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## HTH355 The Life and Theology of Jonathan Edwards Syllabus Highlights

*But my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations*  
—Isaiah 51:8b

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### Course Description

This course surveys the life, times, and thought of Jonathan Edwards, with an emphasis on reading a selection of his most important works.

### Learning Outcomes

1. To know the major events of Jonathan Edwards's life and of the times in which he lived.
2. To know the major writings and key ideas of Jonathan Edwards.
3. To appreciate Edwards as communicator, conveying truth with beauty.
4. To see Edwards as a model of pursuing philosophy and theology in order to understand and faithfully proclaim the Bible and worship God in all of life.

### Textbooks

1. Jonathan Edwards, *A History of the Work of Redemption* (Banner of Truth Trust, 2003).
2. Jonathan Edwards, "Miscellanies," fifty entries of your choice; found at [yale.edwards.edu](http://yale.edwards.edu).
3. Jonathan Edwards, Sermons: "God Glorified in the Work of Redemption," "Heaven Is a World of Love," "Importance and Advantage of a Thorough Knowledge of Divine Truth," "The Most High, a Prayer-Hearing God."
4. Jonathan Edwards, Stockbridge Materials, will be given in class.
5. Iain Murray, *Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography* (Banner of Truth Trust, 1987).
6. Stephen J. Nichols, *Jonathan Edwards: A Guided Tour* (P&R, 2001).
7. John E. Smith, Harry S. Stout, and Kenneth Minkema, eds., *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* (Yale University Press, 1995).

### Course Requirements

1. Attend class and complete all reading.
2. Write a three-page review of Murray.
3. Start a "Miscellanies" notebook.
4. Complete a five-page sermon project.
5. Write a ten-page paper covering one of the following decades of Edwards: 1720s, 1730s, 1740s, or 1750s.

\*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A full syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.