

Sermon Quotes
November 26th, 2006
The First Thanksgiving

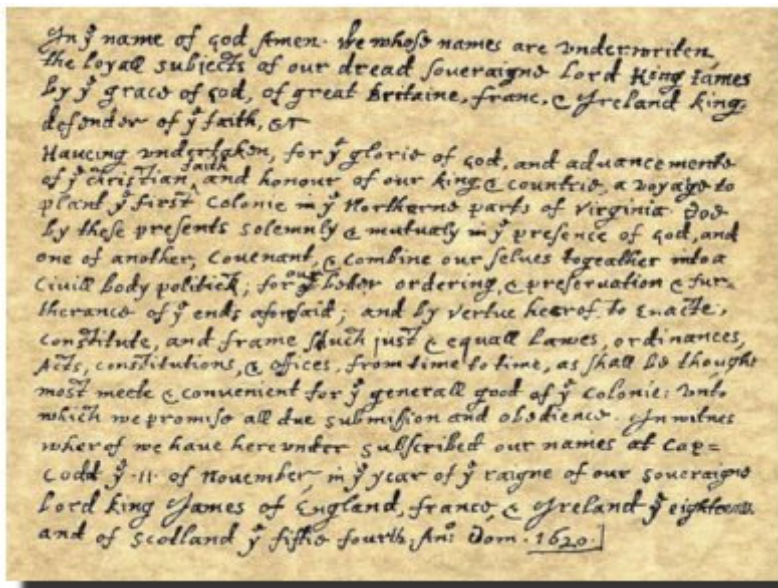
Hebrews 11: 13-16 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and **pilgrims on the earth**. 14 For **those who say such things** declare plainly that **they seek a homeland**. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now **they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for **He has prepared a city for them.**”



A modern cruise ship vs. The Mayflower

“The physical and psychological punishment endured by the passengers in the dark and dripping ‘tween decks was compounded by the terrifying lack of information they possessed concerning their ultimate destination. All they knew for certain was that if they did somehow succeed in crossing this 3000-mile stretch of ocean, no one—except perhaps some hostile Indians—would be there to greet them.”

—Nathaniel Philbrick
“Mayflower”



Mayflower Compact

How the Compact Begins -

“In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, e&. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together...”

“Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men fowling (*bird hunting*) so that we might, after a special manner, **rejoice together** after we had gathered the fruit of our labors (*the first harvest*). They four in one day killed as much fowl as served the company almost a week...Many of the Indians came amongst us and...their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought...And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet **by the goodness of God we are far from want.**”

—Edward Winslow, 1621