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SESSION 4: The English Reformation & The Puritans

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Key Quote: “It is nonsense to suppose [that the English Reformers] had nothing more to do than to pare moss off an old building, and whitewash it afresh. They had to take down an old decayed house, and rebuild it from the very ground. It is nonsense to criticize their proceedings, as if they voyaged over a smooth sea, with a fair wind, and a clear course. On the contrary, they had to pilot the ship of true religion through a narrow and difficult strait, against current, wind, and tide.”¹

II. ACT 1: THE EARLY ENGLISH REFORMATION (1512-1552)

A. William Tyndale and the English New Testament

B. The Political Background of the Early English Reformation

1. Henry VIII

¹Quoted from JC Ryle, *Five English Reformers*, 129.

2. Edward VI

3. Mary I (Bloody Mary)

III. ACT 2: THE ENGLISH PURITANS (1558-1662)

A. Queen Elizabeth I and the Elizabethan Settlement

B. Who were the Puritans?

C. Puritan Theology and Influence

IV. RECOMMENDED READING

- A. David Daniell – *William Tyndale: A Biography*

 - B. Steve Lawson, *The Daring Mission of William Tyndale*

 - C. J.C. Ryle, *Five English Reformers*

 - D. J.I. Packer, *A Quest for Godliness: The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life*

 - E. John Bunyan, *The Pilgrims Progress*

 - F. Martin Lloyd-Jones, *The Puritans: Their Origins and Successors*

 - G. Richard Sibbes, *The Bruised Reed*

 - H. Thomas Boston, *The Crook in the Lot: Or the Sovereignty and Wisdom of God Displayed in the Afflictions of Man*
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