

D. The peak of the Awakening, 1739-41

E. Whitfield and Benjamin Franklin

V. Edwards, post-Awakening

A. Treatise on Religious Affections

B. Trouble in Northampton

C. Missionary to the Indians in Stockbridge, Mass.

D. To Princeton, and to his Savior (1758)

Capitol Hill Baptist Church Church History – Class 10 Core Seminars

Wide Awake in (Colonial) America: Puritanism, Edwards & Whitefield

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

I. Introduction: the first Puritan settlements in America

“...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.”

-John Winthrop

II. American Puritans: Life and Thought in the 17th Century

A. Covenant

B. Half-way Covenant

C. Education

1) Fears that Harvard goes liberal

2) Founding of Yale

“All Scholars Shall Live Religious, Godly, and Blameless Lives according to the Rules of God’s Word, diligently Reading the holy Scriptures the Fountain of Light and Truth...”

III. Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

A. Early years; education

B. A young pastor in Northampton, Massachusetts

C. The first Awakenings...

D. *A Divine and Supernatural Light*

the “difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness”

E. The death of Joseph Hawley and the end of the Awakening

IV. George Whitefield (1714-1770)

A. England’s controversial young evangelist

B. Arrival in the New World

C. Encounter with Jonathan and Sarah Edwards

“A sweeter couple I have not seen. Mrs. Edwards is adorned with a meek and quiet spirit; she talked solidly of the things of God, and seemed to be such a helpmeet for her husband, that she caused me to renew those prayers, which for some months, I have put up to God, that He would be pleased to send me a daughter of Abraham to be my wife.”