

an happy beginning — A Day to be remembered —  
to be celebrated tho' Elmsbury —  
2. Since Pilgrims let your affections be weaned from this  
world — Woe to be your Everlasting — mine Escape —  
since every day brings — every Year — & you have not  
now for to bid farewell — surely a Weandrup — With  
the indifference of a traveller — they will not send  
you at the End of your Journey — Give attention  
this World that's out of the Heaven — The friendship  
Demands having loved — & how many this of. Alas!  
3. Let us look up to God to conduct us thro' this world  
dearest state — The Way of Man not — hence Exhort  
led not to lean — We are in danger of Mistakey —  
let us look up for that Wisdom — that he would  
make our way — Let us cry to him for strength —  
that Neither Corruptions — may cause us to wander —  
4. Let us above all things seek after a better Country  
even an heavenly one — This the Great Business —  
All the Affairs that Express nothing — Why do they  
spend their money — They look to themselves Wags —  
at the May of a thousand Aids — Certainly at the End  
Let us then look first — Lay up in store —  
This World humble some — but their Remembrance —  
The fashion of this World — but which is to come a City  
that has — Whole builder — Let us aspire. M. B. —  
Let us pass the time — in a Constant & Diligent —  
that so surely pass — And the howling — Let us begin  
that we may have his Providence — a Cloud of Protection  
a Pillar of fire — that we may spend our way in his favour —  
at last — an open — Ent: into his Heavenly Everlasting Kingdom  
which is the End of his. This Great Part of. Amen

Gen. 47.9. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1. 1739/40 N.B. Dec<sup>r</sup> 29 1754  
And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The Days of the  
my Pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty Years, and I  
and have been the days of the Years of life been —  
It is an awful & affecting — That Man if he be — Our  
miserable Experience — & yet how apt to be fond —  
This One year swiftly — yet how apt to put off —  
But if two Christians — We shall consider —  
as our Pilgrimage — This the Confession of Jacob —  
of David — We are strangers &c —  
1. This world is in a peculiar manner a pilgrims  
state to the People of God — It is so to all — but the  
Children of God are in the temple —  
1. They look upon this World as not their Native Home  
the place of their abode & happiness — The Wicked  
tho' but a short Continuance — Tho' bound — Yet outwardly  
with the gratifications — When the world flows on they  
think — Like the Glutton — They desire no hap-  
piness but w<sup>t</sup> — Here their affections — all their hopes —  
They trust in — They say to God — But the Children  
of God consider — as a dream — a place where sojourn —  
from whence depart — & return no more — They consider  
the World as Vanity — they discern — by faith & gain —  
They are crucified — They set not of affections &c —  
2. They Children of God are in their pilgrimage state  
as they are bound for a Better Country even an heavenly  
one — But this is the Case of the Wicked — They  
have no title to the Inheritance — nor prepare — Their  
minds abt. the world — for this they live up — for this they  
compish — for this they toil — for this the Endless Rambling —  
But now the Children of God — And when they die —

They go down — & are condemn'd to suffer —  
But not so with the R. Heaven their Country —  
where they long — Here complain that they sojourn —  
They have laid up treasure — & their hearts — There  
is that God — That Saviour — their true friends —  
The long to be joined to the Innumerable — As for  
the things of the world they know but Vanity —  
They know the rest nothing — They resign themselves  
to the Care of their heavenly — know that he will  
take care — that they are under the protection —

B. The Days of the Years of men in this pilgrimage state  
are few and evil — (1) They are few — how many  
in the tomb — how many eat of in their Infamy — how  
many in the mass — when their bones — Only all flake as  
grain — how few attain — before they make — Every  
way man at his bed — should we attach to the legs of man —  
how few — like a shadow — like a ship's hull — We  
is the Age of Man in comparison — With the Patriarchs —  
with Jacob — With Elernaty (2) And as few so evil —  
with respect to Sin — Impenitent Conscience — feeling  
evil — Under the Death — passing to hell — & they  
darken the days as to the Chiding God — (3) Evil with  
respect to Affliction — Even I'm not exempted  
who can't count up — Norcast Pain — Distress  
body & mind — (4) Evil with respect to temptation —  
Here in our Enemies Country — We fight agt:  
not only a body of Sin — but Principality —  
Enemies many — who are in a swarm — We  
are in continual danger of being debilitated — We  
then may we say as with Jacob —

1. Improvement  
1. Let us look back with humble Gratitude upon the  
Mercies with which our pilgrimage has been sweeten'd —  
That our days few — yet how many mercies — has he  
not crown'd — Look back. My B. upon your Infancy —  
how many his Mercy grown up — how many dangers —  
how many temptations — had not the Lord —  
have not in a particularly been brighten'd with the Gospel  
the offer of Salo — while others have demand — have  
not hope be cultivated — while others out of — Surely  
it becomes to review — But w. heart — O. Tongue —

2. Let us reflect with sorrow upon the Sin with which  
our Pilgrimage in this World has been darken'd — The 1<sup>st</sup> fill'd  
with Dross & May — yet filled with Ingratitude —  
how have we Misemploy'd — Abuse'd — Let us this Day  
humble — flee to the blood — Let the time pass —  
Let us say — I have sinned & Repented —

3. Let us behave our selves in this world as becomes  
those who are pilgrims & strangers — Our constant  
Exposition — that our Years — fly — how few remain —  
We are beginning another — perhaps before — Ended  
many of you in Eternity — Others begin this Year —

1. With securing an Interest in the favour of  
God & a better World — Until — your Year  
pass as a tale — Under Wrath — & you may  
expect that God — Encourage you with the Thunder —  
This Day therefore Renounce — Join your selves —  
Acknowledge his Authority — Accept of your Patron —  
Resign to O — To the Will of God — They will be