

was over in France and asked if he would come back and rule in England. So in 1660 Charles II came back.

Many of you are familiar with the name of Richard Baxter. He was a great Protestant leader during that period, a man who had a tremendous Gospel witness in ^{Kid}derminster. A man who *changed* that community from a vile community into a great Christian center. A man who wrote books that are greatly blessed in the lives of ^{well} Well, R. Baxter didn't like the way Cromwell ^{and} ~~did~~ his associates ^(?) in England and he said let Charles II come back. Let him support the Reformation, of course, but let him come back and rule. After all were not the kings ordained of God. What right had they to drive him out? So Richard Baxter gave his support to bringing young Charles back to be king of England.

When Charles II came back he invited R. Baxter to court, ~~having~~ ^{well} had him preach in front of him and offered to make him a bishop. He said, You must insist that only the ceremony ordained by the Church be performed, and you must see that there is no preaching that does not magnify the divine right of kings and does not support these principles, ~~that can be~~ ^{Well, Baxter} said, I can't do that; I have to follow the Word of God. So ~~within a year the order was given, Baxter must no longer preach.~~ He was strictly forbidden to preach. He lived more than 20 yrs. longer. He often preached but always in secret, and when he was caught he was thrown into prison. Once he was put into stocks. Once he was ordered to be tied in the back of a cart and whipped across London for having preached without the King's permission.

John Bunyan spent at least 16 years in prison when he could have come out at any minute if he would have ~~promised~~ ^{promised} not to preach. McAuley says that the ^{reign} ~~reign~~ ^{reign} of Charles II are the most licentious the world has ever seen. He did not know about things today of course. But certainly up to within the last 40 or 50 years. They were far worse than anything before or since. It was the very lowest point in English morality. The Puritans were persecuted, mistreated and the movement practically died out in England.

③ ② The coming of the Pilgrim Fathers ⁱⁿ the providence of God transferred a substantial portion of the Puritan movemnt ~~over~~ across the sea and caused that it should continue and be a vital force in this country and through much of the world. Well, how could the coming of these 100 people do such a thing as that. After all when you compare it with Jamestown where the King sent over 150 people the first time and then he sent a couple hundred more and then later a whole group of 500; when you compare the efforts that monarchies made to establish colonies in America, this little group of 100 people was mighty small! There were only 36 adult males in the group. One hundred poor people. Very few of them with much education; very few of them with any special training or ability. Why was it so important that this little group came to Plymouth and founded a colony.

The importance of it in relation to the Puritans was that in England the Puritan movement had swept the great portion particularly of Northern England. Great numbers of the most prominent, the most