

# **Are We Living in the Last Days?**

## **Lesson 5: Postmillennialism**

**Is the world getting better or worse?**

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**LAST DAYS?**

FOUR VIEWS OF THE HOPE WE SHARE  
ABOUT REVELATION AND CHRIST'S RETURN



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**An accurate, clear description  
of the major views,  
so we can process  
what we hear from popular teachers  
and what we see in our world.**

**“To provide the encouragement we need to endure faithfully our present days on earth with confidence in God’s eternal promises.”**

**The last days began with  
the first coming of Jesus  
and will conclude  
with the second coming of Jesus.**

**Dispensational Premillennialism**

**Historic Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism**

# Postmillennialism



History

# The Reformation





History

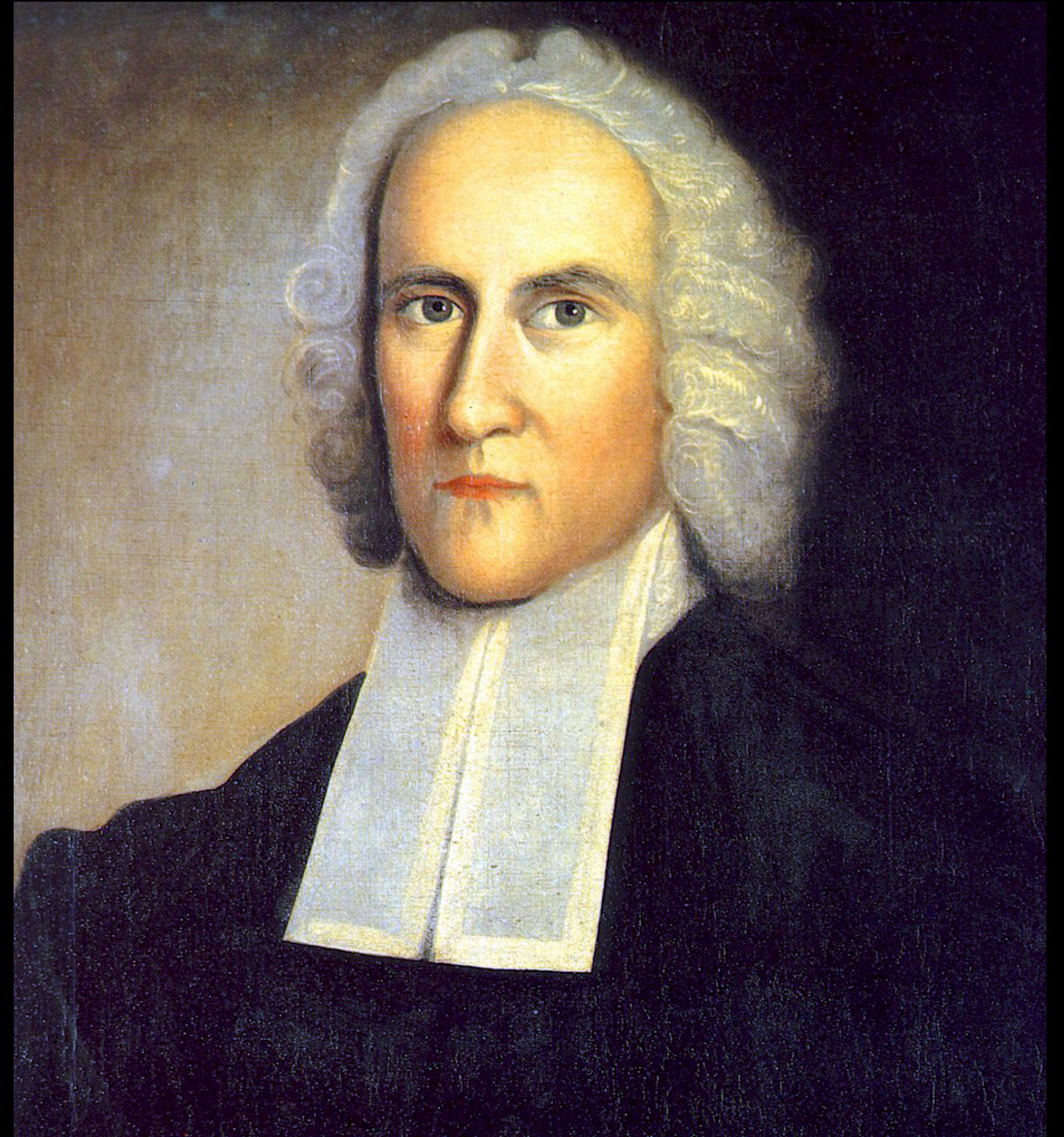
**The New World**





History

# The Great Awakening





History

**The 20th Century**

**The  
Christian  
Century**

Thoughtful,  
Independent,  
Progressive

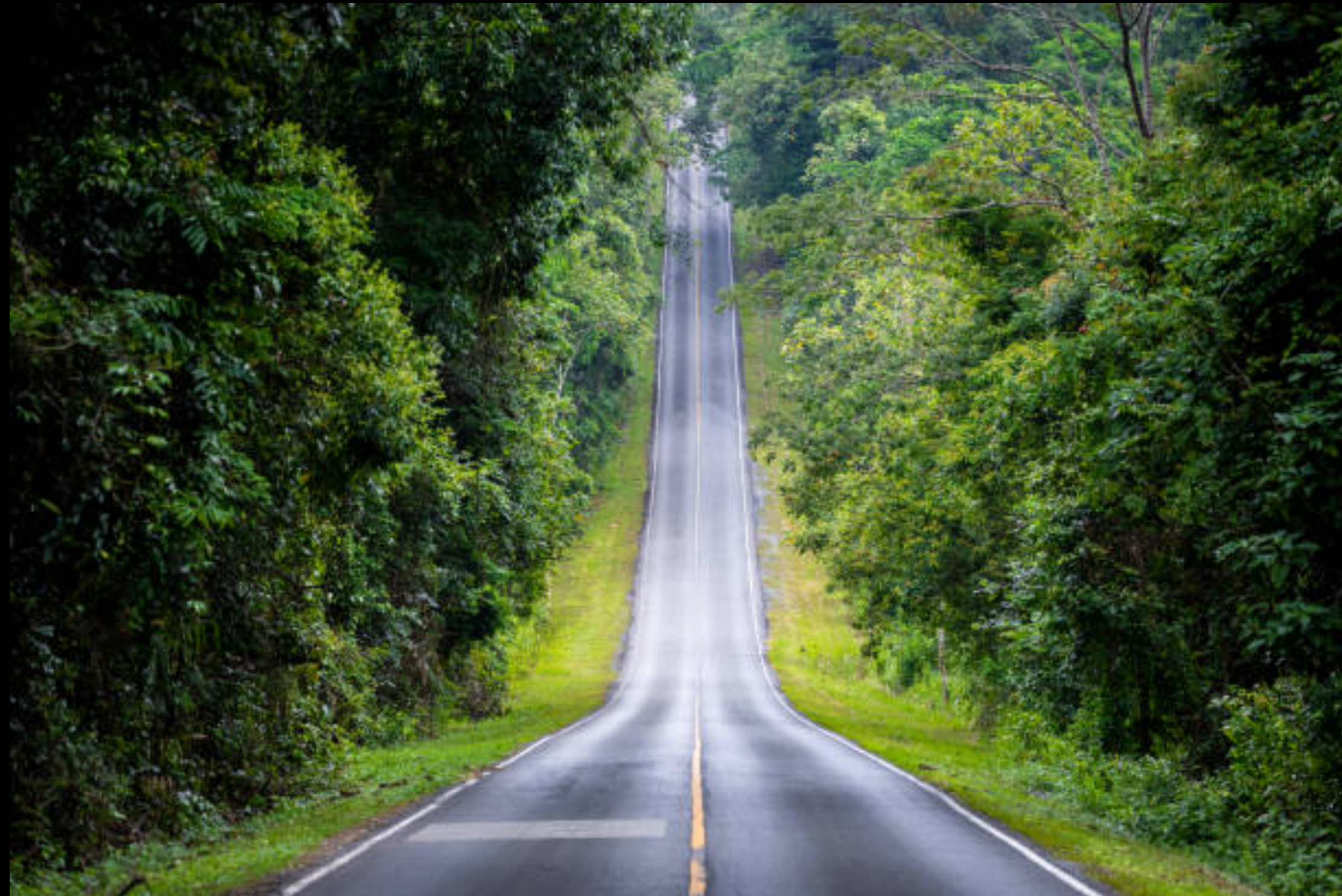
**1 - The world will get very good.**

**“Proponents of this view believe that Christ  
will return after the influence of his church  
has spread across the world,  
improving the human condition  
both spiritually and materially.**

**As Christianity progresses,  
Postmillennialists expect there will also be  
inevitable and accompanying forces  
of righteousness, wisdom, and love  
that will culminate in a so-called golden age  
of peace and prosperity for a thousand years.”**



**2 - This goodness won't necessarily  
come quickly.**





**3 - The kingdom of God is here,  
and the kingdom of God is growing.**

**“Postmillennialism is the view of the last things which holds that the kingdom of God is now being extended in the world through the preaching of the gospel and the saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of individuals, that the world eventually is to be Christianized...”**

**4 - The millennium will come,  
and then Jesus will come.**

**“...the return of Christ is to occur at the close  
of a long period of righteousness and peace  
commonly called the millennium.”**

**A.A. Hodge**

**Spread**

**Prevalence**

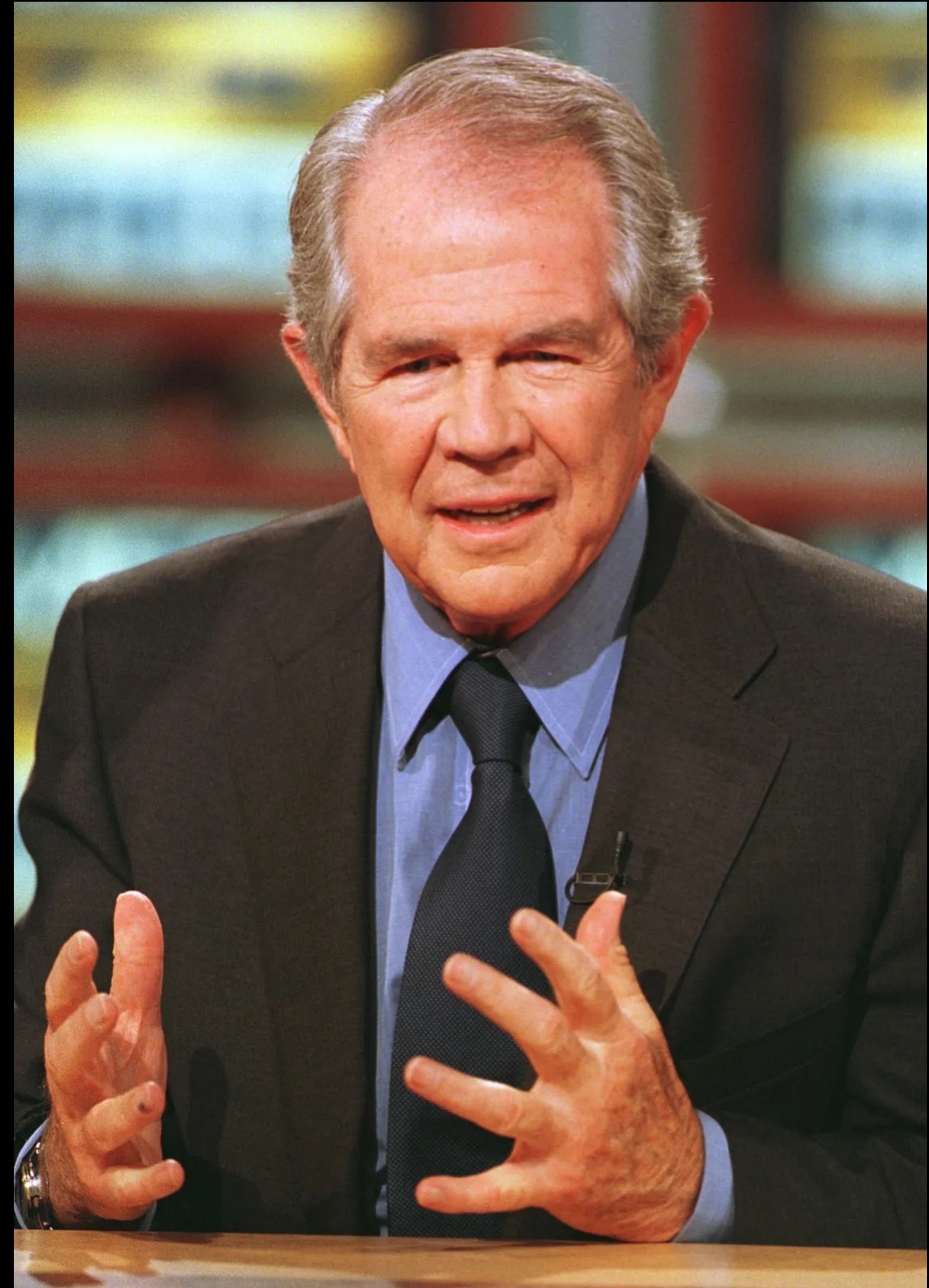
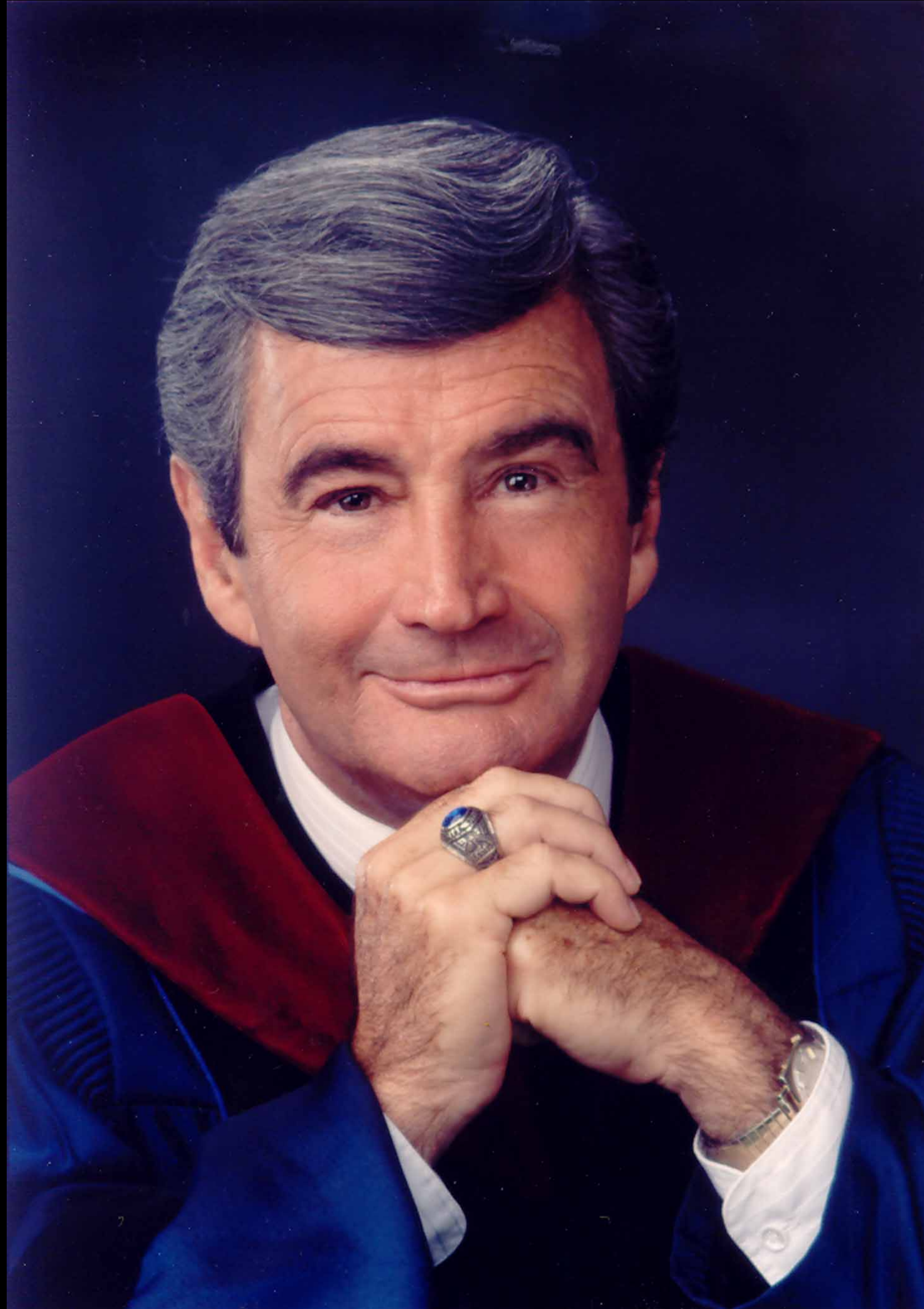
**Conversion**

**Conflict**

**New heavens, new earth**

**5 - The church must work  
to change the world.**







**Missions**

**Social Reform**



**6 - The Great Commission  
will be fulfilled.**

# **Biblical Support**

**Psalm 22:27**

**Psalm 67**

**Psalm 86**

**Psalm 110**

# **Biblical Support**

**Matthew 13:31-32**

**Matthew 13:33**

**John 3:17**

**John 12:31-32**

**Matthew 7:14?**

**Revelation 20?**

**Better or Worse?**

**“Today the world at large is on a far higher plane...Slavery and polygamy have practically disappeared. The status of women and children has been improved immeasurably. Social and economic conditions in almost all nations have reached a new level.”**

**2.4 Billion**

**65 Million**

**“The spread of the gospel will cause the world to be Christianized and result in a long age of peace and prosperity called the millennium...Evil is not eliminated but will be reduced to a minimum as the moral and spiritual influence of Christians is heightened.**



**The church will assume greater importance  
and many social, economic, and educational  
problems will be solved.”**

**“There seems to be little that would  
cause us to conclude that the moral  
condition of the world or of the  
individuals in it is improving.”**

**My Concern**

**Theonomy**

**Federal Vision**

**Christian Nationalism**

**“They are glass-half-full rather than  
glass-half-empty people...**

**There should be something in each  
of God’s people that hopes they’re right.”**

