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PART 1: Not As Other Men

The Boy and the Postmaster

1. What did Will Bradford dream of doing when he grew up? What plans did his uncles have for him?

(Will hoped to captain a ship sailing to America. His uncles planned for him to grow up to be a farmer.)

How Will Made a Great Decision

1. What was the name of the preacher to whom Will enjoyed listening? What did his preaching inspire people to do?

(The preacher's name was Richard Clyfton. Clyfton's preaching inspired people to read and study the Bible.)

2. What did the congregation in Scrooby decide to do as a result of his preaching? What did they call themselves? Why?

(The congregation decided to form their own church separate from the Church of England. They called themselves Separatists to show that they wanted to be separate from the Church of England and Puritans.)

How Persecution Came upon the Separatists at Scrooby

1. Where did the Scrooby Separatists plan to go? Why?

(They planned to go to Holland so that they could freely practice their religion. In England the Separatists were being watched, arrested, and sometimes hanged.)

Departure

1. What happened to Will Bradford as soon as he arrived in Holland?

(He was arrested because the English had told the Dutch that he was an escaped criminal.)

2. What was the problem with the Amsterdam Church? What did the Scrooby Separatists do as a result?

(The members of the Amsterdam Church were quarrelous and unkind toward one another. The Scrooby Separatists decided to leave Amsterdam and move to the city of Leyden.)

3. Who became their new pastor?

(John Robinson)

Leyden Years

1. What was Will's life like in the city of Leyden?

(Will led a quiet and happy life in Leyden. He became a Dutch citizen and married an English girl named Dorothy May. He studied several languages including Latin, Greek, and Hebrew with the hopes of someday reading the Bible in its original language.)

The Press

1. What did Mr. Brewster use to spread the religion of the Separatists in England?

(He purchased a printing press and printed pamphlets in Holland that were then smuggled into England.)

2. Why did Mr. Brewster feel it was time for the Separatists to move on from Holland?

(Holland's peace treaty with Spain was soon coming to an end, meaning that Holland would soon be a nation at war. The English colony was in danger of becoming fully absorbed into Dutch culture.)

3. Where was the only place where the Separatists could maintain their customs and language?

(The only place they could continue using their native language and following their customs was America.)

4. What arrangement did Mr. Weston offer in order for the Separatists to raise the funds needed for the trip?

(Mr. Weston would create a company of merchant adventurers who would provide the funds needed and provide supplies to the colonies in exchange for furs, fish, and other New World products that could be of profit to the company. After seven years, the profits from this venture would be divided among the shareholders.)

5. What did the Dutch offer to do for the Separatists? Why did the Separatists refuse?

(The Dutch offered them free transportation to Manhattan Island and a cow for every family if the Separatists promised to settle on the island. They refused because they wanted to remain British subjects.)