

come and had made a colony a few miles ¹nother of where the Plymouth people ~~WERE~~ were. This group had begun stealing from the Indians. They ~~WERE~~ were lazy shiftless people and they stole from the Indians. The group of Indians had come to Massasoit and said, We're going to kill these people; we're going to get rid of them there. They are an abomination. Massasoit said, Right; you're entirely right. But Massasoit said, Don't hurt these people in Plymouth; they are good people. They said, Yes they are. We don't like to do anything to hurt them, but they are English too but ~~we~~ if we kill these others they will come and attack us. So they said, The only thing we can do is kill ~~them~~ all. Massasoit said, All right go ahead.

That agreement had been made a week or so before the Pilgrims had gone to Massasoit to help with his illness. He told him about it now. They said the captain of the Indians who was going to kill these other people, they put these people on a boat and shipped them back to England and their lives were spared but they would have been killed undoubtedly if it was not for God's providence in it.

Now in New England in the area there, if the Pilgrims had come 3 years earlier than they did they would have found 10 times as many Indians there as they found when they did come. Where they made their town at Plymouth there had been an Indian town at that spot where over 1000 people living in it. There were thousands of Indians up and down the coast there and with that great number of them there, if they had tried to establish their colony at that place, this little group of poor people they would certainly have been wiped out within two or three years. But in the providence of God there came a great pestilence and during ~~he~~ two years before the Pilgrims came every Indian in that ~~town~~ town of Plymouth died, every single one of them. Nine-tenths of those up and down the coast there had died, and ~~it was~~ a comparatively small group as it was (indistinct) *Remained*.

Think what it would have been if they had come three years earlier? In the providence of God He delayed their coming until the time when He had the situation ready for them to get established.

I won't go into the details of how the Pilgrims got permission from the king to do in America that which he would not permit them to do in England. God's providence worked there in a wonderful way. I mentioned how God gave them safe voyage across the Atlantic. In that little boat the 100 of them plus sailors, very disagreeable, and the discomfort, sea-sickness and all that was miserable but worst of all they said was the constant cursing and swearing of the vile sailors who were running the ship. But they got ~~thru~~ through and got established. But here was this little group of poor people and how would they know how to establish a colony and make homes that would last and be able to survive?

In the providence of God just a few years before an English ship had landed at that place. This English ship had ~~in~~ in it. And then one morning they said would some of the young fellows here like to see our ship? And some of the young fellows very enthusiastically agreed and came into the ship, and as soon as they were in the ship