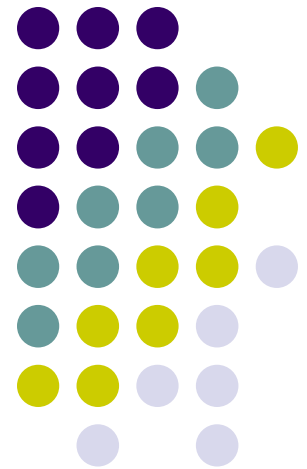


Pilgrims and Providence

Lesson 3

“Thus out of smalle beginings greater things have been produced by his hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone to many, yea in some sorte to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise.



Review from Previous Lessons



- Separatists. Impatient Puritans. Congregational
- Leiden: noted for honesty and hard work
- Congregation blessed in Holland
- After 11-12 years, they needed to leave
- Mayflower voyage. 52 'strangers'; 50 Leiden
- Mayflower Compact – Nov 11, 1620

Personalities: Leiden, Holland



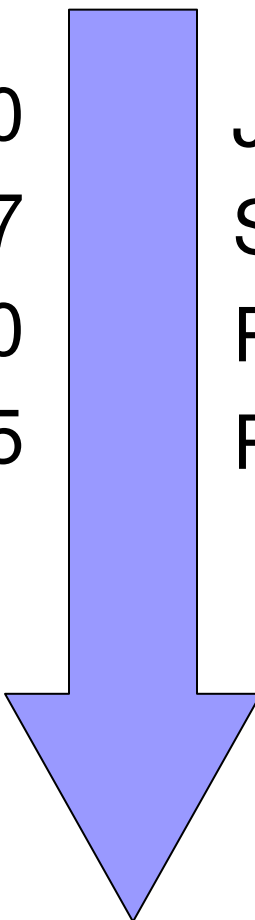
- **William Brewster** – Elder in church. Sails on Mayflower.
- **William Bradford** – Sails on Mayflower
- **John Robinson** – Pastor. Remains at Leiden

Mayflower Voyage

- **Captain Miles Standish** - soldier



Timeline - Americas



1610	Jamestown Settlement
1617	Smallpox Plague – Patuxet Indians
1620	Pilgrims Land at Plymouth
1625	Puritans at Salem

Bradford: Testimony on Voyage



There was a proud and very profane young man, one of the sea-men, of a lustie, able body, which made him the more haughty; he would allway be contemning the poore people in their sicknes, and cursing them dayly with greevous execrations, and did not let to tell them, that he hoped to help to cast halfe of them over board before they came to their jurneys end, and to make mery with what they had...

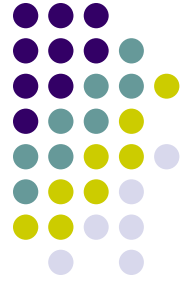
But it pleased God before they came halfe seas over, to smite this young man with a greeveous disease, of which he dyed in a desperate maner, and so was him selfe the first that was throwne overbord. Thus his curses light on his owne head; and it was an astonishment to all his fellows, for they noted it to be the just hand of God upon him.

Bradford – The First Winter (1620-1621)



But that which was most sadd and lamentable was, that in 2. or 3. moneths time halfe of their company dyed...ther dyed some times 2. or 3. of a day, in the foresaid time; that of 100. and odd persons, scarce 50. remained ...ther was but 6. or 7. sound persons, who, to their great comendations be it spoken, spared no pains, night nor day, but with abundante of toyle and hazard of their owne health, fetched them woode, made them fires, drest them meat, made their beads, washed their lothsome cloaths...Two of these 7. were Mr. William Brewster, ther reverend Elder, and Myles Standish, ther Captein and military comander, unto whom my selfe, and many others, were much beholden in our low and sicke condition

Bradford – First Fall (1621)

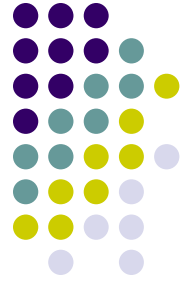


They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fite up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength, and had all things in good plenty; for as some were thus imployed in affairs abroad, others were excersised in fishing, aboute codd, and bass, and other fish, of which they tooke good store, of which every family had their portion. All the sommer ther was no wante. And now began to come in store of fowle, as winter aproached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besids water fowle, ther was great store of wild Turkeys, of which they tooke many, besids venison, etc. Besids they had aboute a peck a meale a weeke to a person, or now since harvest, Indean corn to that proportion.

Bradford – on Free Market Economics



The experience that was had in this commone course and condition, tried sundrie years, and that amongst godly and sober men, may well evince the vanitie of that conceite of Platos and other.ancients, applauded by some of later times; -that the taking away of propertie, and bringing in communitie into a comone wealth, would make them happy and flourishing; as if they were wiser then God.



Indians and Providence

- Samoset – Abnaki Indian from Maine
- Patuxet tribe wiped out by plaque in 1617
- Squanto – Patuxet Indian
- Massasoit & peace treaty with Wampanoags



Lessons to learn from Pilgrims

One God working & governing

Two spheres of government:

- Internal
- External

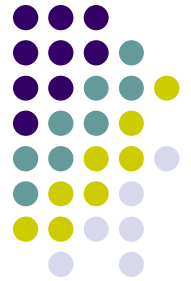
Three Divine Institutions

- Family
- Church
- Civil Government

Four levels of civil government

- Local, County, State, National

Lessons to learn from Pilgrims (cont.)



Five kinds of God-given liberty

- Internal Liberty

1. Spiritual Liberty – Christ as Savior
2. Liberty of Conscience – Christ as Lord

- External Liberty

3. Religious
4. Economic
5. Civil/Political