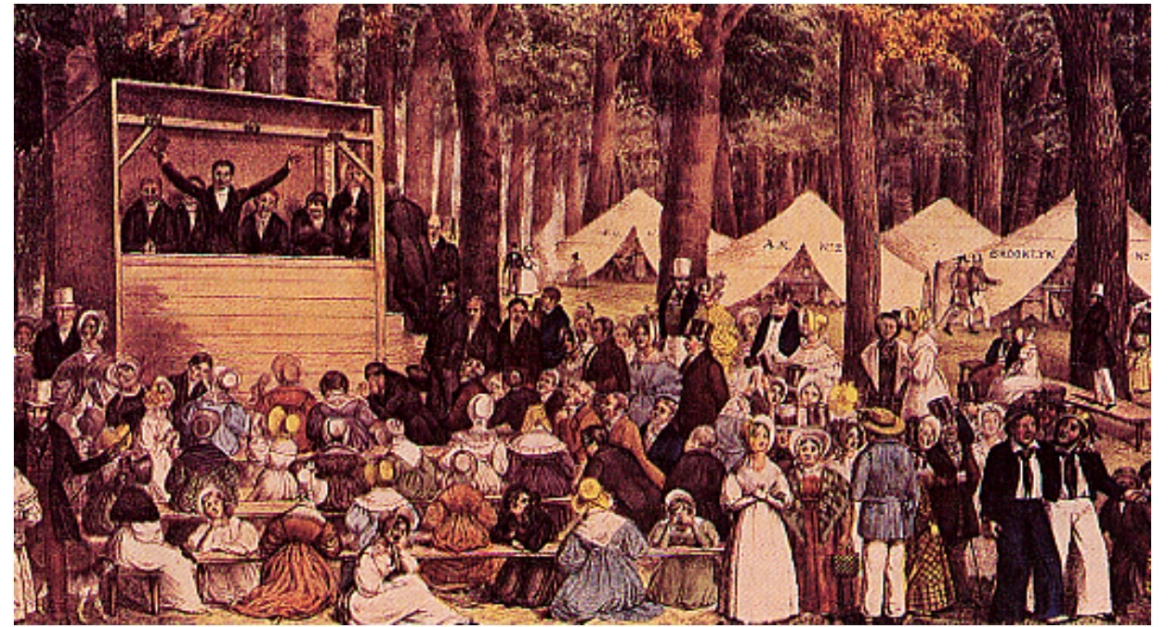


# Revival: Call to Mission

## Revivals, Awakenings and their Impact in American History 1730-1860

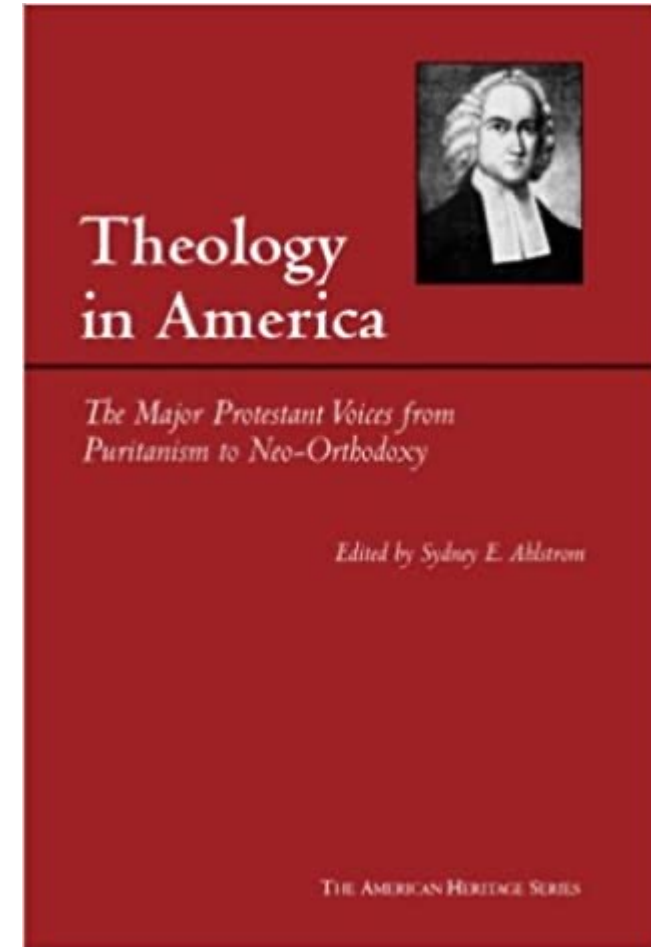
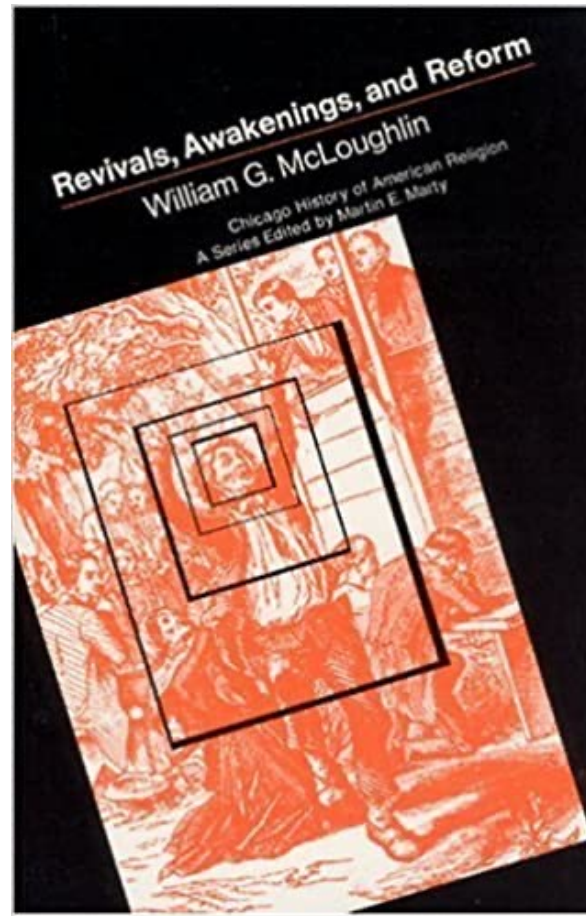
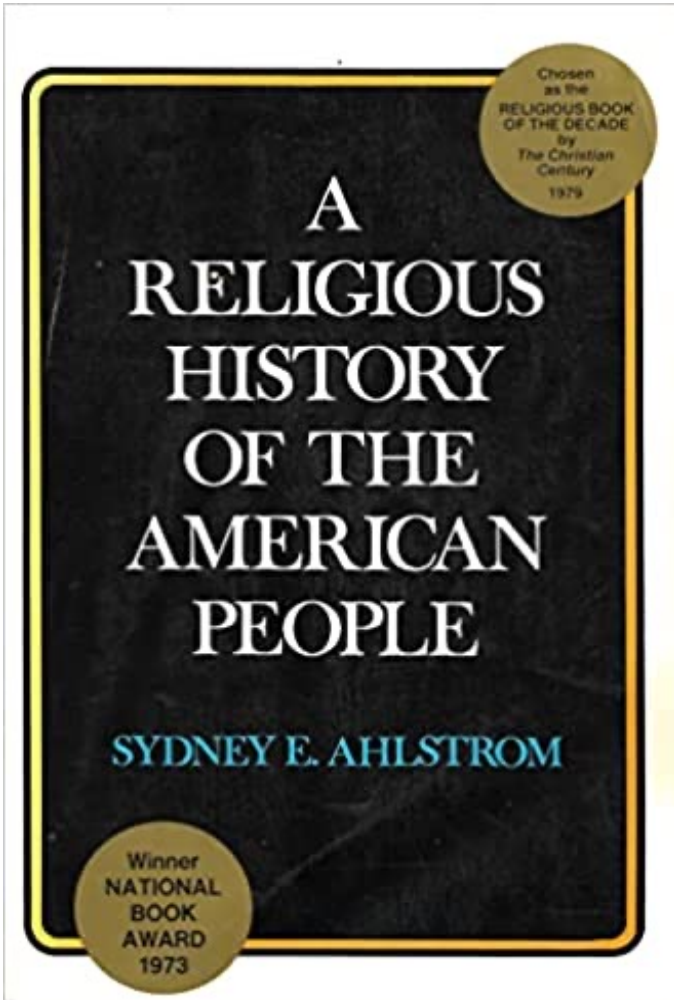


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# Syllabus

- October 27: Introduction – What? Where? When? How? Why? Who?
- November 3: The First Great Awakening
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# Sources (Scholarly)

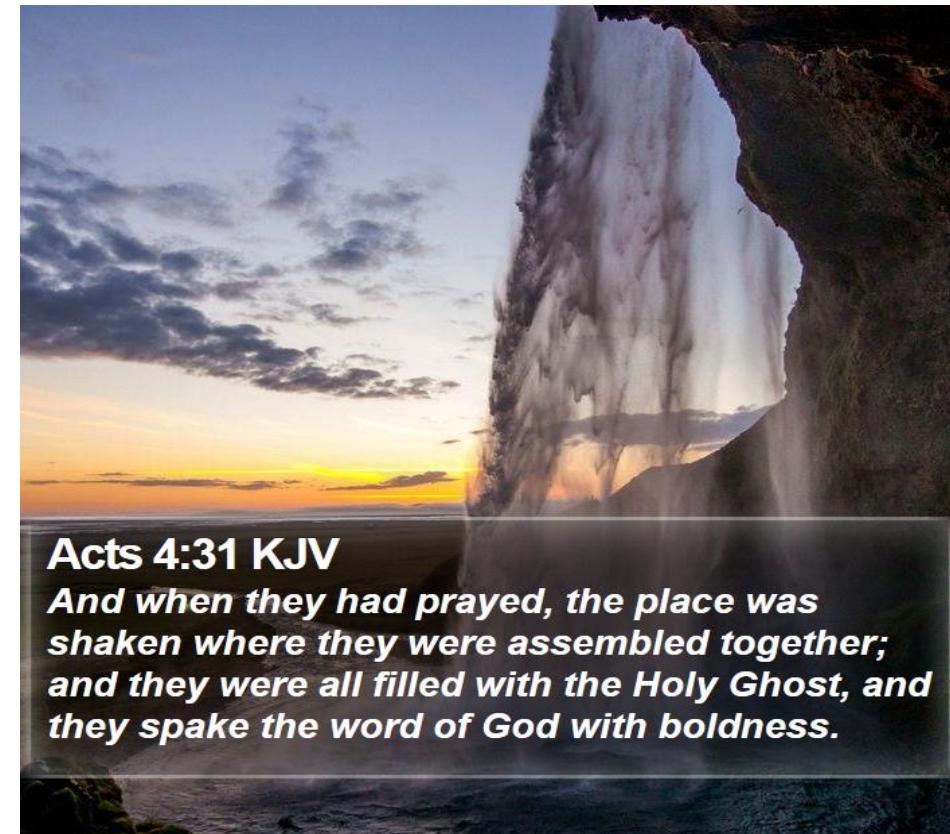
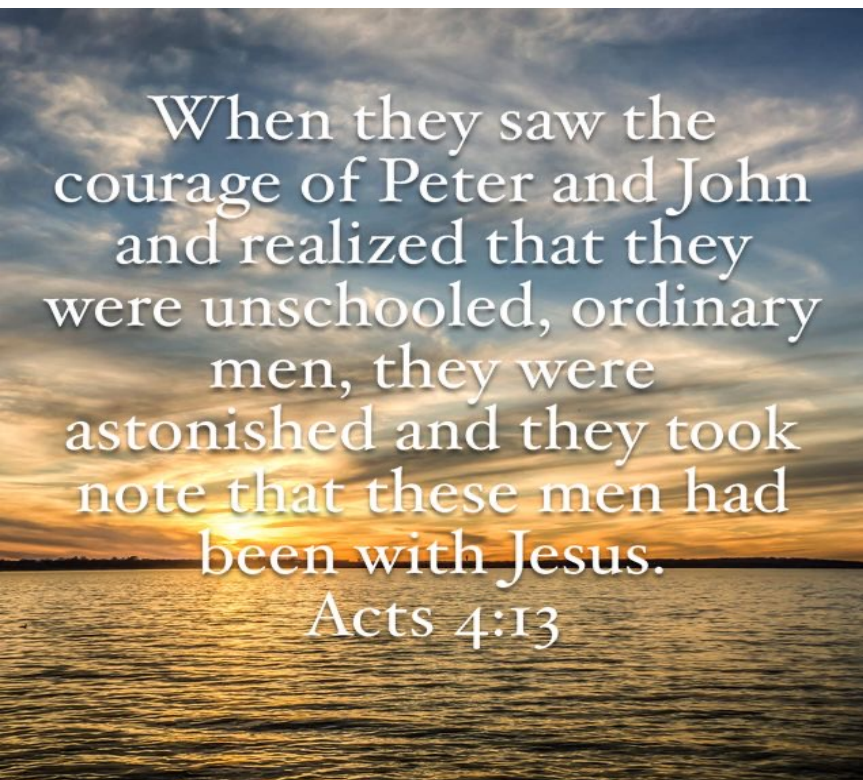


# Sources (Old Testament)

- “The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.” (Psalm 19:7)
- “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- “Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinner will return to you.” (Psalm 51:10)
- “Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.” (Psalm 80:19)
- “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?” (Psalm 85:6)
- “But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel **whom I have chosen!** For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.” (Isaiah 44:1, 3)

# Sources (Acts of the Apostles -- Pentecost)

- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” **(Acts 1:8)**

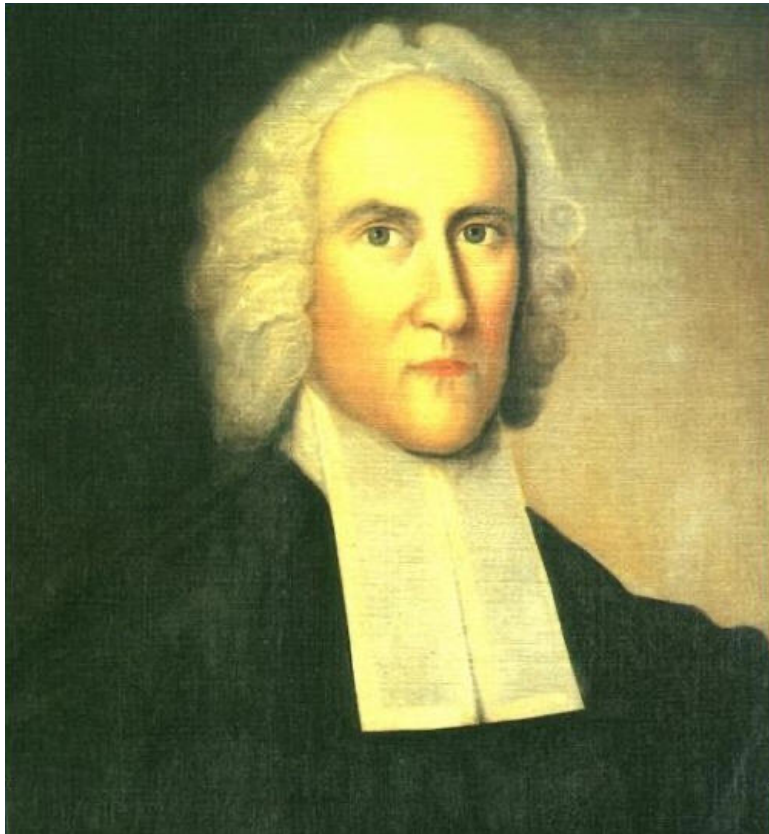


# Sources (Revelation)

- “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and **repent**. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. **If** anyone hears my voice and opens the door, **I will come in** to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (**Revelation 3:3**)
- “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’” (**Revelation 21:1-4**)

# *Dramatis Personae* (Weeks Two and Three)

**Jonathan Edwards**  
(1703-1758)



**John Wesley**  
(1703-1791)



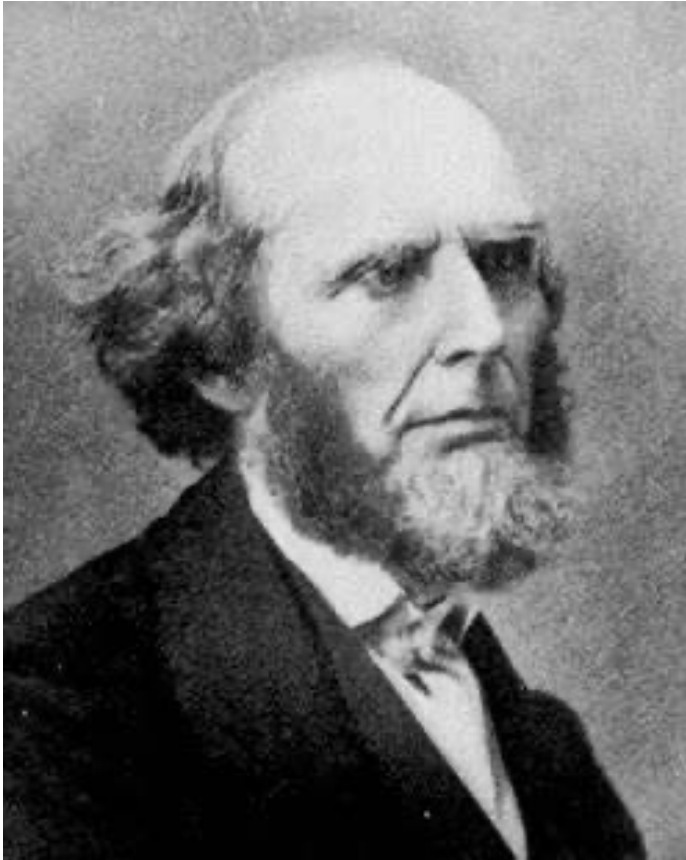
**George Whitefield**  
(1714-1770)



# ***Dramatis Personae*** (Weeks Four and Five)

**Charles Grandison Finney**

**(1792-1875)**



**Daniel Baker**

**(1791-1857)**





# “Awakenings” Defined (McLoughlin)

- “Critical disjunctions in our self-understanding”
- “Profound cultural transformations,” not brief outbursts
- “Confusing and tumultuous” but ultimately “positive and unifying”
- “Begin in periods of cultural disruption and grave personal stress.... [People] lose faith in the legitimacy of norms, the viability of institutions, and the authority of leaders of church and state.”
- “Conversion of great numbers of people from an old to a new world view.... Awakening of a people caught in an outmoded, dysfunctional world view to the necessity of converting their mindset, their behavior, and their institutions to more relevant or more functionally useful ways of understanding and coping with changes in the world they live in.”

# How can we tell? (Charles G. Finney)

- “A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God.”
- “When the church finds its members falling into gross and scandalous sins, then it is time for the church to awake and cry to God for a revival of religion.”
- “When there are dissensions and jealousies and evil speakings among professors of religion, then there is a great need of a revival. These things show that Christians have got far from God, and it is time to think earnestly of a revival.”
- “A revival breaks the power of the world and of sin over Christians.”
- “O Lord revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy” (Habakkuk 3:2)

# Old Testament Prophets (Isaiah)

- “Castigating God’s chosen for departing from the old ways, yet shedding new light on traditions
- “Look upon old truths from a new perspective, not a repudiation of old ways



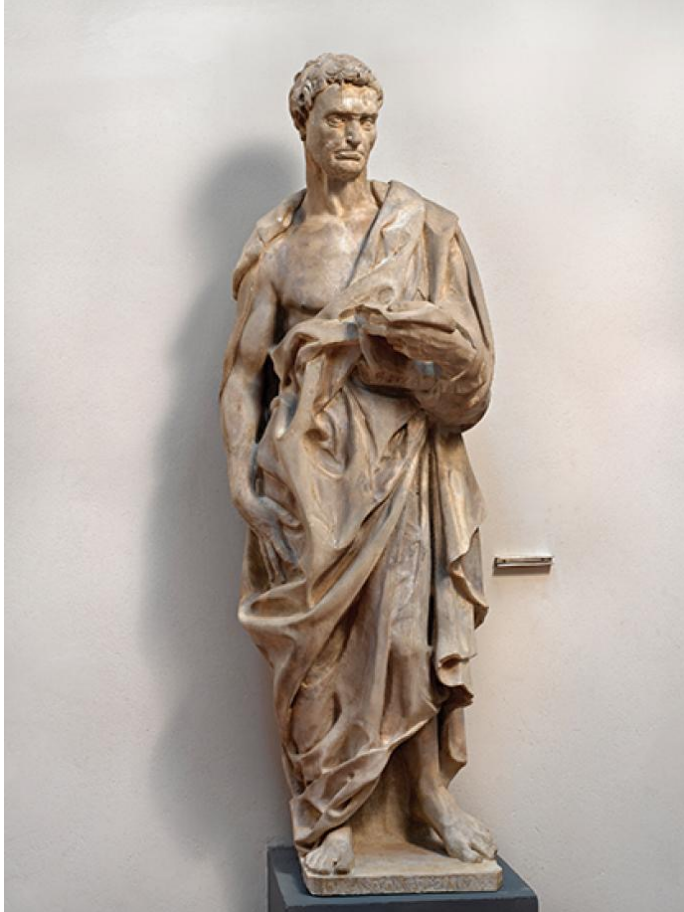
And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

<sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go....”

# Old Testament Prophets (Jeremiah)



- The LORD says, “People of Israel, if you want to turn, then turn back to me. If you are faithful to me and remove the idols I hate, it will be right for you to swear by my name. Then all the nations will ask me to bless them, and they will praise me.”

# Martin Luther



- “We believe that the very beginning and end of salvation, and the sum of Christianity, consists of faith in Christ, who by His blood alone, and not by any works of ours, has put away sin, and destroyed the power of death.”
- “A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming.”
- “The recognition of sin is the beginning of salvation”
- “All of a Christian’s life is one of repentance.”

# Pilgrims and Puritans: Errands into the Wilderness

William Bradford



John Winthrop



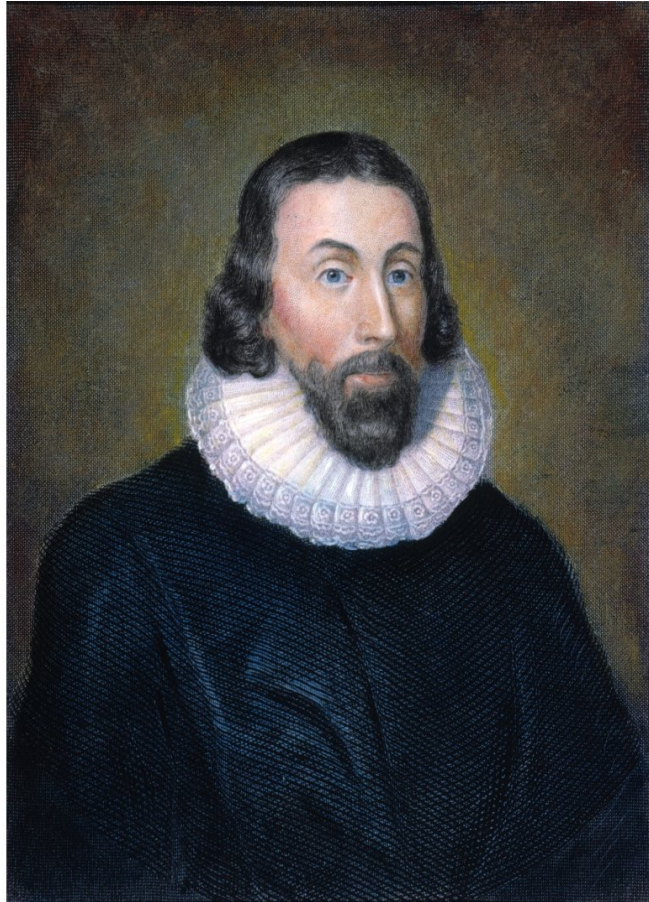
# Pastor John Robinson



- “The Lord has more truth and light yet to break forth out of his holy word.... God has yet further light to shed upon his revelations”

-- John Robinson “Farewell Letter” to the Pilgrims departing Leyden 1620 on the Mayflower

# John Winthrop “A Model of Christian Charity” 1630



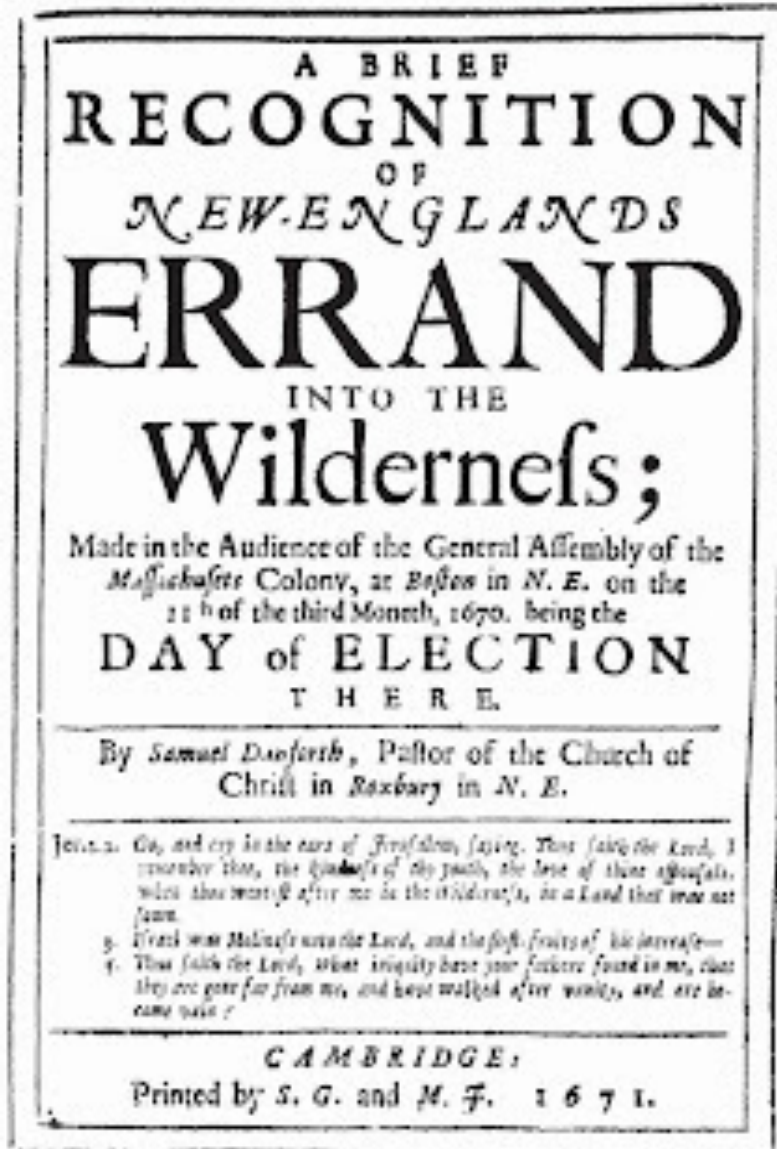
- “We must be knit together, in this work, as one man. We must entertain each other in brotherly affection. We must be willing to abridge ourselves of our superfluities, for the supply of others’ necessities. We must uphold a familiar commerce together in all meekness, gentleness, patience and liberality. We must delight in each other; make others’ conditions our own; rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together, always having before our eyes our commission and community in the work, as members of the same body. So shall we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The Lord will be our God, and delight to dwell among us, as His own people, and will command a blessing upon us in all our ways, so that we shall see much more of His wisdom, power, goodness and truth, than formerly we have been acquainted with.... *For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world. We shall open the mouths of enemies to speak evil of the ways of God, and all professors for God’s sake. We shall shame the faces of many of God’s worthy servants, and cause their prayers to be turned into curses upon us till we be consumed out of the good land whither we are going.*



# “Jeremiad”

## Jeremiah 2:2-5

“Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. Israel was holiness unto the Lord, and the firstfruits of his increase.... Thus saith the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?”



# Pastor Samuel Danforth 1670



**“Whether we have not in a great measure forgotten our Errand into the Wilderness.** You have solemnly professed before God, Angels and Men, that the Cause of your leaving your Country, Kindred and Fathers houses and transporting your selves with your Wives, Little Ones and Substance over the vast Ocean into this waste and howling Wilderness, was *your Liberty to walk in the Faith of the Gospel with all good Conscience according to the order of the Gospel, and your enjoyment of the pure Worship of God according to his Institution, without humane Mixtures and Impositions.* Now let us sadly consider whether our ancient and primitive affections to the Lord Jesus, his glorious Gospel, his pure and Spiritual Worship and the Order of his House, remain, abide and continue firm, constant, entire and inviolate. Our Saviour’s reiteration of this Question, *What went ye out into the Wilderness to see?* is no idle repetition, but a sad conviction of our dullness and backwardness to this great duty.... **Wherefore let us call to remembrance the former dayes, and consider whether it was not then better with us, than it is now.**”

*Pastor Samuel Danforth, Election Day Sermon 1670*