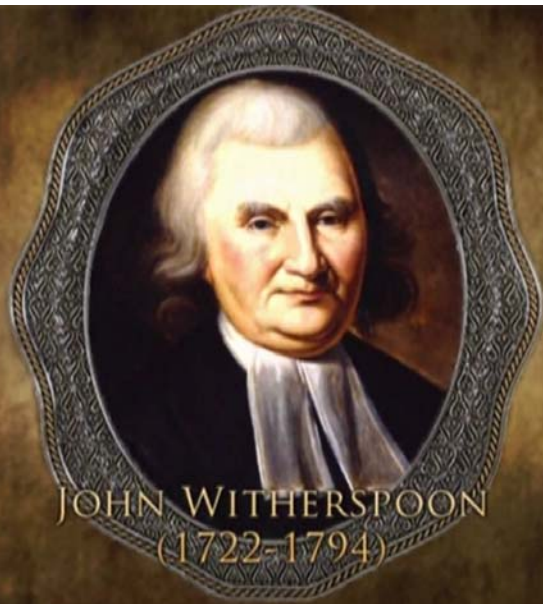




THE
American
Heritage
SERIES

How Pastors Shaped
Our Independence
Part 2



JOHN WITHERSPOON
(1722-1794)

THE
FATAL EFFECTS
OF
ARDENT SPIRITS,
A
SERMON,
BY
EBENEZER PORTER.

A
SERMON,
DELIVERED BEFORE
THE
Ancient & Honourable Artillery Company,
In Boston, June 6, 1803,

SERMON
ADDRESSED TO THE
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION IN ALBANY,
MARCH 4, 1838,
THE SABBATH AFTER INTELLIGENCE WAS RECEIVED THAT THE
HON. JONATHAN CHILLEY,
SENATOR OF CONGRESS FROM MAINE,
HAD BEEN MURDERED IN A DUEL
WITH THE
HON. WILLIAM J. GRAVES,

LIVING FAITH:

A
SERMON,

PREACHED BEFORE THE SOCIETY

FOR THE RELIEF OF

THE DESTITUTE SICK,

On the Evening of Sabbath, the 21st of December, 1788.

IN AN ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING-HOUSE, BOSTON.

Published Sermons

Had life-changing
impact on listeners

SERMON,

ON THE

EFFECTS OF THE HEBREW SLAVERY

AS CONNECTED WITH SLAVERY IN THIS COUNTRY.

PREACHED IN THE 7TH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, AT AN UNITED MEETING
OF CHRISTIANS OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS
PERSUASIONS.

The Influence of Christianity on Civil Society,

REPRESENTED IN A

DISCOURSE

DELIVERED NOVEMBER 10, 1779,

AT THE

ORDINATION

OF THE REVEREND

Mr. JOHN PRINCE.

*Divine judgments upon tyrants: And compassion
to the oppressed.*

A

S E R M O N,

PREACHED AT LEXINGTON,

APRIL 20th, 1775.

In commemoration of the *MURDEROUS WAR*
and *RAPINE*, inhumanly perpetrated, by two
brigades of *British troops*, in that town and
neighbourhood, on the NINETEENTH of APRIL,
1775.

A
DISCOURSE

On *Rev. XV. 3^d. 4th.*

Occasioned by the EARTHQUAKES
In *November 1755.*

Delivered in the West-Meeting-House,
Boston, Thursday December 18, following.

In five Parts, with an INTRODUCTION.

A
SERMON

OCCASIONED BY

The Great Fire

IN

BOSTON, NEW-ENGLAND,

Thursday MARCH 20. 1760.

S E R M O N

CONTAINING

REFLECTIONS ON THE

SOLAR ECLIPSE,

WHICH APPEARED ON JUNE 16, 1806.

MORAL VIEW OF RAIL ROADS.

A
DISCOURSE,

DELIVERED ON

SABBATH MORNING, FEBRUARY 23, 1851.

THE
Infirmities and Comforts
OF
OLD AGE.
A
S E R M O N

S E R M O N :

DELIVERED

At SALEM, January 14, 1796,

OCCASIONED BY THE

Execution of HENRY BLACKBURN,

ON THAT DAY,

For the Murder of GEORGE WILKINSON.

S E R M O N :

DELIVERED

At SALEM, January 14, 1796,

OCCASIONED BY THE

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Based on Romans 13 Passage

- God has given the sword
to the civil government

Occasional Sermon

Preached because of a
significant occasion

Annual Sermon

Preached on a specific
topic on a yearly basis

A
S E R M O N,
DELIVERED BEFORE
THE
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In Boston, June 6, 1803,



The Proper Role of the Military

- Addressed in the Old and New Testaments
- John the Baptist had instructions for soldiers





Elections & Stewardship in Civil Government

- An annual sermon topic in America for three centuries

A
SERMON
PREACHED BEFORE
HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN HANCOCK, ESQ,
GOVERNOUR;
HIS HONOR SAMUEL ADAMS, ESQ,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOUR,
THE HONOURABLE THE
COUNCIL, SENATE, AND HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.



Hancock

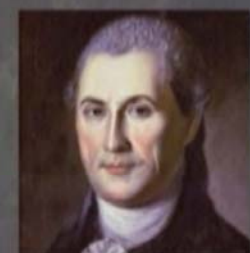


Adams

Lawgivers of the Bible

Moses
Joseph
Daniel
Many others

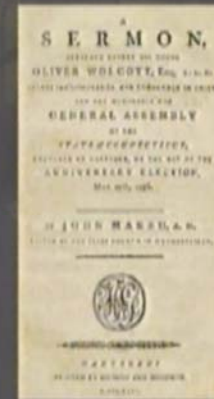
A
SERMON,
PREACHED AT THE REQUEST OF
SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, ESQ, LL.D
GOVERNOR
AND THE HONOURABLE THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
CHURCH OF BOSTON, ON THE 24th DAY OF
MAY, 1780.
BY
T. TIMOTHY STONE, A.M.
Pastor of the Church of Boston.



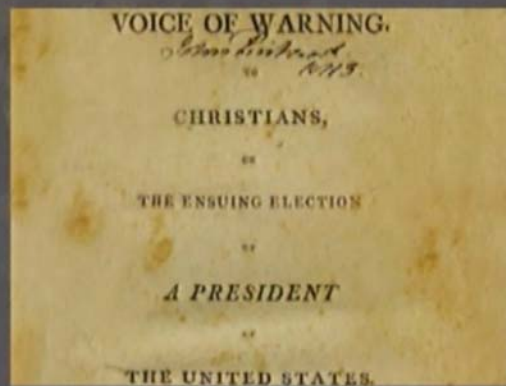
Huntington



Strong



Wolcott



Biblical Confrontations

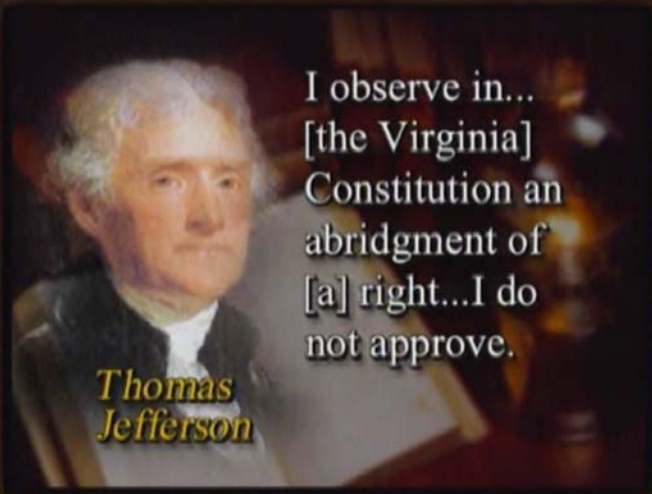
Elijah with Ahab & Jezebel

Samuel with Saul

Nathan & Gad with David

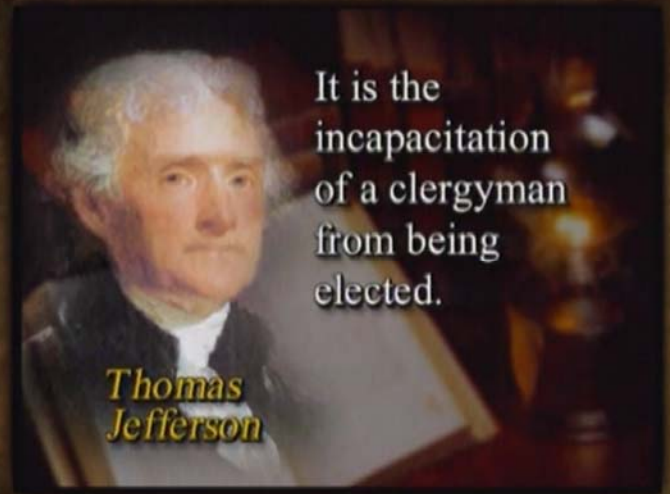
Isaiah with Manasseh

Many others



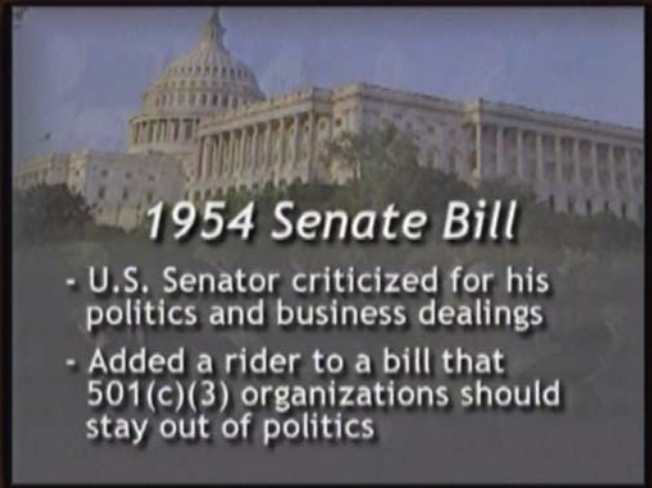
I observe in...
[the Virginia]
Constitution an
abridgment of
[a] right...I do
not approve.

*Thomas
Jefferson*



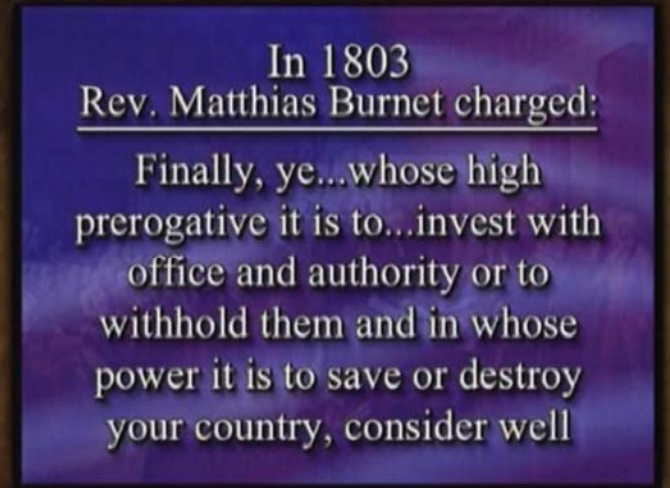
It is the
incapacitation
of a clergyman
from being
elected.

*Thomas
Jefferson*



1954 Senate Bill

- U.S. Senator criticized for his politics and business dealings
- Added a rider to a bill that 501(c)(3) organizations should stay out of politics



In 1803
Rev. Matthias Burnet charged:

Finally, ye...whose high prerogative it is to...invest with office and authority or to withhold them and in whose power it is to save or destroy your country, consider well

In 1803
Rev. Matthias Burnet charged:

the important trust...which
God...[has] put into your hands.
To God and posterity you are
accountable for them....Let not
your children have reason to
curse you for giving up those

In 1803
Rev. Matthias Burnet charged:

rights and prostrating those
institutions which your fathers
delivered to you.