

nation such as it has hardly had in any nation. There has been an attention paid to it, a confidence in it, opportunities for it to be freely preached all over the country and from this land has gone out missionaries to every nation of the world carrying the message of salvation.

Now this is a tremendous result to flow from the actions of the 100 poor people in the providence of God. It was a great reason why the coming of the Pilgrims was so important.

Now a third reason why the coming of the Pilgrims was important is because it was an individual enterprise. It was an effort of individual people, a group of them coming with their objective in mind instead of the effort of a government to establish a colony. Most of the other settlements that were made, most of the English settlements as well as settlements from other nations were made because the government wanted to establish a colony to represent it, and it was strictly under the control of the home government. The Pilgrims persuaded the government to let them come and before they landed they made the Mayflower Compact that they would bind themselves together to rule themselves in accordance with the Word of God. It was a free enterprise undertaking.

This free enterprise which was present in the inception of it became more established within a year after they came. Because when the Pilgrims came they did what most any colony had to do, they took a certain amount of land and they said that land is ours to own. Now they said, You can have this section, you have this section, and they divided it up according to the size of the family. They said it is yours to grow on this all you can, and they we bring all ~~this~~ into the common treasury. We take from every one according to their ability and we give to everyone according to their need. At the end of the first year they had barely enough ~~XXXXXX~~ food to get through the winter. *The first year*

And they found ^{families} the people were constantly ^{complaining} squabbling. They were saying, Our people ~~are~~ working harder than your ~~people~~ and we are not getting any more food than your ~~people~~ do. You are asking us to do more than they do. Here they said here were the finest Christian people you could find and yet this Communist system was definitely not working. Gov. Bradford took the bull by the horns and said, We'll do away with that system. We will divide up the land here and give it to families to own. It will be yours. You use that land for your own purposes. That's what they did and the next year they found that there was far more produced and they found people coming out early in the morning and working late at night in order to produce what their families were taking advantage of and of course taxes for the support of the whole community took a certain proportion of the taxes for the support of the community and thus the system of private enterprise which was represented by the coming of the Pilgrims, this system found greater fruition in a year than in any other colony in the new world.

Now those three reasons show the ~~wyz~~ why of God's providence in taking care for the Pilgrims. Perhaps I should not say it that way. That shows why it had such importance in American history that the Pilgrims accomplished what they did and why America has been right in