

I think of England back in the time when the KJV was written. Now King James was quite a theologian. He was very familiar with the Bible. He claimed to believe all of its great doctrines. He got together an excellent committee to make a revision. IN fact so extensive a revision that we sometimes think of it as a new translation, the KJV of the Bible. But King James, like Jeroboam, was interested in the political very much. He wrote a book on the divine rights of kingd. He was trying to prove from the Bible his absolute authority over the church.

King James was succeeded by his son, Charles I. Charles I went further than James did. Charles tried to force control over every aspect of the church's life. Now they say that Charles' life was free from flaw except in one series regard. They say he lived a life of moral propriety. They say he was an example to his people in many ways. He was highly regarded for his personal morality, but he tried in every possible way to take the ideas his father had and carry them through in chaning the ch. of England. When after the rebellion under Caomwell had run its course and come to an end, his son, Charles II came back and we see the next step even as we see and her associates with Charles II introducing the most licentious and wicked time in all of English history, as he completely overturned all the foundations of morality in England.

There is this downward progress in human life and in human institutions and it is only God who can hold us close to Himself and who can bring us back to Him when we fall.

In the days of James there were many in England there were many who were disastisfied with the way James was trying to exert his complete control over the church of England and a group of them went to Holland so they could worship unfettered by James' rules and regulations. They had a difficult time getting away from England, but the soldiers were trying to prevent it, but they got to Holland and after a dozen years there they decided they wanted to maintain their identity there as English people and they wanted to be free from the worldly influences all around them there in Holland, so they came clear across the ocean over here to America and on the rocky shores of New England in the middle of winter they attempted to set up a colony. These Pilgrims who came looked upon the Church of England as the very mother of harlots, and they dtermined to have nothing to do with it whatever. They/dead against it and wished not to be connected were with it in any way.

But the great work that the Pilgrims did was to prove that a group of them most of them ignorant, most of then uneducated, most of them with very few skills, but utterly devoted to the Lord, that this little group of poor people could make this trip across the ocean, a trip that took them more than 9 weeks at that time, cloud take the trip across, could land here and in the midst of the wilderness here maintain themselves for a number of years, in fact could grow in strength there and carry on a colony in which they insisted that everything be done in line with their understanding of the Scripture.