

Revival and Revivalism

Week 7 – The First Great Awakening

- Introduction

1. Background

2. What Happened

3. Aftermath

4. Lessons We Should Learn

Resources:

- *Jonathan Edwards: A Life* by George Marsden (*one of the best Christian biographies written*)
- <http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jonathan-edwards-the-life-the-man-and-the-legacy>
- Sermon Manuscripts from 1st Awakening – <http://greatawakeningdocumentary.com/collections/show/4>

1	Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God by Edwards	<i>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, and your healthy constitution, and your own care and prudence, and best contrivance, and all your righteousness, would have no more influence to uphold you and keep you out of hell, than a spider's web would have to stop a falling rock.</i>
2	Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God	<i>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.</i>
3	A Narrative of Surprising Conversions by Edwards	<i>Our public assemblies were then beautiful: the congregation was alive in God's service, every one earnestly intent on the public worship, every hearer eager to drink in the words of the minister as they came from his mouth; the assembly in general were, from time to time, in tears while the word was preached; some weeping with sorrow and distress, others with joy and love, others with pity and concern for the souls of their neighbors.</i>
4	A Narrative of Surprising Conversions	<p><i>"There was scarcely a single person in the town, old or young, left unconcerned about the great things of the eternal world. Those who were wont to be the vainest and loosest, and those who had been disposed to think and speak lightly of vital and experimental religion, were now generally subject to great awakenings"</i></p> <p><i>"Other discourse than of the things of religion would scarcely be tolerated in any company"</i></p> <p><i>"Our young people, when they met, were wont to spend the time in talking of the excellency and dying love of Jesus Christ, the glory of the way of salvation, the wonderful, free, and sovereign grace of God, his glorious work in the conversion of a soul, the truth and certainty of the great things of God's word, the sweetness of the views of his perfections, etc."</i></p>
5	1 Thess 5:16-22	<i>¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.</i>