

# Supernatural History of America

Session 3

True Conversion

# Proverbs 19

<sup>5</sup> A false witness will not escape punishment,

and one who breathes lies will not go free.

<sup>6</sup> Many try to win the favor of a generous person,

and everyone is a friend to someone who gives gifts.



# God's Purpose for America

- Spread the Gospel
- Return the Jews to Israel
- Prove that man is not perfectible

# Great Awakenings

- First: 1731–1755
- Second: 1790–1840
- Third: 1850–1900
- Fourth: 1960–1980

# Second Great Awakening

- Protestant denominations grew
- Other religious groups founded
- Social reforms change America

# Growth of Protestant Churches

- Methodist circuit riders
- Local Baptist preachers
- Women and young people converted in greater numbers

# Other Religious Groups

1830-1860

- Adventism—Millerites, Seventh-Day Adventists
- Holiness movement
- Restoration movement—Mormons, Shakers
- Utopianism—Onieda, Amana
- Transcendentalism, New Thought

# Social Reform

- Abolition
- Temperance
- Women's rights

# Williams College

- 1793 Williams College founded in Williamstown, Massachusetts
- Currently #1 private liberal arts college in America

# Haystack Prayer Meeting

- 1806 First documented meeting to begin foreign missionary work
- 1812 first missionaries sent to India
- 1816 American Bible Society founded
- More than 1250 missionaries sent out in first 50 years
- After 150 years, 5000 sent to 34 fields

# Haystack Prayer Meeting

- August 1806 Five Williams College students met in a grove of trees to discuss missionary work
- Thunderstorm forces them to take shelter under a haystack

# Manifest Destiny

- Expansion of America to the Pacific
- Spread of the Gospel to the Frontier
- Protestant, evangelical

# A True Conversion

- Repentance
- Spiritual rebirth
- Evidence of sanctification

# Sam Houston

1793-1863



# Sam Houston

- 1793 born in Virginia
- 1807 Moved to Tennessee after father died
- 1809 ran away to live with Cherokee
- 1814 wounded at Horseshoe Bend

# Sam Houston

- 1822 elected to Congress from Tennessee, a supporter of Jackson
- 1827 elected Governor of Tennessee
- 1829 left Tennessee in disgrace

# Sam Houston

- Became an alcoholic while living with the Cherokee
- 1832 represented Cherokee in Washington D.C.
- Found guilty of beating Congressman Stanbery, defended by Francis Scott Key

# Sam Houston

- 1832 Cherokee wife stayed in Kansas while Houston went to Texas
- 1836 defeated Santa Anna at Battle of San Jacinto
- Taken to New Orleans for medical treatment

# Sam Houston

- 1841 President of Texas
- 1846 Senator of Texas
- 1859 Governor of Texas

- An ardent Baptist
- Age 17 when she vowed to meet Houston as she saw him on the wharf in New Orleans
- Age 21 when they married
- He never drank again



**Margaret Houston**

# Sam Houston

- 1833 became Catholic in order to own property in Texas
- 1840 married Margaret Moffette Lea who convinced him to stop drinking
- 1854 Houston befriended Rev. G. W. Baines and becomes a Baptist

# Sam Houston's Tomb

A Brave Soldier. A Fearless  
Statesman.

A Great Orator—A Pure Patriot.

A Faithful Friend, A Loyal Citizen.

A Devoted Husband and Father.

A Consistent Christian—An  
Honest Man.

A True Convert is a biblical  
Christian, Not just a Cultural  
Christian

# A True Convert

**Joshua 24:15 (KJV)**

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, **choose you this day** whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

# Are We Ready?

- Planned Parenthood
- Definition of Marriage
- Definition of Gender
- Domestic Islamic Terrorism
- Influx of Immigrants

# A Time to Choose

## 2 Corinthians 6:16-18 (KJV)

**16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

# Children

## Leviticus 20 (KJV)

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,  
**2** Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

# Children

**Matthew 18:5-7 (KJV)**

**5** And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

**6** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

**7** Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

# Marriage

## Mark 10 (KJV)

**6** But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

**7** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

**8** And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

# Gender

## **Deuteronomy 22:5 (ESV)**

“A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

# The Call

- **2 Corinthians 6 (KJV)**

**17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

- **1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)**

**15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be ready to give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;