

Church History Literacy

John Wesley - Part 2

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Lesson 72

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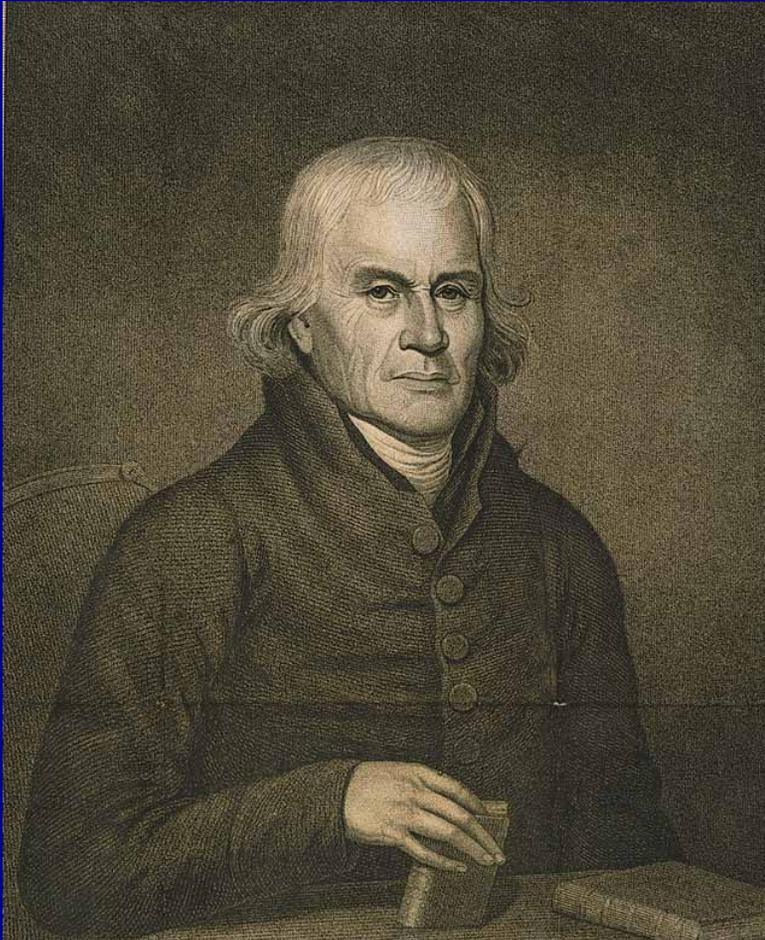
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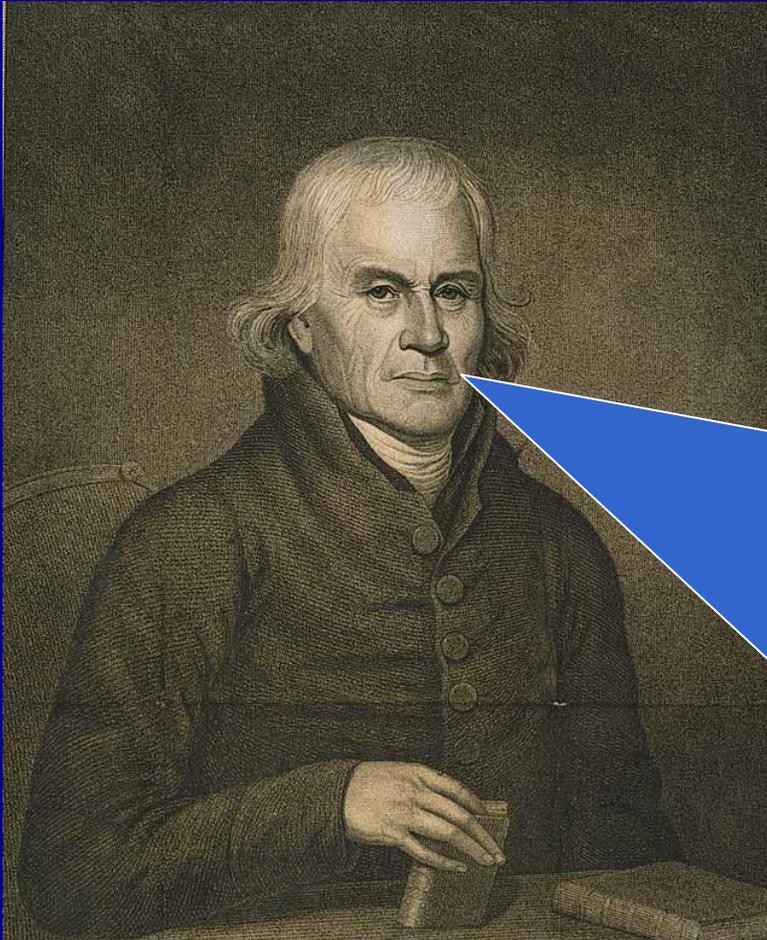
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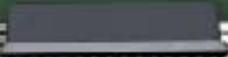
Wesley on Salvation



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“I believe, till I was about 10 years old I had not sinned away that ‘washing of the Holy Ghost’ which was given me in baptism; having been taught that I could only be saved ‘by keeping all the commandments of God.’”





List of Sins



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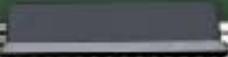




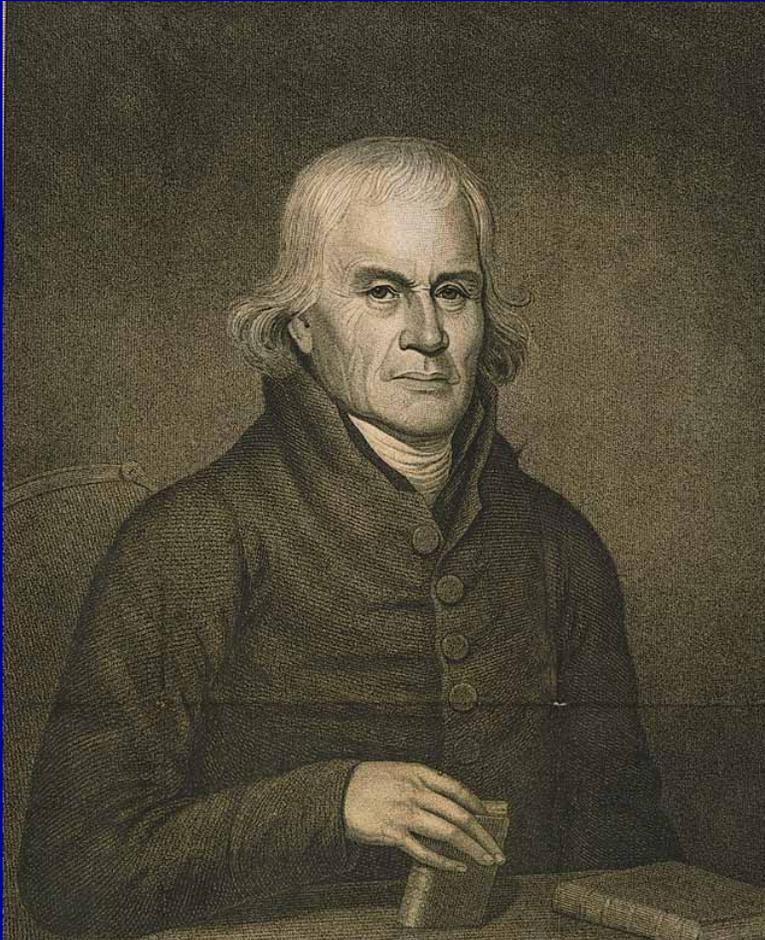
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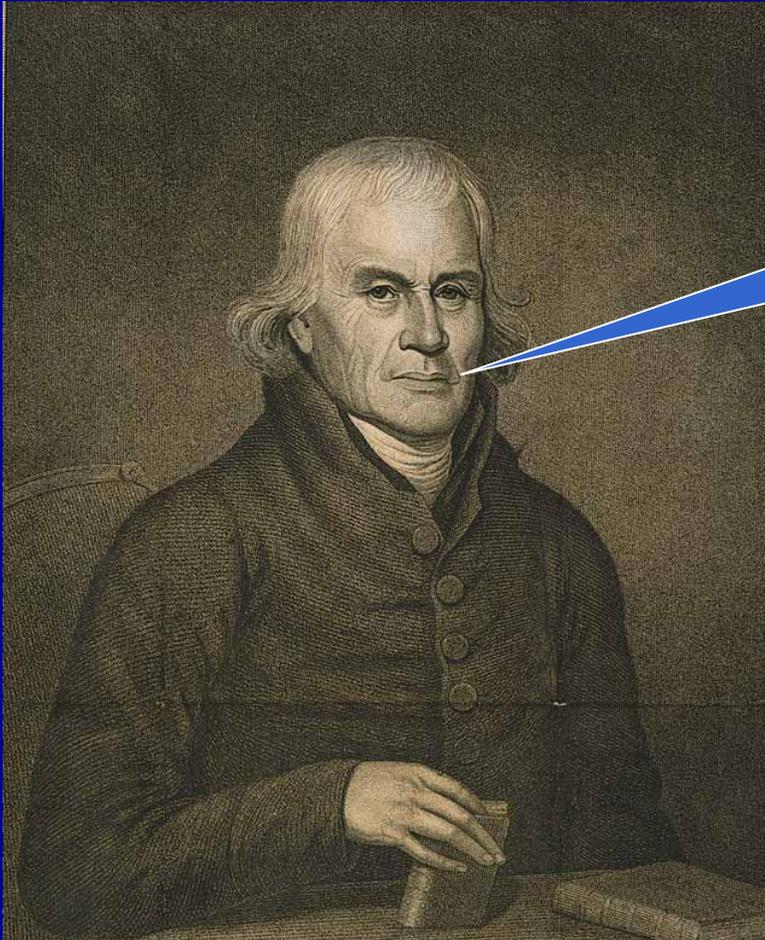
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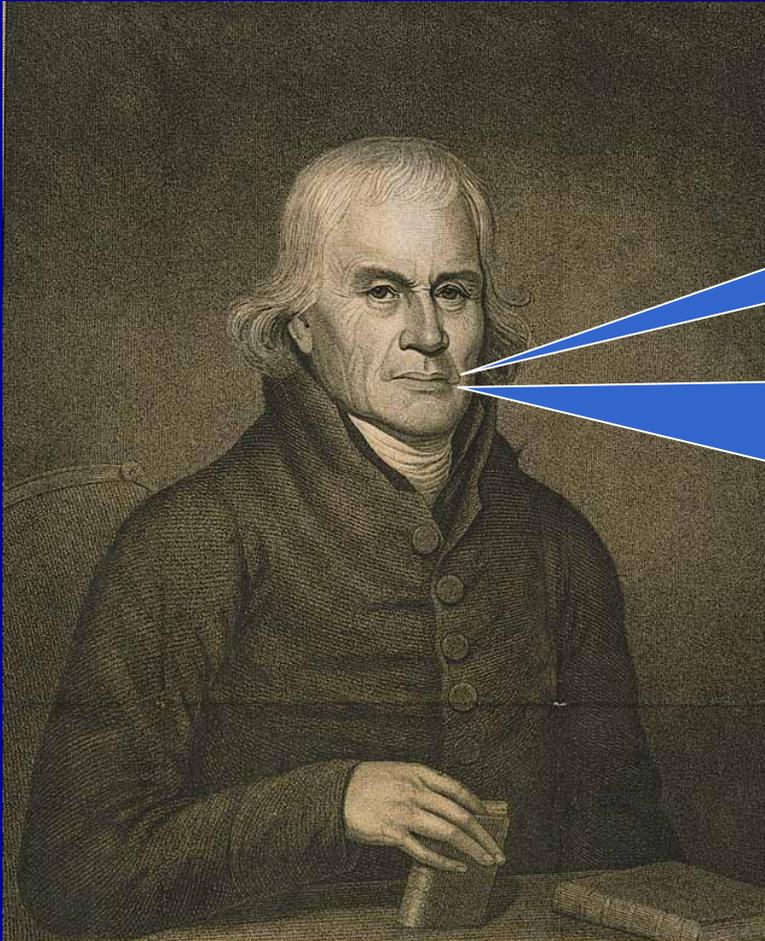


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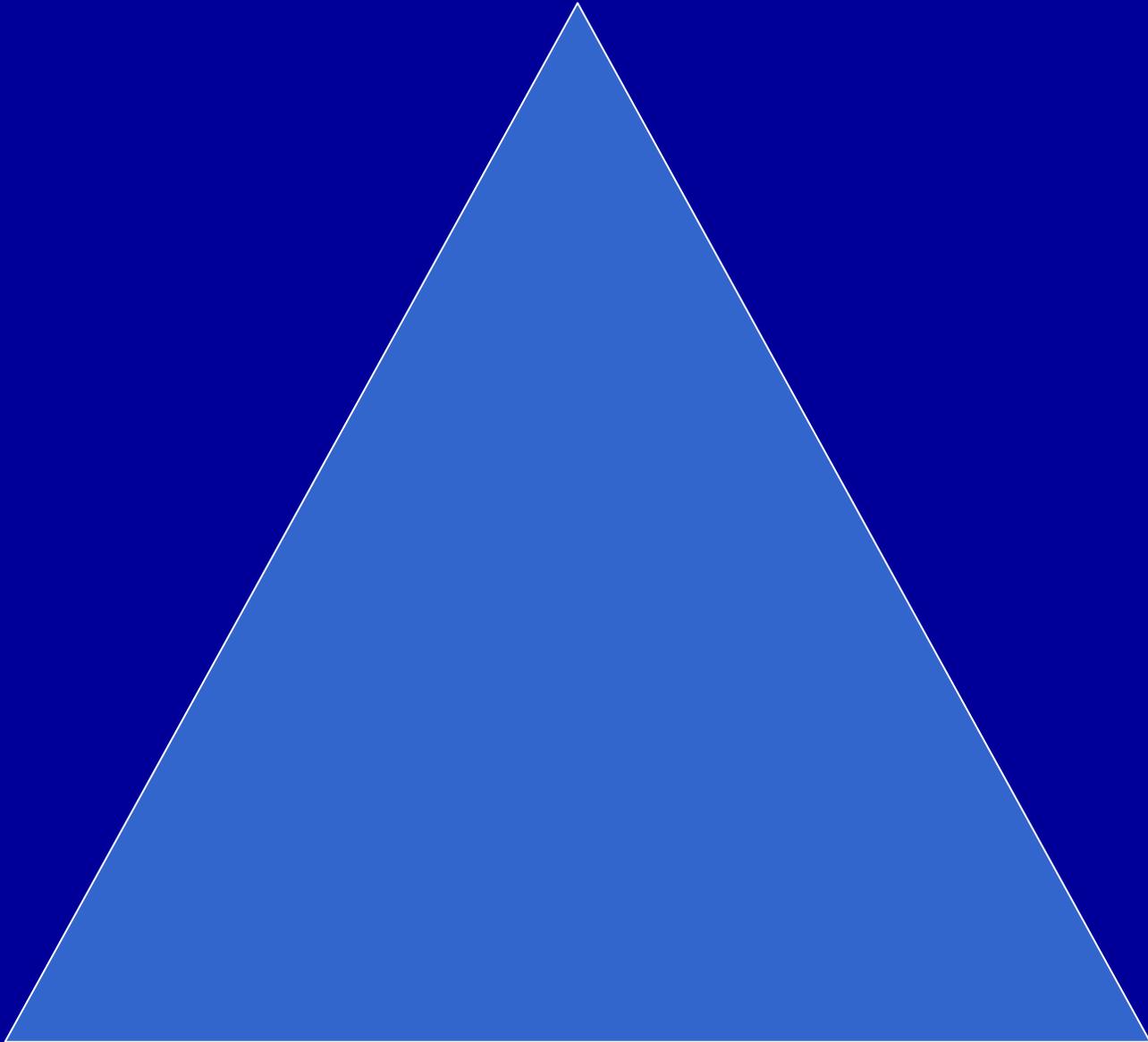
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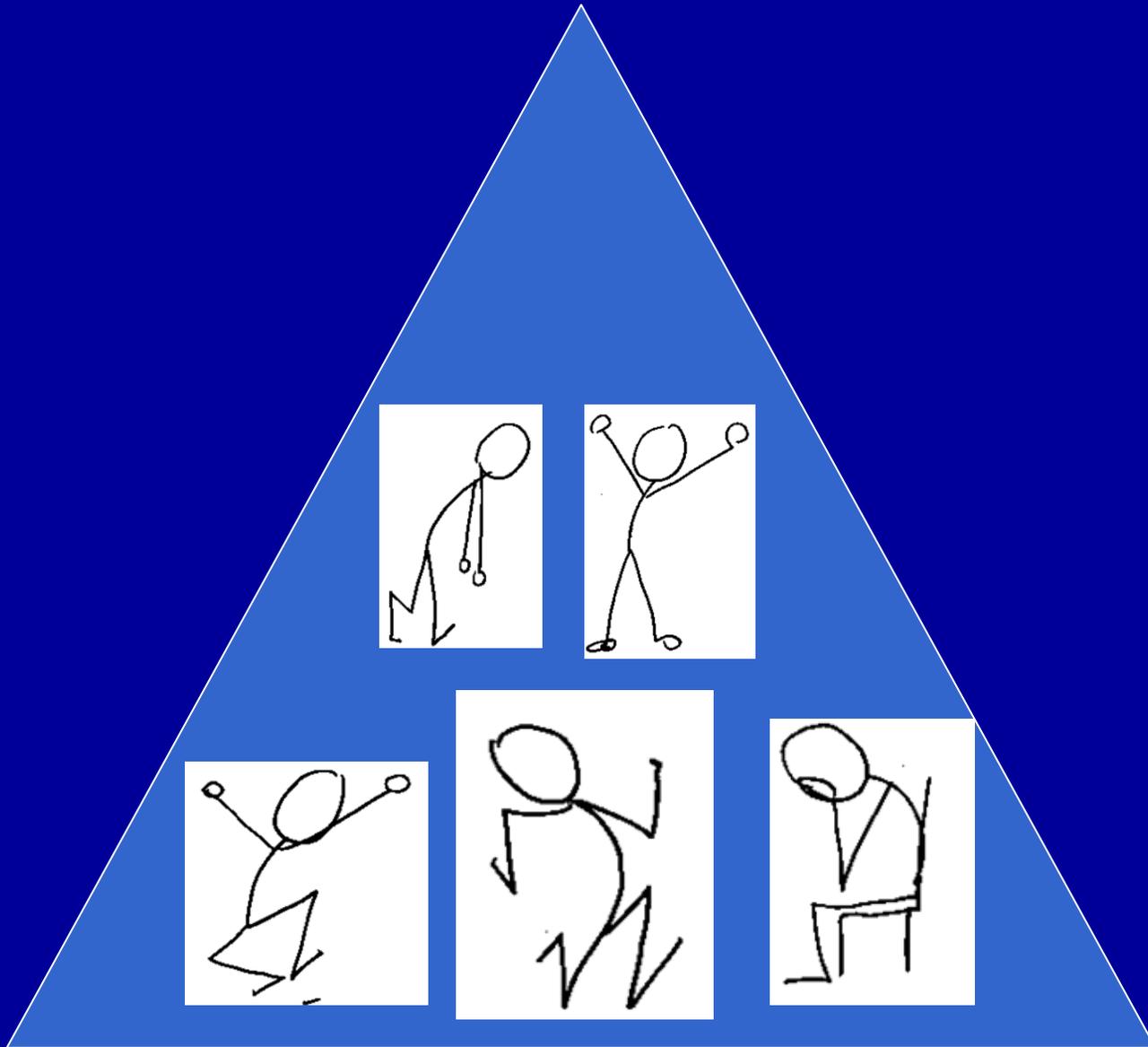
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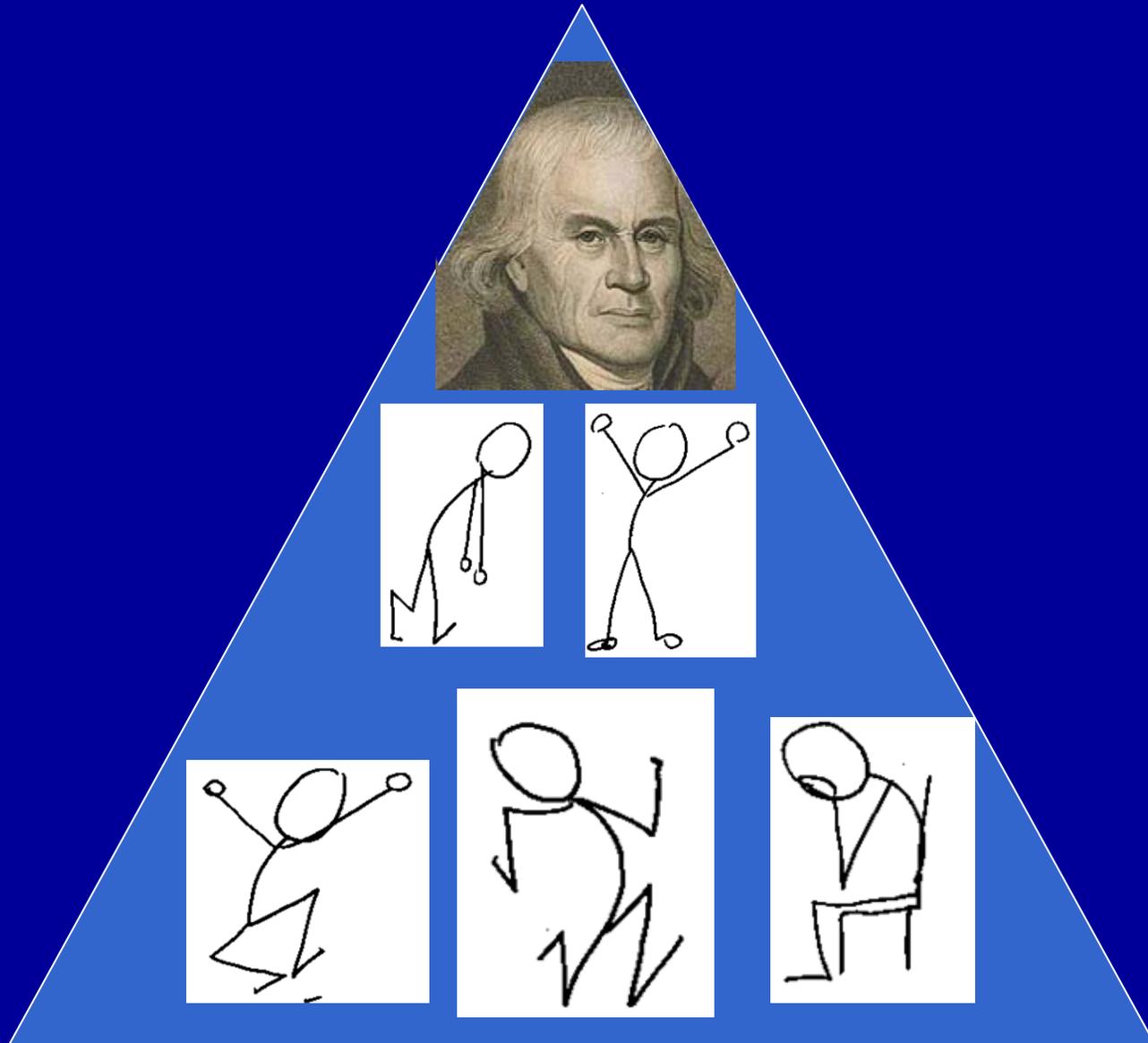
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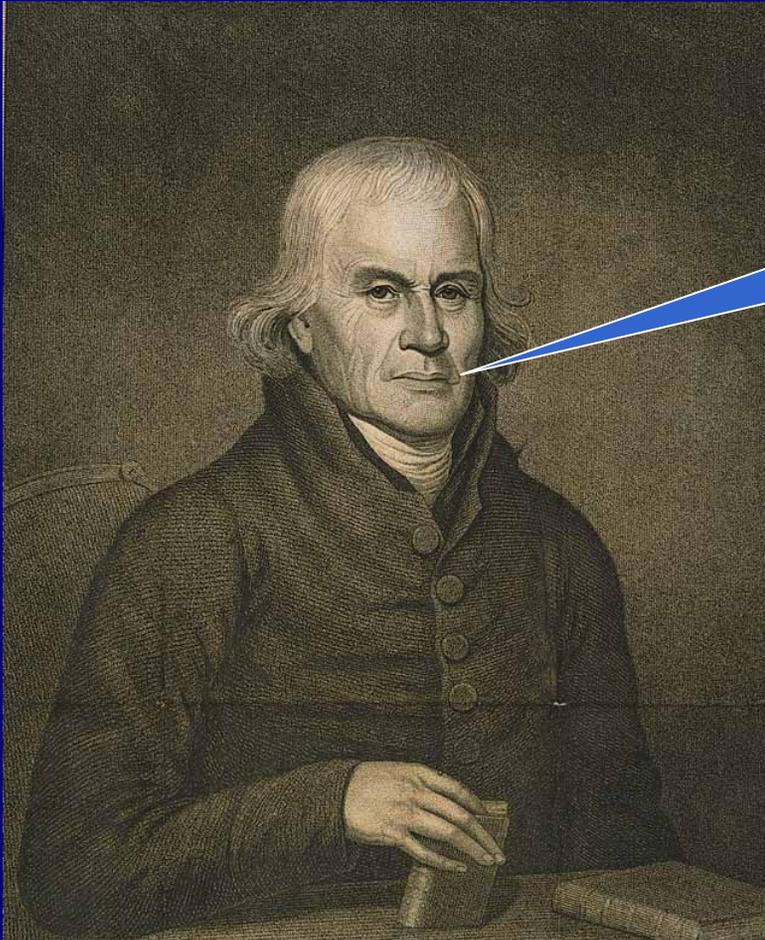
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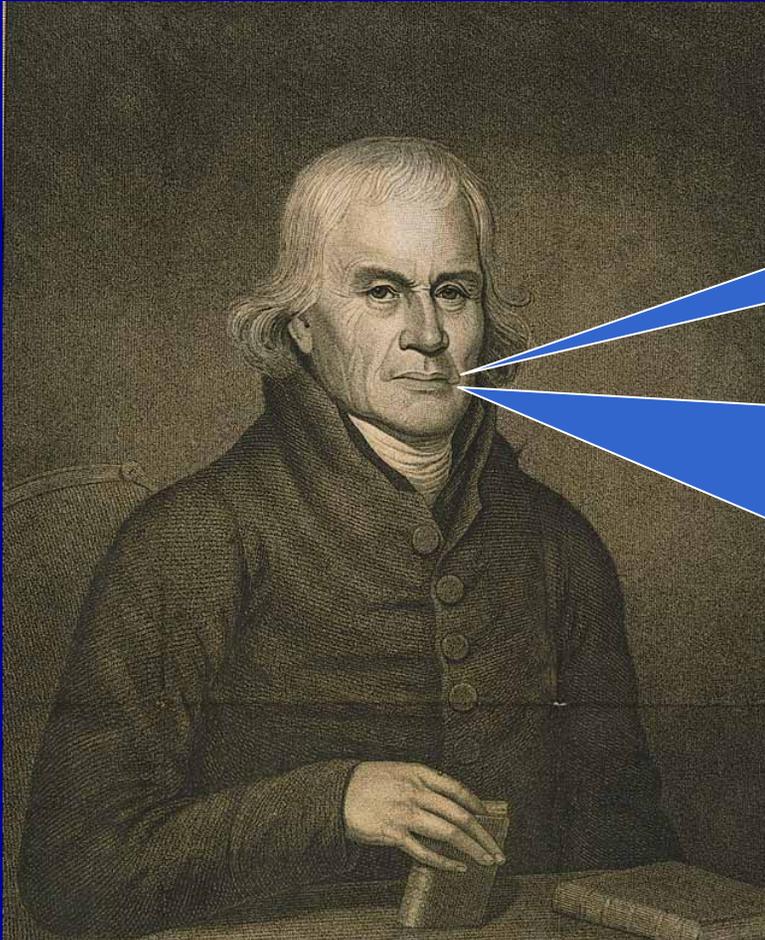


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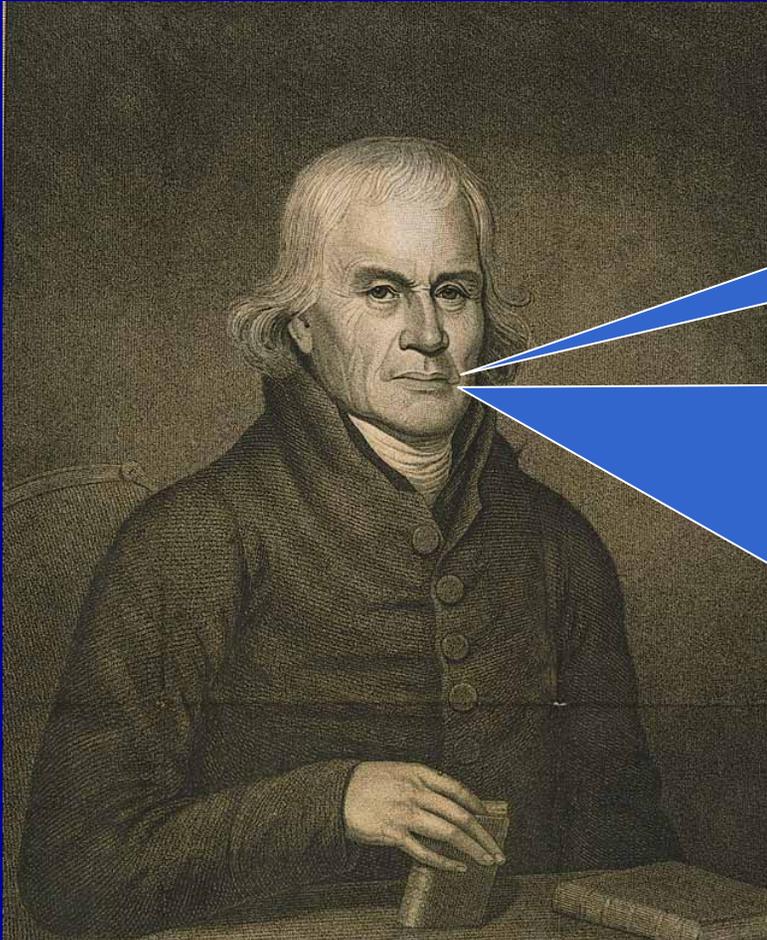
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“I’m trying
real hard!”

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1. Being better than others
 2. Caring about religion
 3. Reading the Bible, going to church, praying

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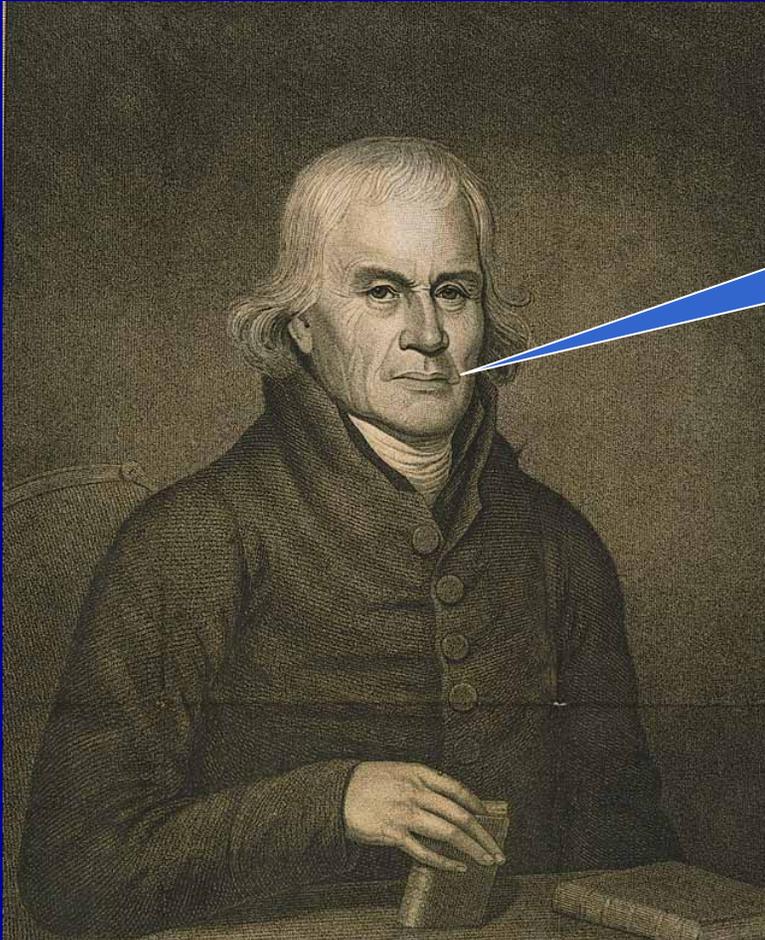
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EARN SALVATION



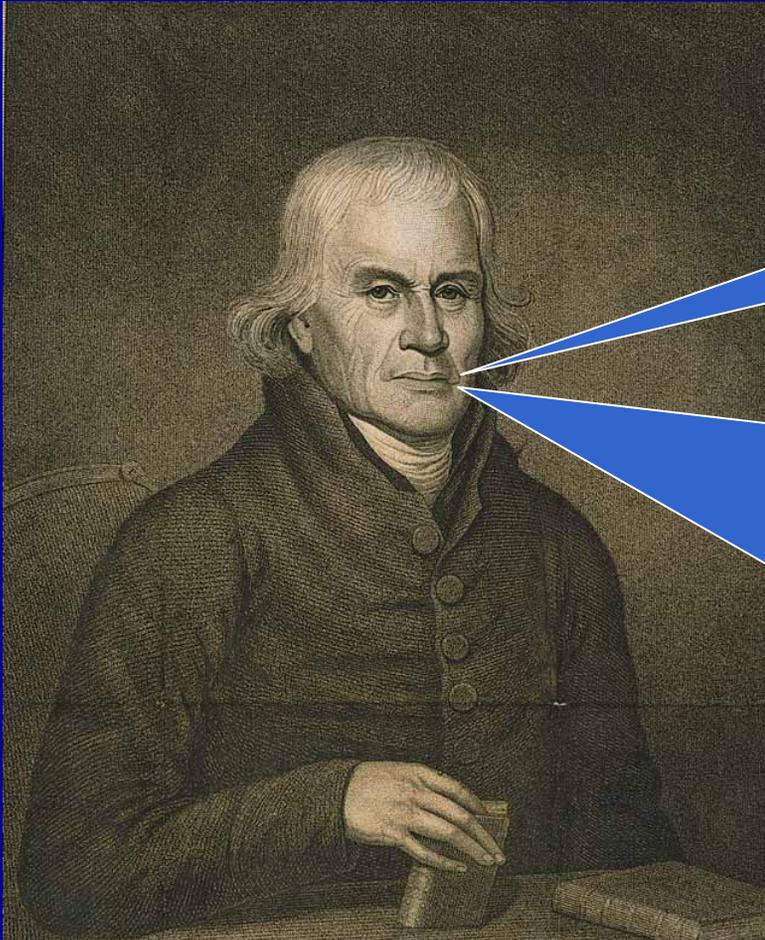
Playing the religion game

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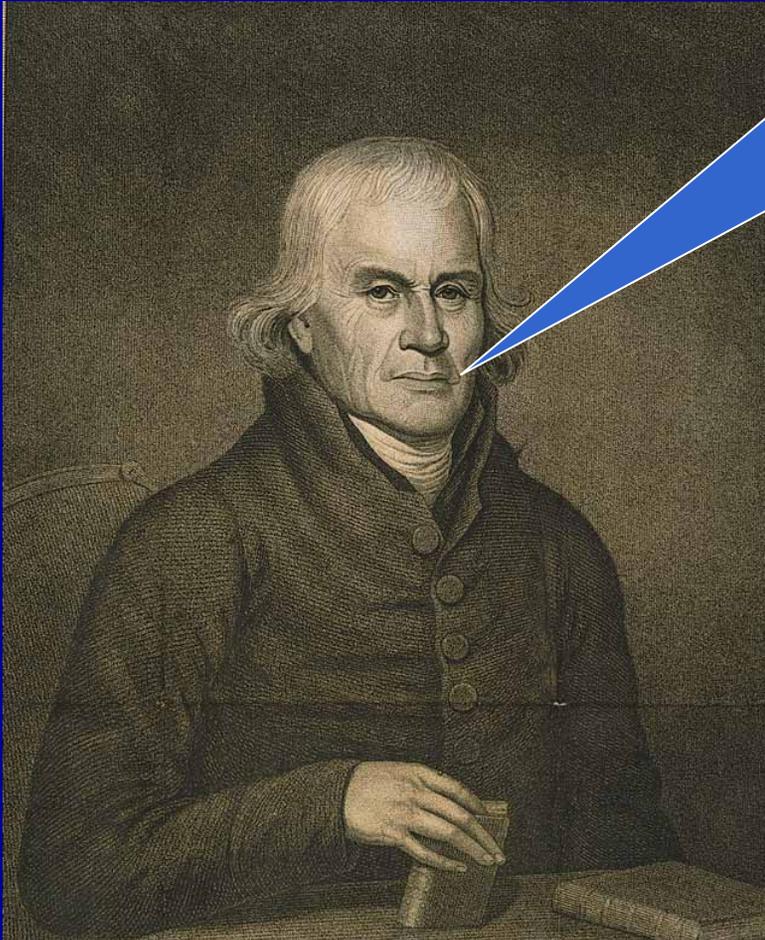
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“By my continued
endeavor to keep His
whole law ... to the
utmost of my power, I
was persuaded I was in a
state of salvation.”



“Good deeds
outweigh bad
deeds”

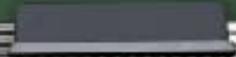
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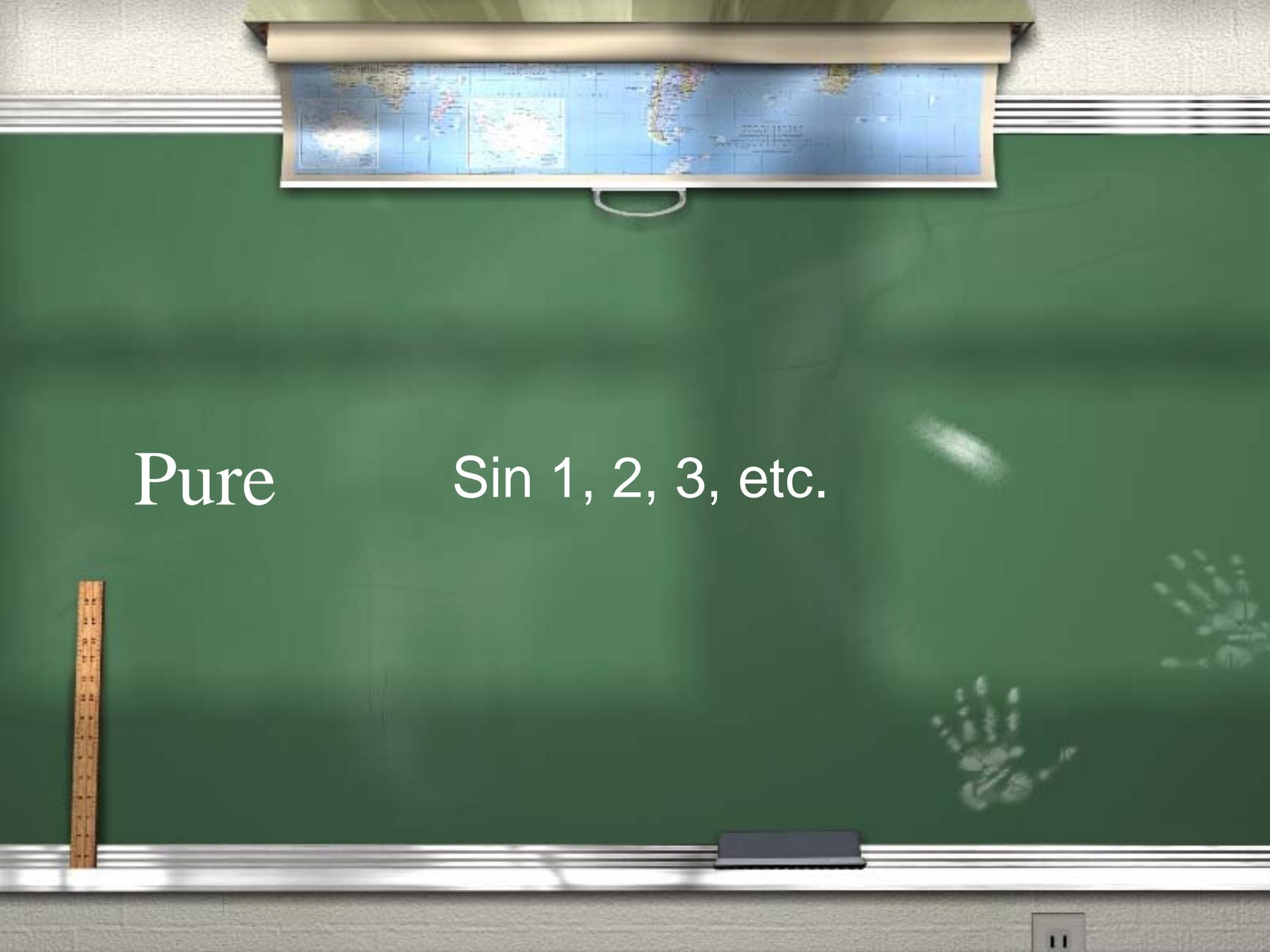


I was doing my best and
praying for forgiveness,
hoping to die at a point of
purity



Pure





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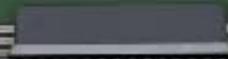
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Repent
confess

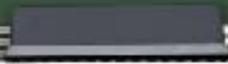




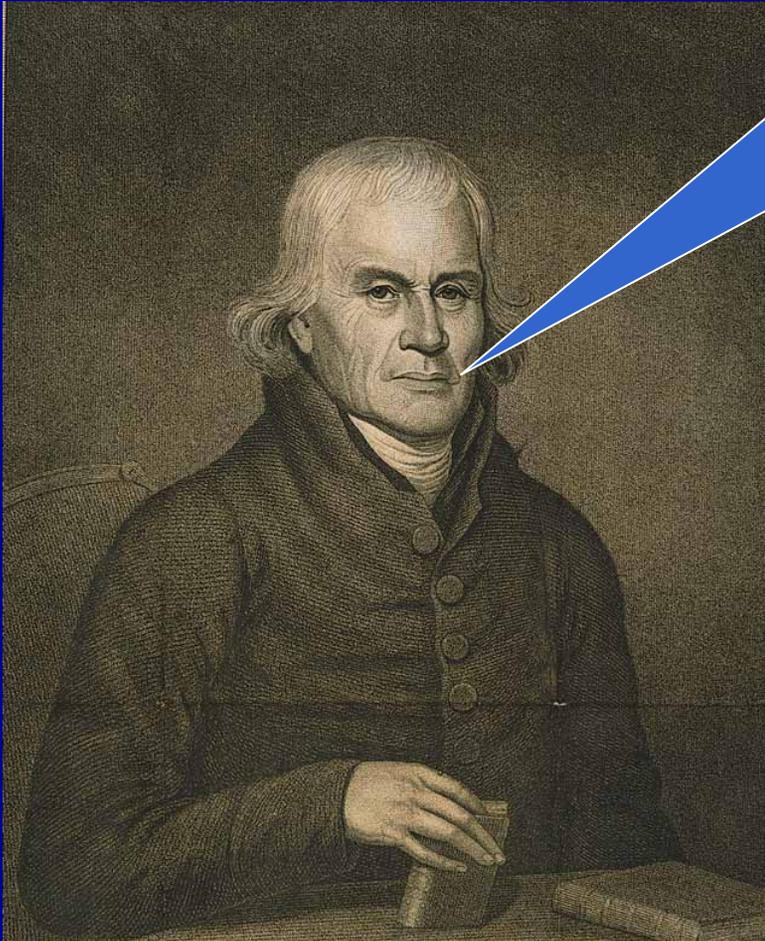
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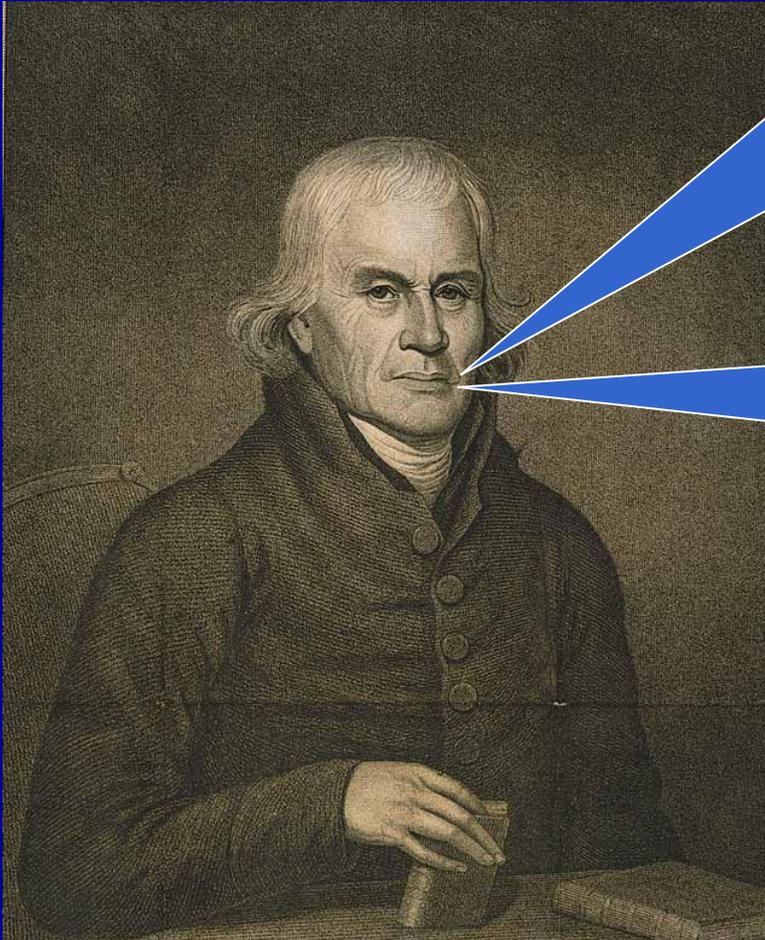


Wesley on Salvation



Then I had a near death encounter and I found I had no peace about salvation.

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Until I learned a more excellent way ...

Meet Peter Bohler

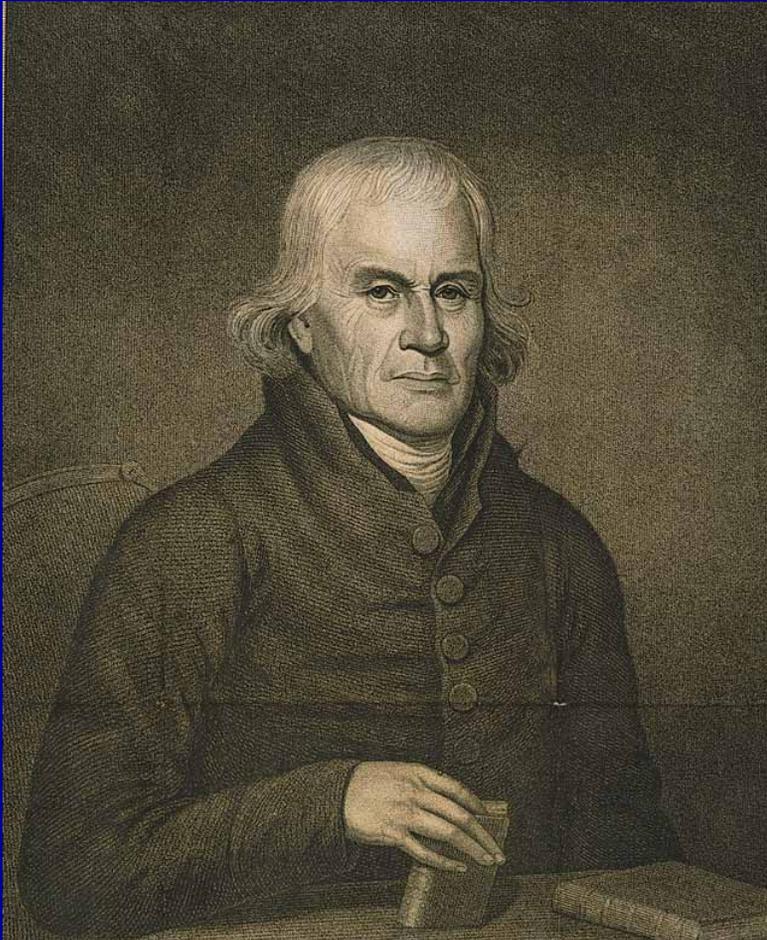


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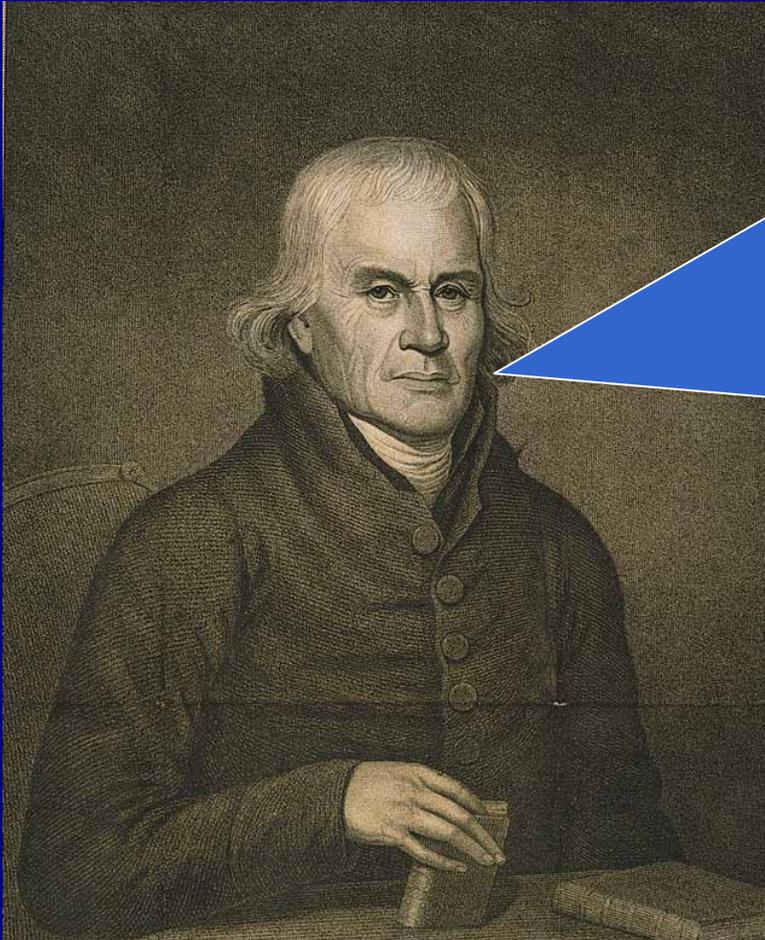


Wesley, you have no saving faith!

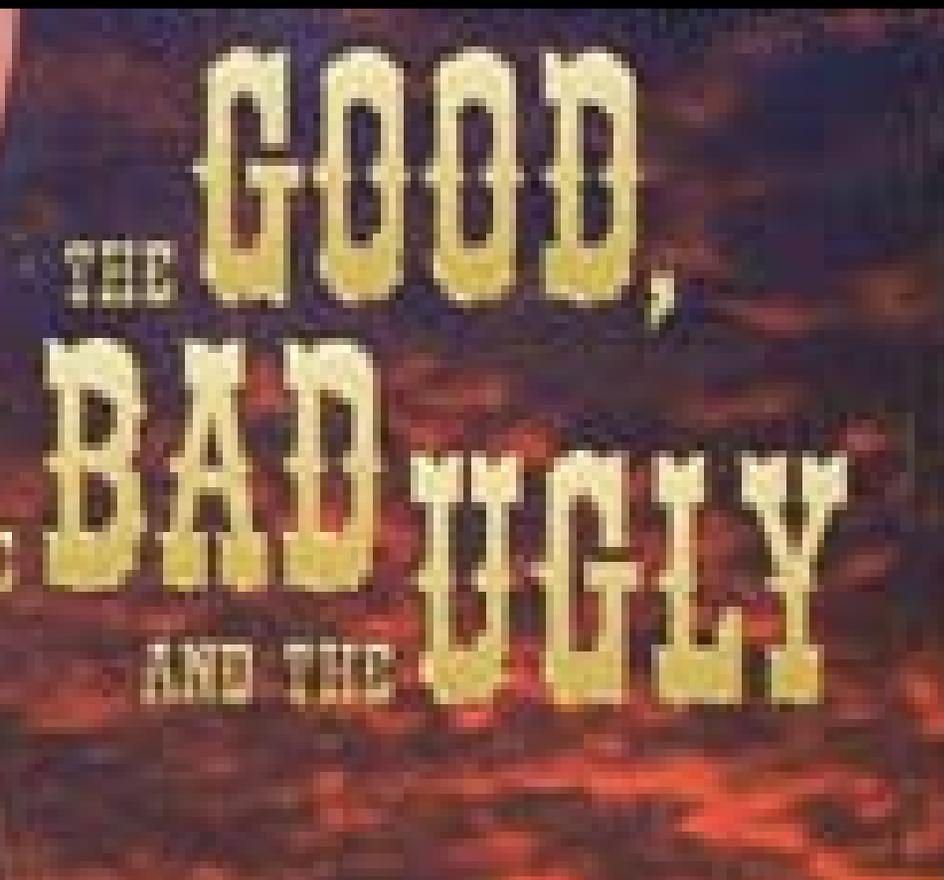
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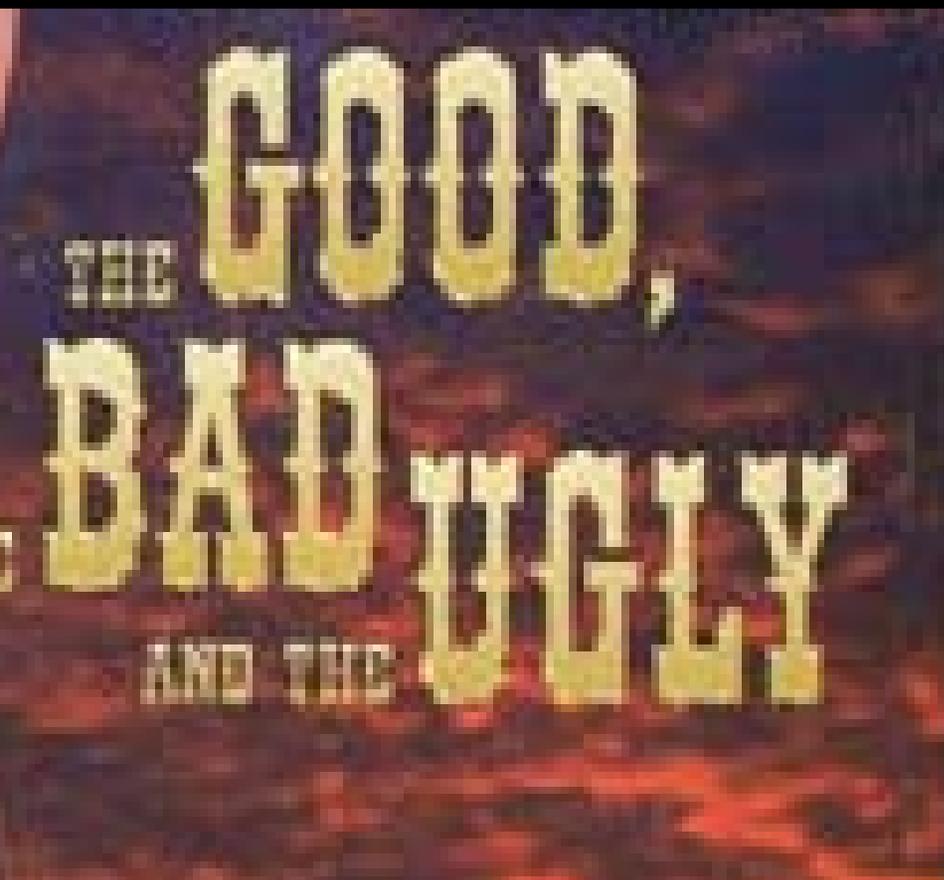
The “Conversion”



During the sermon, “I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins and saved me.”



Wesley's desire
and God's
assurances are
touching and
inspirational



Wesley's over-reliance on feelings is troubling

Points for Home

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**DON'T PACK
UP, WE'RE
NOT DONE!**

Points for Home

- We have righteousness from God by faith, not works

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“but now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Christ” Rom.

3:21-22

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“When the owners realized their hope of
making money was gone”

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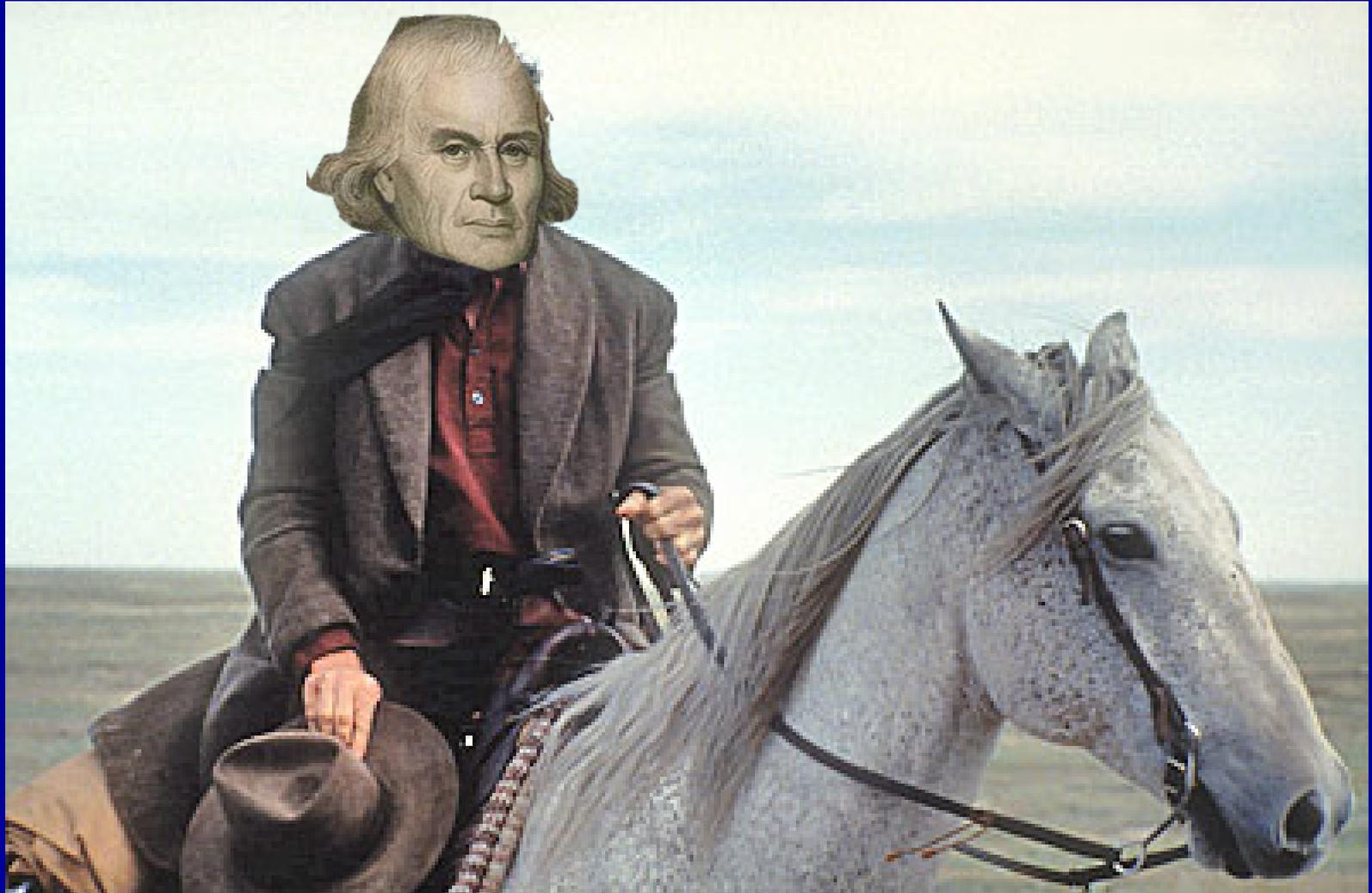
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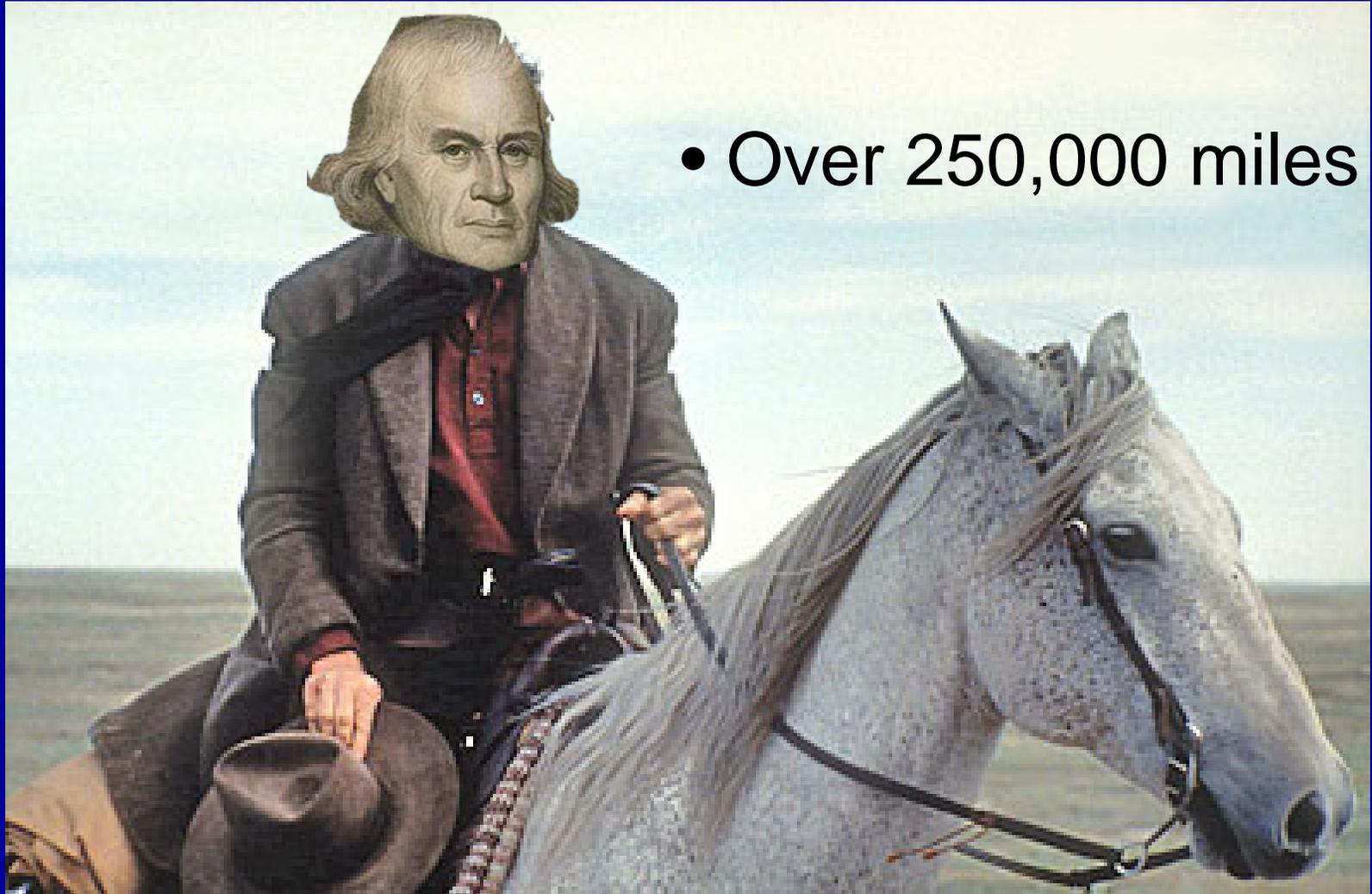
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“This is how we *know* what love is ... This then is how we *know* that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts...” 1 Jn 3:16-20

Wesley - Circuit Rider Evangelist

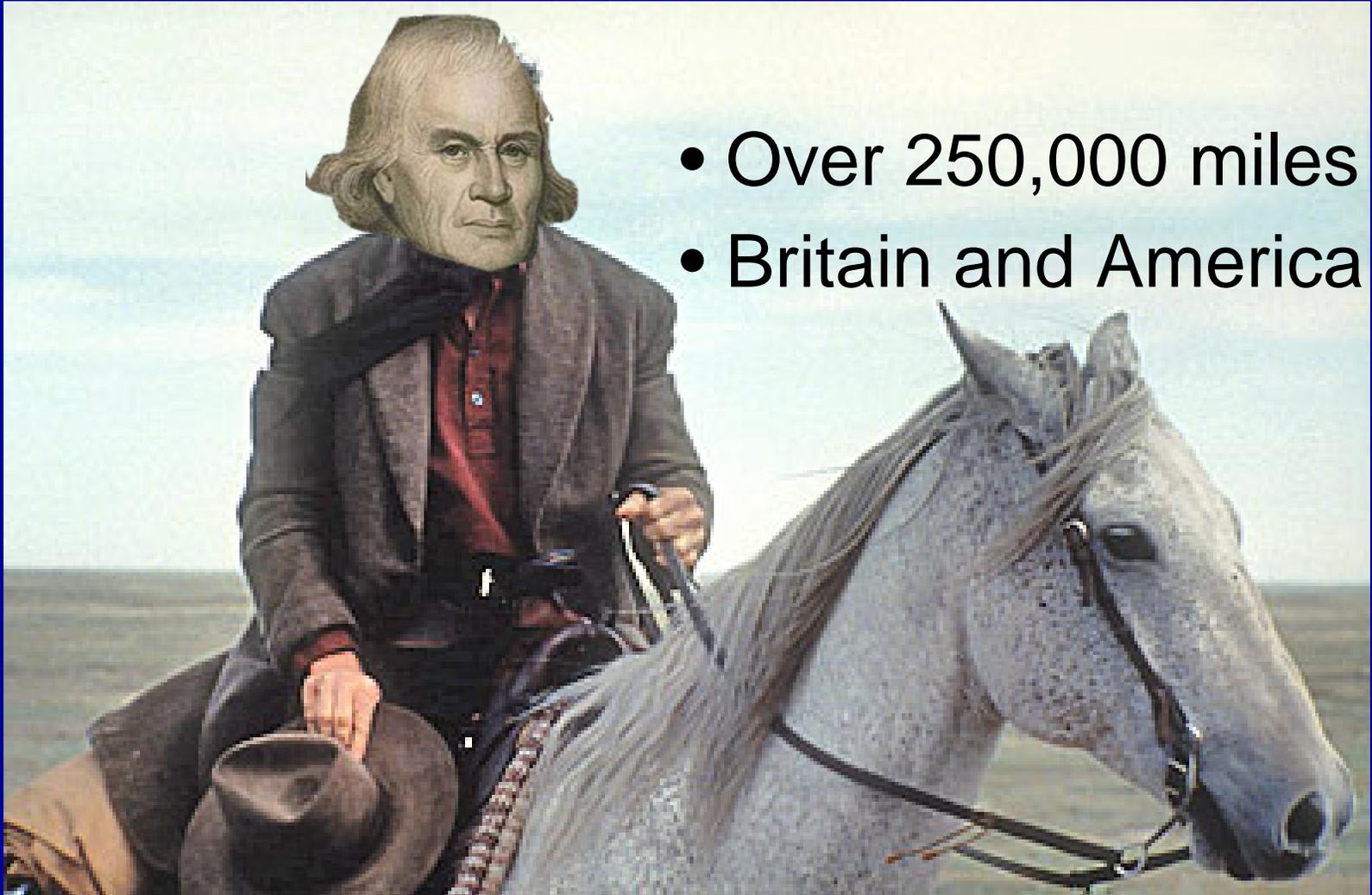


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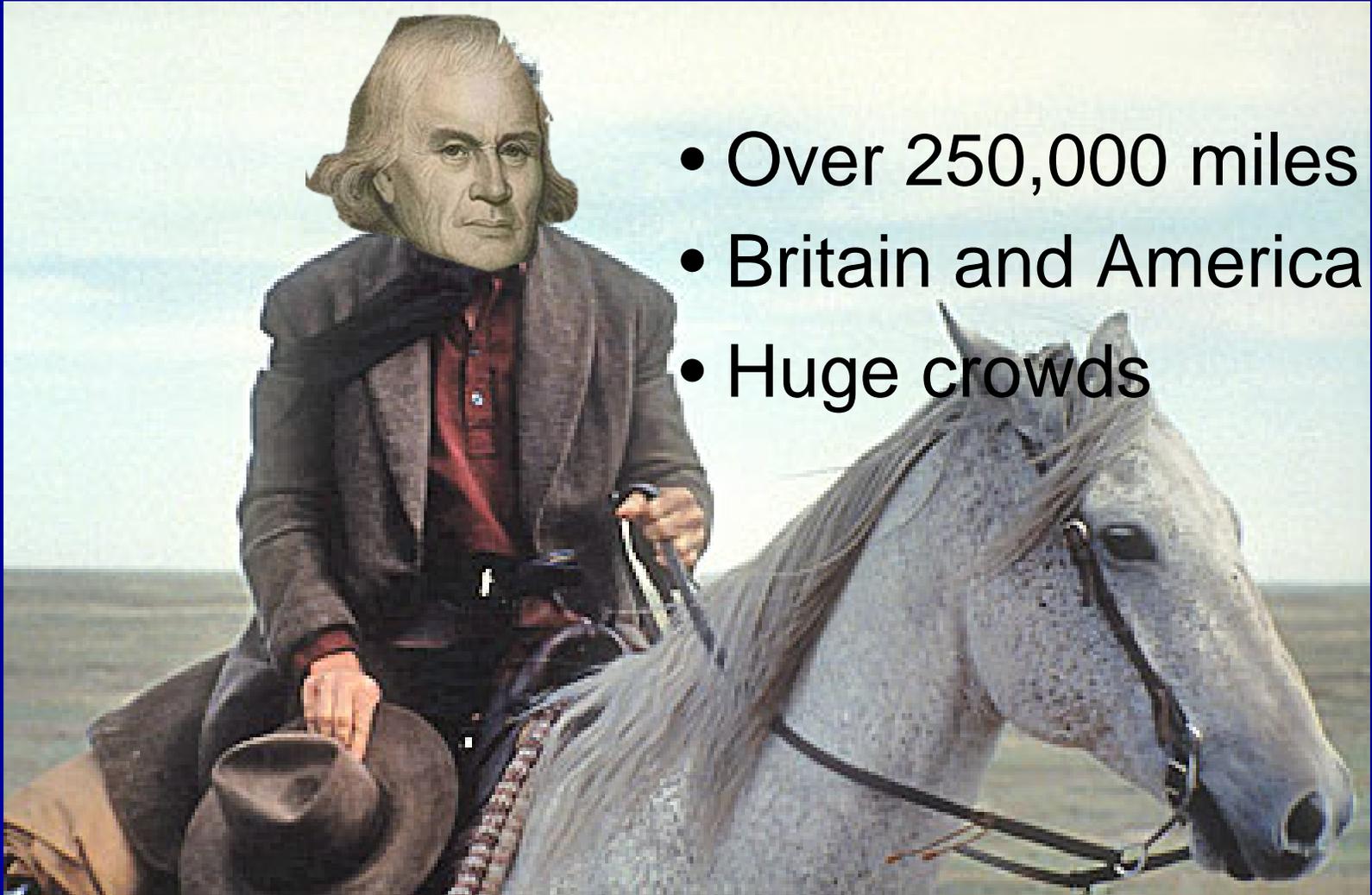
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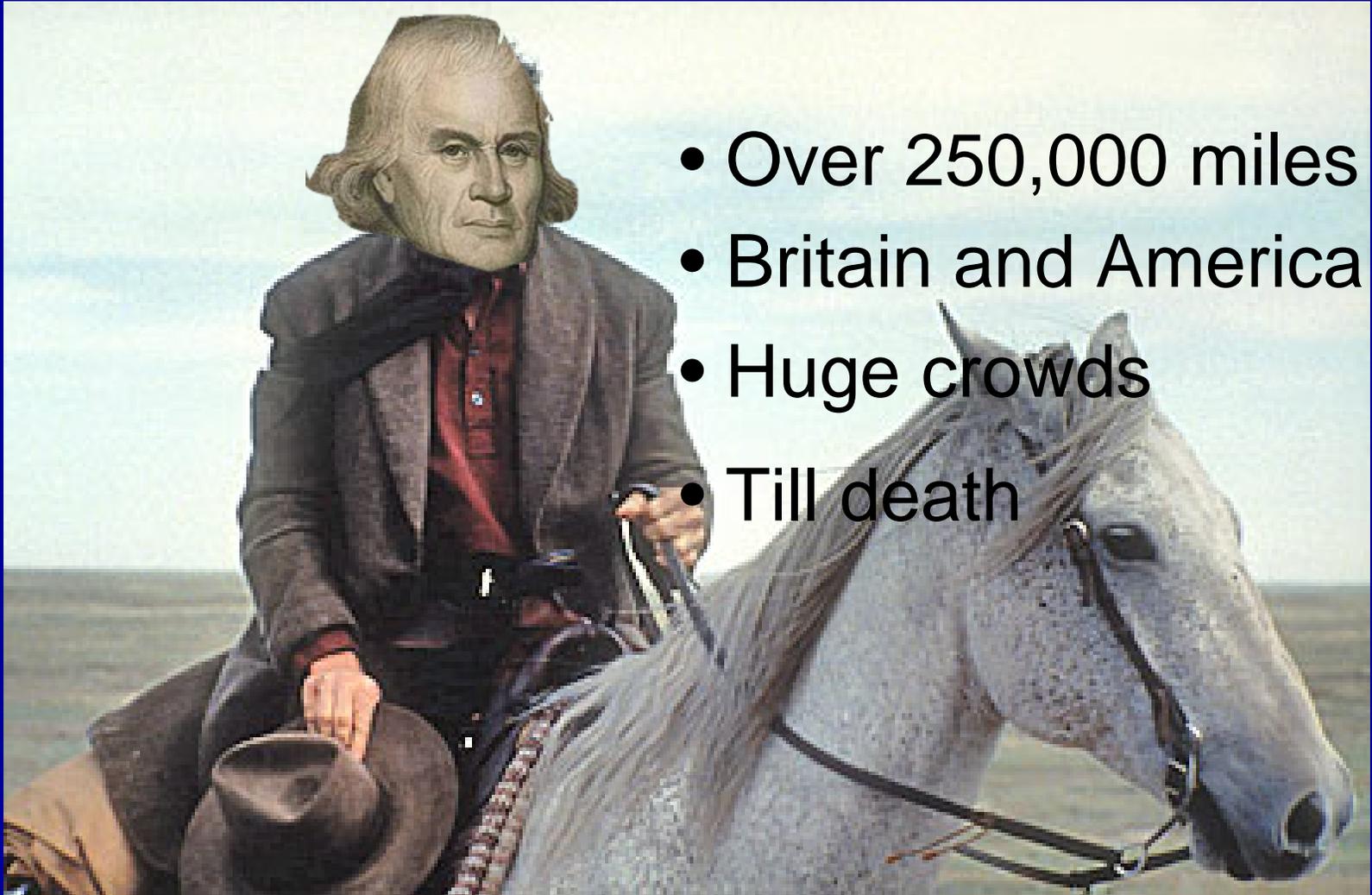
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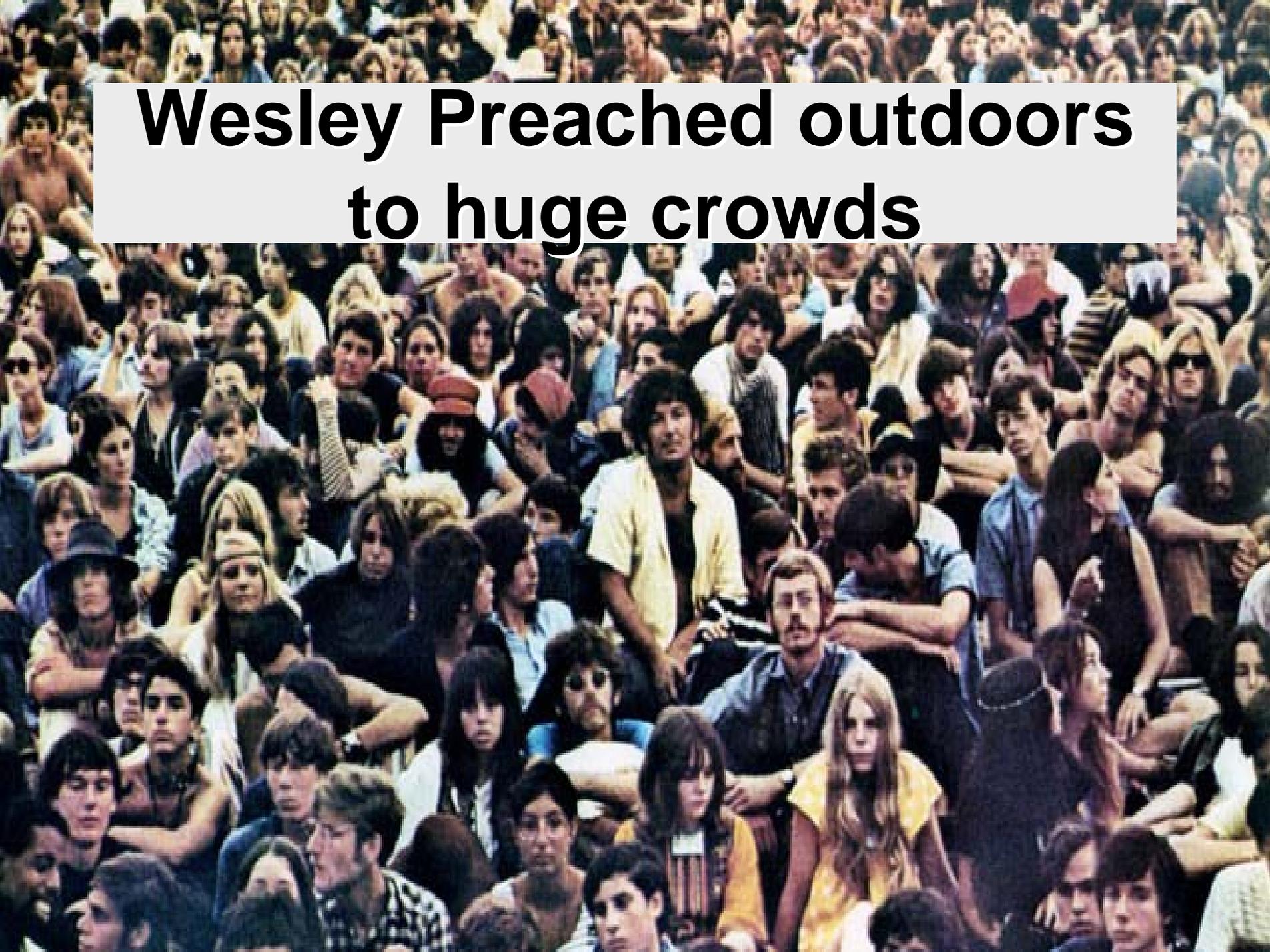


- Over 250,000 miles
- Britain and America
- Huge crowds

Wesley - Circuit Rider Evangelist



- Over 250,000 miles
- Britain and America
- Huge crowds
- Till death

A large, dense crowd of people, likely a church service, with a text overlay. The crowd is composed of many individuals of various ages and ethnicities, all looking towards the camera. The text overlay is a white rectangular box with black text that reads "Wesley Preached outdoors to huge crowds".

**Wesley Preached outdoors
to huge crowds**

Wesley preached
through
persecution



Wesley preached through persecution

- He preached to the outcasts/lower class



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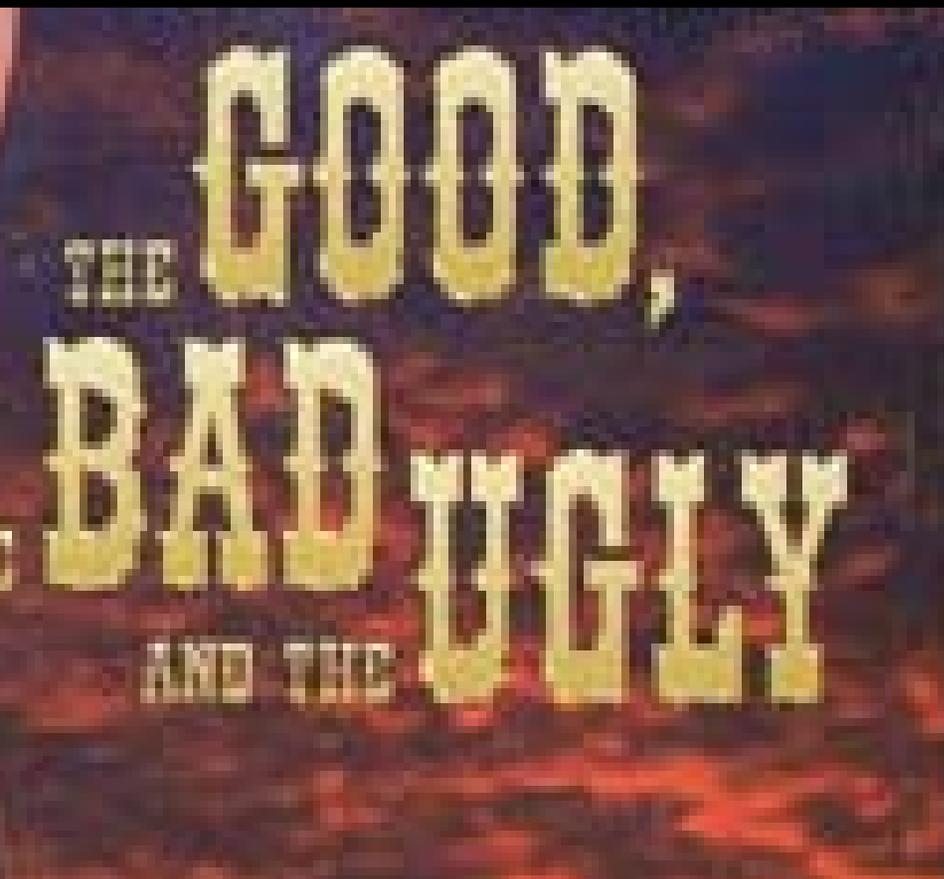
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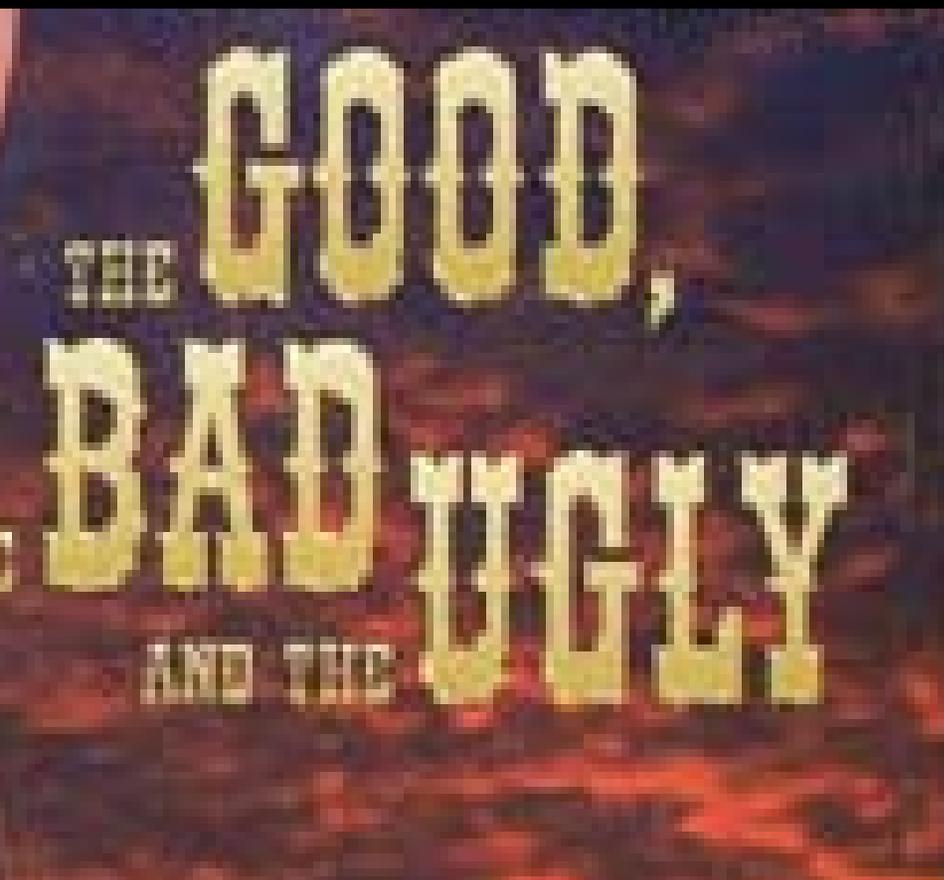


- He preached to the outcasts/lower class
- He preached on holiness
- He preached with charismatic effect

THE GOOD,
BAD UGLY
AND THE UGLY



Wesley on
slavery...



Wesley on
slavery...

Wesley on
perfectionism...

Points for Home

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- Strive for holiness ...

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- But live by faith from first to last

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In the death of Christ, “a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last” (Rom. 1:17)

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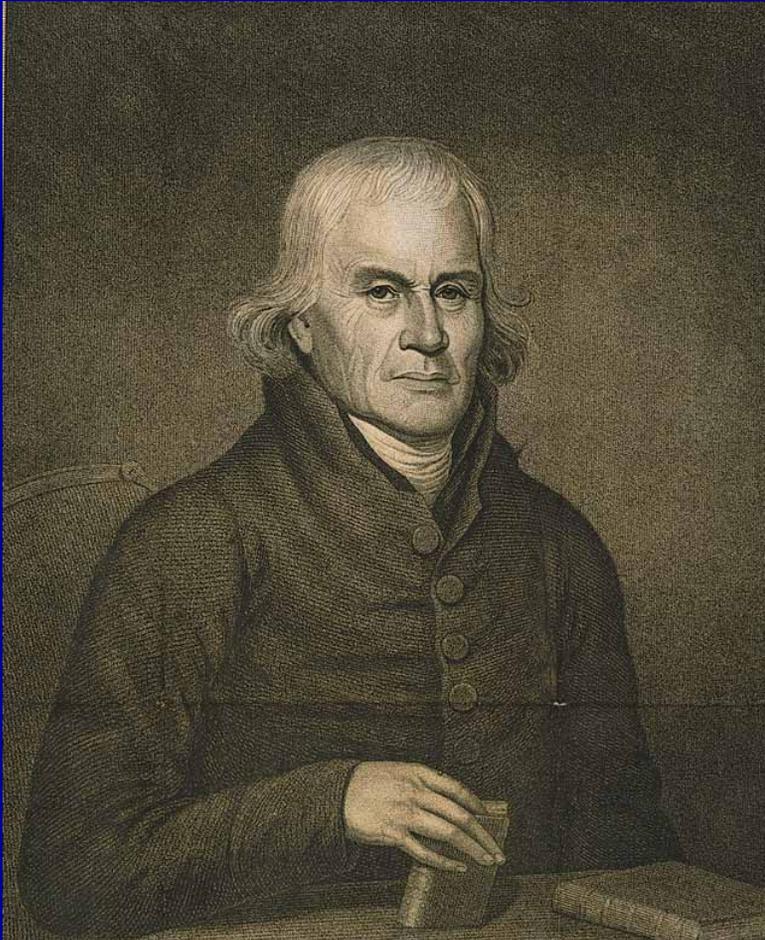
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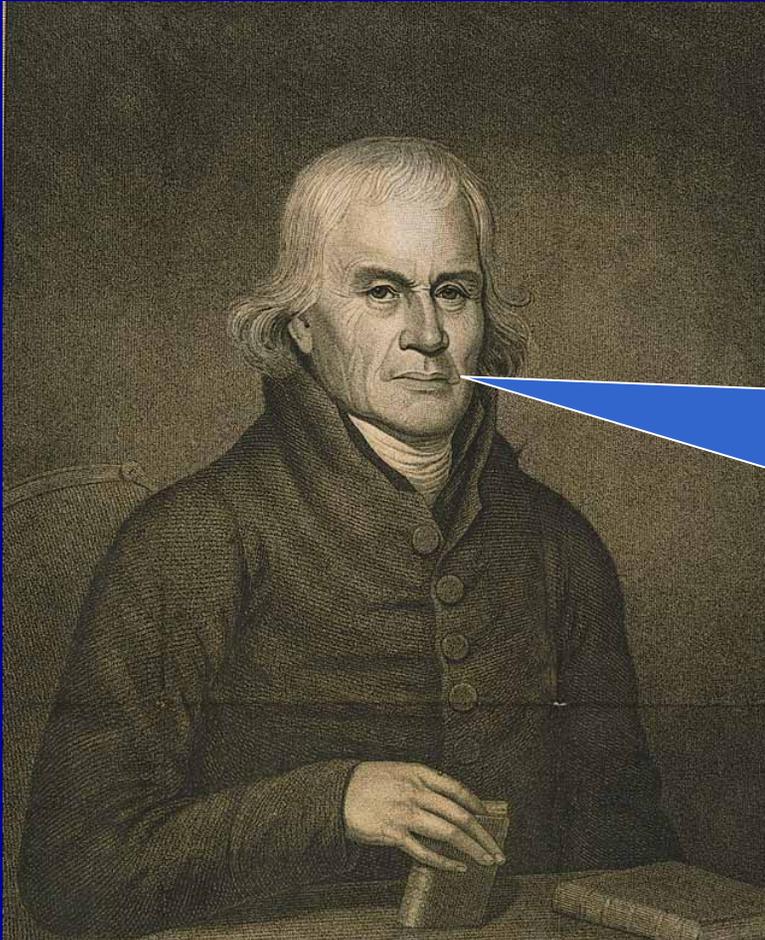
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We “were blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ”
(Eph 1:3)

Wesley on money

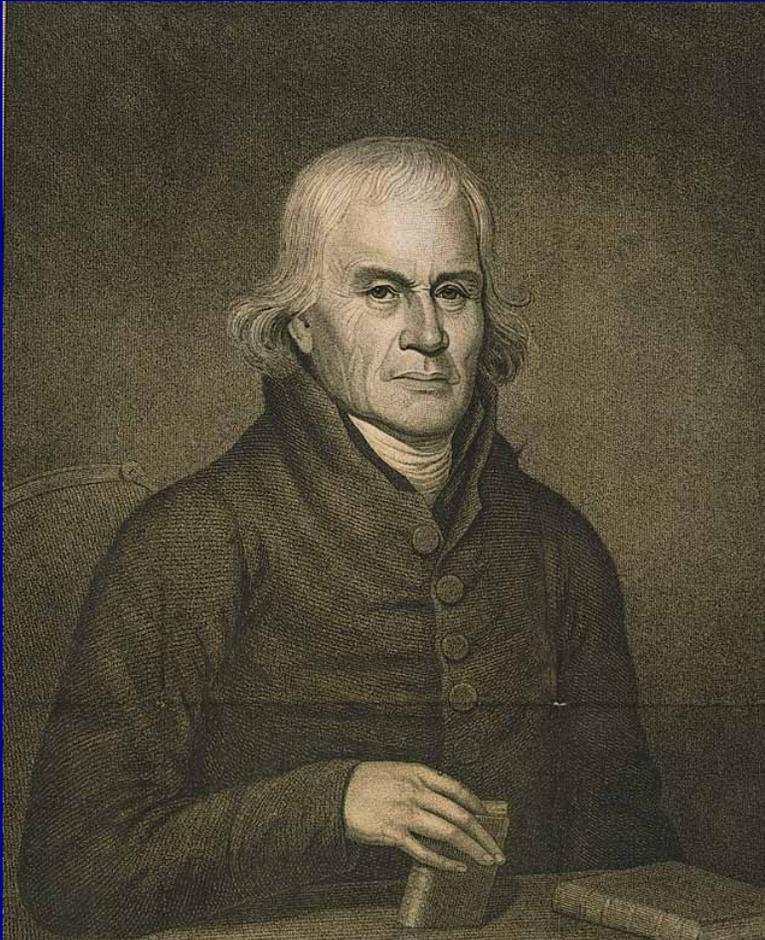


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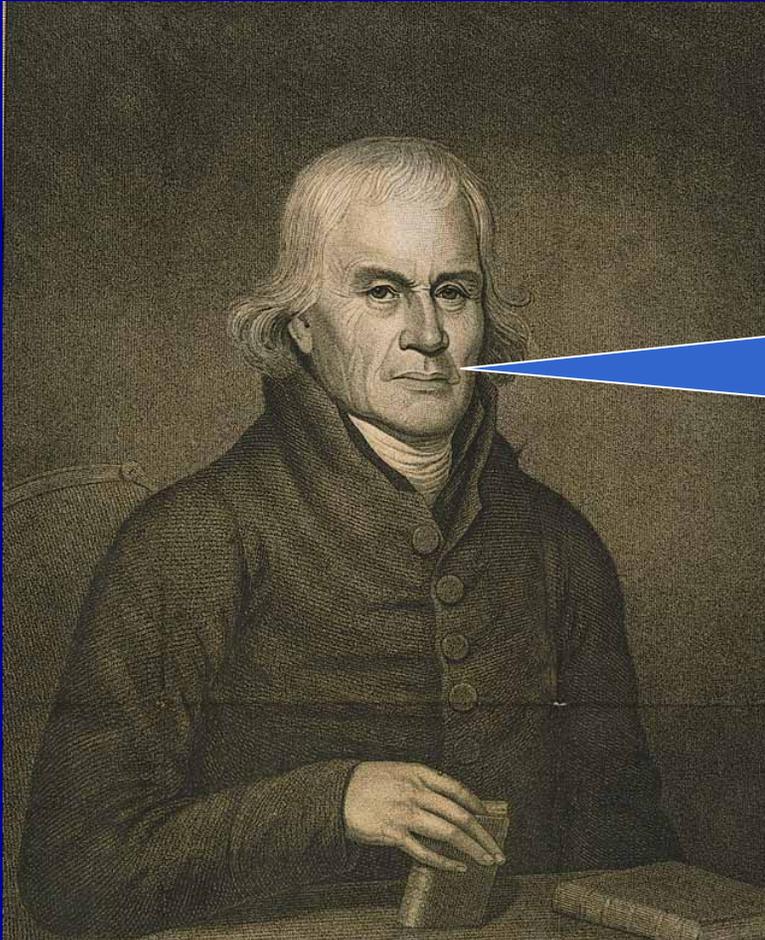


“Make all you can, save
all you can, give all you
can!”

Wesley on divine guidance



Wesley on divine guidance



God works where
humans stop working

Next week: Wesley and the
Methodist Church