

FOUNDATION OF JONATHAN EDWARDS "TREATISE CONCERNING RELIGIOUS AFFECTIONS"

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

1 John 4:2-6

TIMELINE OF SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT IN AMERICA**PURITAN MOVEMENT 1533-1640** (107 YEARS)

The dark years: Faded by 1720

THE GREAT AWAKENING 1730- 1770 (1720s- first stirrings) (40YEARS)

The dark years: *Revolutionary War 1776*

Faded 1780s

THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING 1790-1840 (50YEARS)

The dark years: *Civil War 1861-1865*

THE THIRD GREAT AWAKENING 1857-1920 (63YEARS) (*One Great Awakening with a lull before the civil war= 130 years)

The dark years: *World War I 1914-1918*

THE PURITAN MOVEMENT

- A remnant call to purify the Church of England (Calvinistic)
- The established church openly persecutes.
- New colonies are established and a new committed way to live a holy life.
- The dark years: As life becomes easier, materialism takes over, morality plummets, church membership plummets.

My notes~

THE GREAT AWAKENING (FIRST)

- A remnant pray against the darkness of a decaying culture and a dead church, they call for true conversion of church leadership.
- Results: Thousands come to Christ, people unite under banner of Christ, church barriers break down, landmark institutions of higher learning are established professing God.
- The old guard of the established church openly criticize, the two groups are called the "Old Light", and "New Light."
- The dark years: Nationalism replaces spiritual unity, war (American Revolution), church becomes dead, crime sky-rockets, higher education ridicules God, culture abandons God.

My notes~

THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

- A remnant in England, then America call for a “concert of prayer” (Shift from Calvinism to Arminianism)
- Great revivals of New York and the Heartland.
- Thousands come to Christ. Crime plummets. There is an explosion of new churches.
- A new system is devised to reach the frontier and rural areas with the Gospel, the Methodist circuit rider.
- Camp meetings and revival become common.
- There is a rising sensitivity for equality of all people. Social reform, based on moral reform are sparked.
- The established old guard of the church openly criticize.
- The dark years: War (civil), factions in faith.

My notes~

THE THIRD GREAT AWAKENING

- Focus on free will and personal accountability highlight the religion of the common man.
- An increase in social reforms such as racial equality and women’s rights.
- Focus on living out one’s salvation, bringing the birth of the Holiness movement.
- The work of the “circuit riders” establish new churches.
- Canaan is founded under the Methodists.
- National crime plummets.
- There is heavy criticism from the old guard of the established church. Religions that add to the Gospel begin to proliferate.
- Dark years: World War I

My notes~

Suggested NEXT STEPS for your week~

Read some literature on the SECOND GREAT AWAKENING. (The sermon Script is available online.)

Reflect on the big picture of how God has sustained His people.

What new way is God calling us to live out the timeless Gospel?

