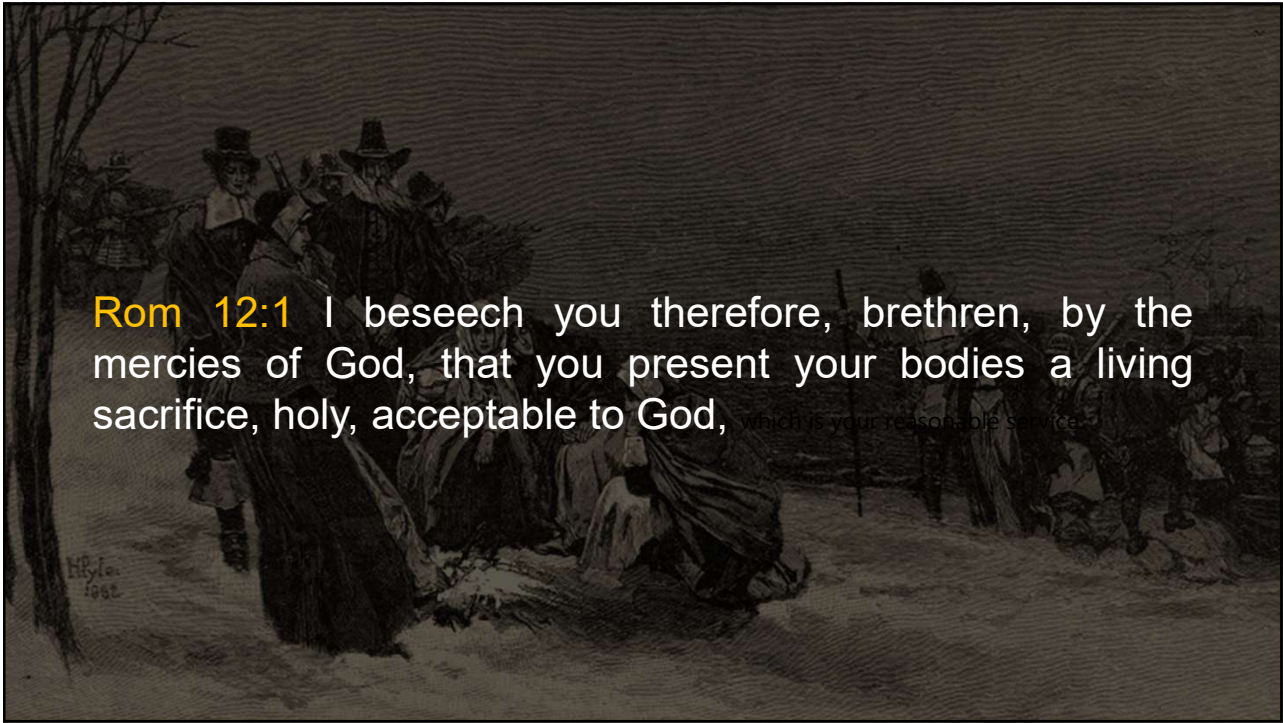
Heb 12:5-8 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." ⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

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3. A separated life requires sacrifice

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Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1835:

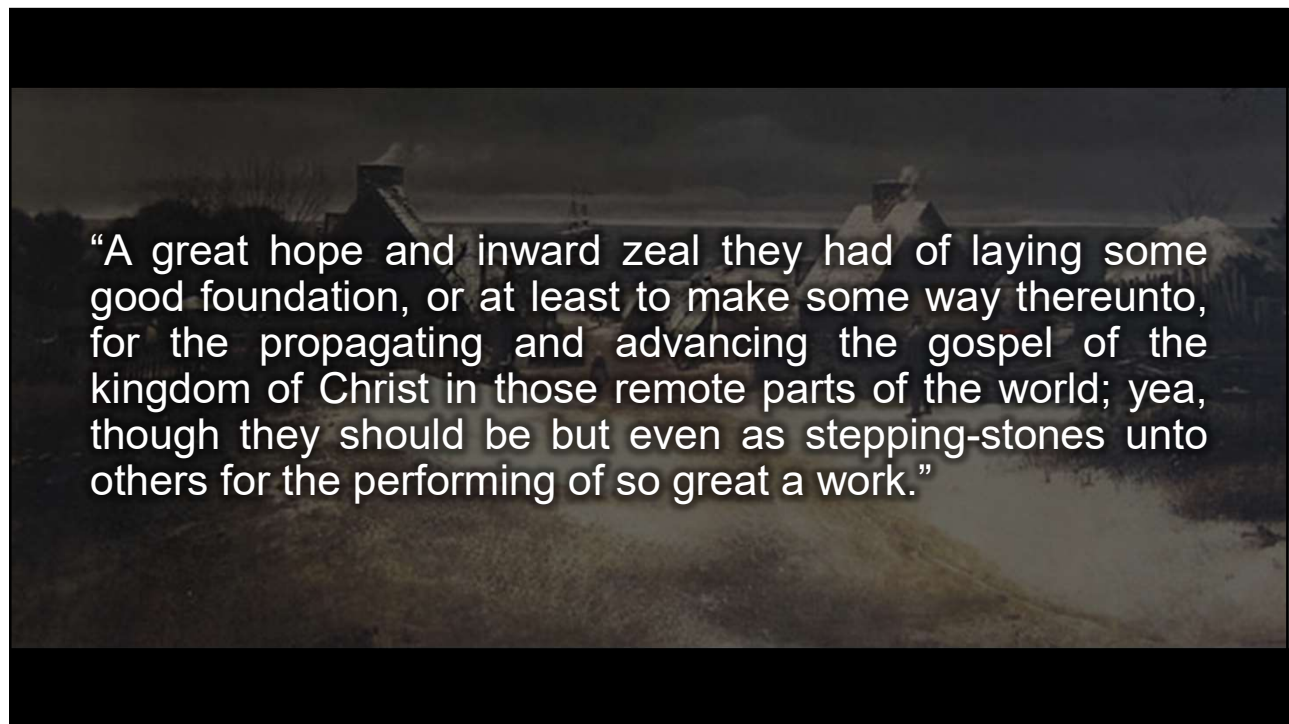
“This Rock has become an object of veneration in the United States. I have seen bits of it carefully preserved in several towns in the Union. ... Here is a stone which the feet of a few outcasts pressed for an instant; and the stone becomes famous; it is treasured by a great nation; its very dust is shared as a relic.”



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“A great hope and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation, or at least to make some way thereunto, for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world; yea, though they should be but even as stepping-stones unto others for the performing of so great a work.”