

XVIII.II. JONATHAN EDWARDS: RESOLVED TO LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ONLY - The Eighteenth Century (pt.2)

Two questions and answers:

QUESTION 1. What is Church History?

ANSWER. Church history is the story of how Jesus has built his church for his own glory and his peoples' good. **Matthew 16:18** "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

QUESTION 2. Why should we study Church History?

ANSWER. We should learn church history because it is the amazing story of Jesus conquering the nations through his Gospel. **Revelation 6:2** "[Christ] came out conquering, and to conquer."

Q. ARE YOU READY FOR CHURCH HISTORY?!

Today we are going to look at the Eighteenth Century for the 2nd time. But before we do that let's remember what we learned last time.

Q. Can anyone tell me *something we learned* last time? (HINT. Four big things)

- **AI. THE ENLIGHTENMENT TRIED TO THWART CHRIST'S CONQUERING OF THE NATIONS** (18th Century).
 - **Everyone say, "The Enlightenment."**
- **AII. GOD USED GREAT PREACHERS TO IGNITE THE GREAT AWAKENING** (1730s and 40s).
 - **Everyone say, "The Great Awakening."**
- **AIII. GOD USED TYRANTS TO BIRTH A NEW NATION (1776).**
 - **Everyone say, "God used tyrants to birth a new Nation."**
- **AIV. GOD USED THE MODERN MISSIONS MOVEMENT TO GET THE GOSPEL TO THE UNREACHED (1790s).**
 - **Everyone say, "The Modern Missions movement."**

RECAP

In the Eighteenth Century, God used many great men to advance Christ's glory in the church and among the nations.

Who can tell me

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (pt.1) MEMORY VERSE.

- **Psalm 85:6** “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (pt.1) MEMORY QUOTE.

- “I will go down, if you will hold the rope.” (**William Carey**).

Now, today I am going to teach you about the Eighteenth Century PART 2 (1,700-1,800).

What happened in the Eighteenth Century (1,700-1,800) that shows us how Christ built His church as He continued to conquer the nations?

I. JONATHAN EDWARDS (1703-1758).

Everyone say, “Jonathan Edwards.”

In the Eighteenth Century, God used Jonathan Edwards to teach and model many great things for the glory of Christ and the edification of the Church.

HISTOR Y

- **(i) Jonathan Edwards was born October 5th, 1703**, in East Windsor, Connecticut, a colony shaped by Puritan roots, where his father, Timothy Edwards, served as a pastor amid a community striving to maintain its covenantal faith against a shifting cultural landscape.
- **(ii) Jonathan Edwards' parents, Timothy and Esther (daughter of Solomon Stoddard), raised him in a home steeped in Puritan holiness**, providing a rigorous education in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, alongside a deep reverence for God's Word.
- **(iii) Edwards showed an early fascination with both the natural world and spiritual matters, writing essays like “Of Insects” at age 11**, while wrestling with the sovereignty of God, a doctrine he initially found troubling but later embraced with joy. ***APPARENTLY JONATHAN EDWARDS LOVED SPIDERS AND THEIR WEBS. HE WAS FASCINATED BY GOD'S DESIGN SEEN IN THEM.**
- **(iv) At age 13, in 1716, Jonathan Edwards went at Yale College** in New Haven, a center of learning influenced by Puritan thought, where he encountered the works of John Locke and Isaac Newton, shaping his intellectual and theological outlook.

- (v) Edwards graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1720, then pursued theological studies, earning his Master's degree in 1723, preparing him for a life of ministry and scholarship.
- (vi) In 1721, at age 17, Edwards came to a profound saving faith, meditating on 1 Timothy 1:17, writing,
 - "There came into my soul... a sense of the glory of the Divine Being; a new sense, quite different from anything I ever experienced before... I thought with myself, how excellent a Being that was, and how happy I should be, if I might enjoy that God" (**The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 16, p. 792**).
- (vii) Edwards briefly pastored a Presbyterian church in New York in 1722-23, displaying maturity beyond his years, though he soon returned to Yale as a tutor from 1724-1726, refining his calling amid academic rigor.
- (viii) In 1727, Edwards joined his grandfather Solomon Stoddard as assistant pastor in Northampton, Massachusetts; that same year, he married Sarah Pierrepont, whose deep piety and grace complemented his ministry, forming a union that bore 11 children.
- (ix) Edwards initially struggled with pride in his intellectual gifts, but God humbled him, leading him to embrace a simpler, Christ-centered preaching style, trusting the Spirit's power over human eloquence.
- (x) In 1734-1735, Edwards' preaching sparked a revival in Northampton, detailed in *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Work of God*, as he called sinners to repentance and faith, igniting the First Great Awakening alongside George Whitefield.
 - "The Spirit of God began extraordinarily to set in, and wonderfully to work amongst us... There was scarcely a single person in the town, old or young, left unconcerned about the great things of the eternal world" (**A Faithful Narrative, p. 13**).
- (xi) On July 8, 1741, Edwards preached his famous sermon *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* in Enfield, Connecticut, where listeners trembled under the weight of God's wrath and grace, cementing his role as a revivalist.
 - "The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider... abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked... it is nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment" (**Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, p. 15**).
 - **DAVID BRAINERD CAME TO JONATHAN EDWARDS' HOUSE IN 1747. EDWARDS LATER TOOK BRAINERD'S JOURNAL, EDITED IT, AND PUBLISHED IT AS THE FIRST MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY EVER PRODUCED. *BRAINERD DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 29.**

- (xii) Edwards faced opposition in Northampton over his strict stance on The Lord's Supper, limiting it to professing believers, leading to his dismissal in 1750 after 23 years of ministry, a painful yet pivotal moment.
- (xiii) From 1751-1757, Edwards served as a missionary to Native Americans in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where he wrote masterpieces like *Freedom of the Will* and *The End for Which God Created the World*, advancing Calvinist theology.
- (xiv) In 1758, Edwards became president of the College of New Jersey (later Princeton), but died shortly after on March 22, 1758, from a smallpox inoculation, leaving a legacy of theological depth and revival fervor. *EDWARDS DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 54
- (xv) Edwards loved to study, often rising at 4am to spend 13 hours a day with books, penning works that blended reason and affection, yet he prized God's glory above all.
 - EDWARDS APPARENTLY LOVED CHOCOLATE, AND WOULD ASK TRAVELERS GOING TO BOSTON TO BRING SOME BACK.
- (xvi) More than anything, Jonathan Edwards loved the Triune God, writing,
 - "The happiness of the creature consists in rejoicing in God, by which also God is magnified and exalted" (*The End for Which God Created the World*, p. 432), a passion that defined his life and death.

THEOLOGY

- I) Jonathan Edwards taught that God created all things for His glory.
 - Everyone say, "God created all things for His glory."
 - WORK: *The End for Which God Created the World*.
 - Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."
 - Isaiah 43:7 "Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
 - JONATHAN EDWARDS: "The end of the creation is that the creation might glorify [God]. What is glorifying God, but a rejoicing at that glory He has displayed?" — Jonathan Edwards, *The End for Which God Created the World*, Dissertation II, Chapter VII.
 - Application

- II) Jonathan Edwards taught that Sinners deserve the wrath of God.
 - Everyone say, "Sinners deserve the wrath of God."

- WORK: *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.*
 - **Deuteronomy 32:35** “To me belongeth vengeance and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.”
 - **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The bow of God’s wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood.” — **Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 410.**
 - **Application**

III) Jonathan Edwards taught that **Christ is excellent.**

- **Everyone say, “Christ is excellent.”**
- WORK: *The Excellency of Christ.*
 - **Colossians 1:15-20** “15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”
 - **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Christ, as he is God, is infinitely great and high, above all comprehension; and yet, as he is man, he is meek and lowly of heart, and invites us to come unto him with boldness and confidence.” —**Jonathan Edwards, *The Excellency of Christ, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 19*, pg. 570.**
 - **Application**

IV) Jonathan Edwards taught that **Christ is victorious.**

- **Everyone say, “Christ is victorious.”**
- WORK: *A History of the Work of Redemption.*
 - **Daniel 2:35** “But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The latter days are spoken of as the time when the Work of Redemption shall be accomplished in its perfection, when the kingdom of Christ shall be set up over all the earth in the most glorious manner." — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 456). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **Application**

V) Jonathan Edwards *MODELED* that Christ is worthy of all devotion.

- **Everyone say, "Christ is worthy of all devotion."**
 - *WORK: The [70] Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards.*
 - **1 Corinthians 10:31** "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
 - **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Resolution One: *I will live for God.* Resolution Two: *If no one else does, I still will.*" — Edwards, Jonathan. *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 16: Letters and Personal Writings* (p. 753). Yale University Press.
 - **Application**

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EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (pt.2) MEMORY VERSE.

- "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." (**Colossians 1:15**).

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (pt.2) MEMORY QUOTE.

- "You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary" (**Jonathan Edwards**).

QUOTES ABOUT JONATHAN EDWARDS

- **THOMAS CHALMERS:** "Never was there a happier combination of great power with great piety [than in Jonathan Edwards]." — Chalmers, Thomas. Quoted by G. D. Henderson in "Jonathan Edwards and Scotland," *The Evangelical Quarterly*, January 1944 (p. 15).

- **EBERT C. SMYTH:** “We have in our annals no clearer, more transparent, more impressive illustration of an entire consecration of genius and greatness to the promotion of the Christian faith.” — **Smyth, Egbert C.** “**Jonathan Edwards,**” **The Congregationalist and Christian World, 3 October 1903** (p. 458).
- **F. J. E. WOODBRIDGE:** “He was distinctly a great man. He did not merely express the thought of his time, or meet it simply in the spirit of his tradition. He stemmed it and moulded it... His time does not explain him.” — **Woodbridge, F. J. E.** “**Jonathan Edwards,**” **The Philosophical Review, Vol. XIII, 1904** (p. 405).
- **JOHN DE WITT:** “Jonathan Edwards changed what I may call the centre of thought in American theological thinking... More than to any other man, to Edwards is due the importance which, in American Christianity, is attributed to the conscious experience of the penitent sinner, as he passes into the membership of the Invisible Church.” — **De Witt, John.** “**Jonathan Edwards: A Study,**” **Biblical and Theological Studies by Members of the Faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary, 1912** (p. 130).
- **BENJAMIN B. WARFIELD:** “Jonathan Edwards, saint and metaphysician, revivalist and theologian, stands out as the one figure of real greatness in the intellectual life of colonial America.” — **Warfield, Benjamin B.** **Studies in Theology, 1932** (p. 517).
- **GEORGE M. MARSDEN:** “Edwards was extraordinary. By many estimates, he was the most acute early American philosopher and the most brilliant of all American theologians.” — **Marsden, George M.** **Jonathan Edwards: A Life,** **Yale University Press, 2003** (p. 1).
- **PERRY MILLER:** “Jonathan Edwards was one of those rare geniuses who see the eternal in the particular, who can leap from the temporal to the timeless without losing sight of either.” — **Miller, Perry.** **Jonathan Edwards,** **University of Nebraska Press, 2005** (p. xii).
- **OLA ELIZABETH WINSLOW:** “In the hands of Jonathan Edwards, theology became not only a science but an art, and he himself an artist of the first rank.” — **Winslow, Ola Elizabeth.** **Foreword to Jonathan Edwards: Basic Writings,** **New American Library, 1966** (p. ix).
- **GEORGE WHITEFIELD:** “A sweeter couple I have not yet seen.” — **Whitefield, George.** Quoted in **Marsden, George M.** **Jonathan Edwards: A Life,** **Yale University Press, 2003** (p. 224). [Note: This refers to Edwards and his wife Sarah, reflecting Whitefield's impression after visiting their home.]
- **SAMUEL HOPKINS:** “He was, in my view, one of the greatest, best, and most useful of men that have lived in this age.” — **Hopkins, Samuel.** **The Life and Character of the Late Reverend Mr. Jonathan Edwards, 1765** (p. 3).

- **IAIN H. MURRAY:** “No man is more relevant to the present condition of Christianity than Jonathan Edwards... He was a mighty theologian and a great evangelist at the same time.” — **Murray, Iain H. Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography, Banner of Truth Trust, 1987** (p. xix).
- **MARK NOLL:** “Edwards’ genius lay in his ability to combine a rigorous intellect with a passionate spirituality, making him a pivotal figure in the shaping of American evangelicalism.” — **Noll, Mark A. America’s God: From Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln, Oxford University Press, 2002** (p. 45).
- **H. RICHARD NIEBUHR:** “Edwards stands as the great bridge between the Puritan past and the evangelical future, a thinker who could hold both the sovereignty of God and the freedom of the human will in creative tension.” — **Niebuhr, H. Richard. The Kingdom of God in America, Harper & Row, 1959** (p. 88).
- **CHARLES HODGE:** “Edwards was not only a great man, but a good man; not only a profound thinker, but a devout Christian.” — **Hodge, Charles. Quoted in The Princeton Review, Vol. 25, 1853** (p. 672).
- **JOSEPH TRACY:** “His mind was of that rare order which seems formed to grapple with the most difficult problems, and to reduce the most complicated subjects to order and simplicity.” — **Tracy, Joseph. The Great Awakening: A History of the Revival of Religion in the Time of Edwards and Whitefield, Banner of Truth Trust, 1976** (p. 23).
- **ALEXANDER B. GROSART:** “Jonathan Edwards towers above his contemporaries as a mountain above the foothills, not only in intellectual power, but in spiritual insight.” — **Grosart, Alexander B. “Jonathan Edwards,” Dictionary of National Biography, 1888** (p. 124).
- **WILLIAM JAMES:** “Edwards’ theology, with its blend of mysticism and logic, remains a monument to the possibilities of the human mind when it wrestles with the infinite.” — **James, William. The Varieties of Religious Experience, Penguin Classics, 1982** (p. 284).
- **PHILIP SCHAFF:** “Edwards combined the deepest reverence for divine sovereignty with an equally profound sense of human responsibility, making him a unique voice in the history of Christian thought.” — **Schaff, Philip. History of the Christian Church, Vol. VII, Eerdmans, 1910** (p. 789).
- **MARTYN LLOYD-JONES:** “If you want to know anything about true revival, Edwards is the man to consult.” — **Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. Quoted in Murray, Iain H. Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography, Banner of Truth Trust, 1987** (p. xx).
- **JOHN PIPER:** “Jonathan Edwards is a gift to the church because he teaches us to see the glory of God in everything, from the smallest detail of nature to the grand sweep of redemption.” — **Piper, John. God’s**

Passion for His Glory: Living the Vision of Jonathan Edwards, Crossway, 1998 (p. 13).

QUOTES BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 17: Sermons and Discourses, 1730-1733 (p. 381). Yale University Press.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1: Freedom of the Will (p. 172). Yale University Press.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire." — **Edwards, Jonathan. Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God (p. 15). Hendrickson Publishers, 2005.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 16: Letters and Personal Writings (p. 753). Yale University Press.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Lord, stamp eternity on my eyeballs." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 19: Sermons and Discourses, 1734-1738 (p. 388). Yale University Press.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "A true love of God must begin with a delight in his holiness." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Religious Affections (p. 24). Banner of Truth Trust, 2004.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 2: Religious Affections (p. 381). Yale University Press.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The wrath of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present; they increase more and more, and rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given; and the longer the stream is stopped, the more rapid and mighty is its course, when once it is let loose." — **Edwards, Jonathan. Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God (p. 17). Hendrickson Publishers, 2005.**
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace

perfected." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 8: Ethical Writings (p. 456).** Yale University Press.

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1: Freedom of the Will (p. 270).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "True virtue never appears so lovely as when it is most oppressed; and the divine excellency of real Christianity is never exhibited with such advantage as when under the greatest trials." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Religious Affections (p. 92).** Banner of Truth Trust, 2004.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood." — **Edwards, Jonathan. Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God (p. 18).** Hendrickson Publishers, 2005.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Spiritual pride tends to speak of other persons' sins with bitterness or with laughter and levity and an air of contempt. But pure Christian humility rather tends either to be silent about these problems or to speak of them with grief and pity." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Religious Affections (p. 270).** Banner of Truth Trust, 2004.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 16: Letters and Personal Writings (p. 755).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The deceitfulness of the heart of man appears in no one thing so much as this of spiritual pride and self-righteousness." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Religious Affections (p. 270).** Banner of Truth Trust, 2004.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Men will trust in God no further than they know Him; and they cannot be in the exercise of faith in Him one ace further than they have a sight of His fulness and faithfulness in exercise." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Religious Affections (p. 78).** Banner of Truth Trust, 2004.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "He that has no religious affection, is in a state of spiritual death, and is wholly destitute of the powerful, quickening, saving influences of the Spirit of God upon his heart." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Religious Affections (p. 45).** Banner of Truth Trust, 2004.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life." — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan**

Edwards, Vol. 19: Sermons and Discourses, 1734-1738 (p. 112). Yale University Press.

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The seeking of the kingdom of God is the chief business of the Christian life.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 17: Sermons and Discourses, 1730-1733 (p. 245).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Almost every natural man that hears of hell, flatters himself that he shall escape it.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God (p. 22).** Hendrickson Publishers, 2005.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Christ is the true light of the world; it is through him alone that true wisdom is imparted to the mind.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 13: The Miscellanies (p. 169).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 16: Letters and Personal Writings (p. 754).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Holiness appeared to me to be of a sweet, pleasant, charming, serene, calm nature; which brought an inexpressible purity, brightness, peacefulness and ravishment to the soul.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 10: Sermons and Discourses, 1720-1723 (p. 388).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The best, most beautiful, and most perfect way that we have of expressing a sweet concord of mind to each other is by music.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 13: The Miscellanies (p. 345).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ, as by prayer.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 19: Sermons and Discourses, 1734-1738 (p. 145).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The happiness of the creature consists in rejoicing in God, by which also God is magnified and exalted.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 8: Ethical Writings (p. 432).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Nature is God’s greatest evangelist.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 13: The Miscellanies (p. 172).** Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “If there be ground for you to trust in your own righteousness, then all that Christ did to purchase salvation, and all that God did to prepare the way for it, is in vain.” — **Edwards, Jonathan. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1: Freedom of the Will (p. 189).** Yale University Press.

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The way to Heaven is ascending; we must be content to travel uphill, though it be hard and tiresome, and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 17: Sermons and Discourses, 1730-1733* (p. 298). Yale University Press.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “Resolved, that I will live so, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 16: Letters and Personal Writings* (p. 755). Yale University Press.

QUOTES FROM A *HISTORY OF THE WORK OF REDEMPTION*

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The Work of Redemption is a work that God carries on from the fall of man to the end of the world... All that is done in it is reducible to this great design, the recovery of the ruined world of mankind.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 4). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The ultimate end of the Work of Redemption is that God might be glorified in the complete and eternal happiness of his people, and in the complete and eternal destruction of all his enemies.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 508). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The whole time of this world, from the fall to the end of it, is taken up in bringing about the redemption of mankind; and all the revolutions in the world, whether prosperous or adverse to the church, do all tend to bring about this great event.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 25). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The latter days are spoken of as the time when the Work of Redemption shall be accomplished in its perfection, when the kingdom of Christ shall be set up over all the earth in the most glorious manner.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 456). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The end of the world is nothing else but the completion of the Work of Redemption, when Christ shall have put all enemies under his feet, and the saints shall reign with him in glory.” — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 510). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** “The Work of Redemption, in its last effect, brings the church into that state of glory wherein it shall remain to eternity; and all the revolutions of the world from the beginning to that

time are but means to bring this to pass." — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 32). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The great design of God in all his works and dispensations is to set forth the glory of his Son in the redemption of his people, which shall be fully manifested at the end of the world, when he comes to judge the quick and the dead." — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 287). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The redemption of the church is carried on till it is brought to its final perfection in the resurrection of the body and the eternal state of glory, which is the last act of this great work." — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 512). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The world itself seems to travail in pain, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God, when the Work of Redemption shall be complete, and all things shall be restored to their original beauty and order under Christ." — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 467). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The time will come when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings, and the whole earth shall be filled with his glory, as the waters cover the sea; and this shall be the perfection of the Work of Redemption." — Edwards, Jonathan. *A History of the Work of Redemption* (p. 458). Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.

QUOTES FROM *SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD*

- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Volume 22, pg. 411.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Volume 22, pg. 410.
- **JONATHAN EDWARDS:** "There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any one moment out of hell, but the mere pleasure of God. By the mere

pleasure of God, I mean his sovereign pleasure, his arbitrary will, restrained by no obligation, hindered by no manner of difficulty." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 405.

- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "The wrath of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present; they increase more and more, and rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given; and the longer the stream is stopped, the more rapid and mighty is its course, when once it is let loose." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 408.
- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "Your wickedness makes you as it were heavy as lead, and to tend downwards with great weight and pressure towards hell; and if God should let you go, you would immediately sink and swiftly descend and plunge into the bottomless gulf." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 407.
- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "The devil stands ready to fall upon them, and seize them as his own, at what moment God shall permit him. They belong to him; he has their souls in his possession, and under his dominion." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 409.
- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "There are the black clouds of God's wrath now hanging directly over your heads, full of the dreadful storm, and big with thunder; and were it not for the restraining hand of God, it would immediately burst forth upon you." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 410.
- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "All that preserves them every moment is the mere arbitrary will, and uncovenanted, unobliged forbearance of an incensed God." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 406.
- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "How dreadful is the state of those that are daily and hourly in danger of this great wrath and infinite misery! But this is the dismal case of every soul in this congregation that has not been born again, however moral and strict, sober and religious, they may otherwise be." — Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume 22*, pg. 415.
- JONATHAN EDWARDS: "And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands in calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the kingdom of God." —

Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Volume 22, pg. 417.

HELPS

- **Desiring God messages on Jonathan Edwards** - <https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/jonathan-edwards/messages>
- **John Piper Biography by John Piper** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn4nP02ZzG0&themeRefresh=1>
- **Ian Murray on Jonathan Edwards** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhZI-pOW36k>
- **The Missionary: Jonathan Edwards with Stephen Nichols** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hfCa19a1WU>
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