

wonderful, magnificent and very fine purposes in everything. Sometimes it is hard to see just how He does work. Sometimes when we see how things seem to go utterly wrong, we tend to become discouraged and to forget it is all a part of God's wonderful plan.

Tonight I want to speak for part of the time about a great tragedy, one of the greatest tragedies, I believe, in Christian history, and yet about the way that God works to cause that that tragedy would not be quite as great a tragedy as it might have been otherwise, and that of the wonderful effect of His grace which existed before it, some very fine parts would be preserved and would have an influence even to the present day. First, let me mention to you that having been brought up in the State of Michigan and having lived in the ~~United States~~ United States just about all my life, I have been accustomed through my life each November, starting when I was a very small boy, to see the time come when people talked about pumpkin pie and about wonderful feasting and referred to the pilgrim fathers who came to New England in 1620. Hearing these references year after year, it was quite a shock to me four or five years ago to see on the newstands the Saturday Evening Post just before our Thanksgiving Day on the cover of it these words, advertising one of their articles, "Let's have no more nonsense about the pilgrims." Then you read inside, and there was an article by someone who told how his ancestors had been fishing in the State of Maine before the pilgrim fathers ever came, before that little group of ignorant people, religious fanatics, came to New England, and how these people had been there long before in Maine, and somebody had written from Maine, saying, "Keep an eye on these poor people in New England that are trying to make homes there, and see if you cannot give them a little help, if they get into a pretty desperate situation." They said their ancestors were in Maine before the pilgrims came. It was just a little group of religious