

Midweek Bible Study

Jonathan Edwards and World Missions
Missions Night Oct 6, 2021

An Overview of Edwards's Influence on World Missions

I. Brainerd's Diary

- A. Brainerd's life

- B. The Publication of Brainerd's Diary
David Brainerd lived 29 years, 5 months, and 19 days.
He was a Christian for only 8 years.
He was a missionary for only 4 years.
His diary, published by Edwards in 1749 has never been out of print.

The impact Brainerd had on Edwards compelled him to publish Brainerd's diary, and the publication of Brainerd's life was a spark that God used to fan into flame the modern missionary movement.

II. Humble Attempt

An Humble Attempt to Promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of God's People in Extraordinary Prayer, For the Revival and Religion and the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

- A. Its Origin and Influence

- B. Its Content
Part I: The Text Opened, and an Account Given of the Affair Proposed in the Memorial from Scotland
Part II: Motives to a Compliance with What Is Proposed in the Memorial
Part III: Objections Answered

JE sees the OT prophecies of the advancement of Christ's Kingdom directly related to prayer. E.g. Zech 8:20-22

III. Edwards's Optimistic Eschatology

Edwards believed that the Kingdom of Christ would spread throughout the world through outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel would advance and conquer.



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IV. Lessons

- A. Read missionary biographies
- B. Take an interest in living missionaries
- C. Pray regularly for missionaries and pray for the Kingdom of Christ to expand through evangelism, missions, and revival!
- D. I would like to propose, with the help of the missions committee, that we organize concerts of prayer for world missions.

