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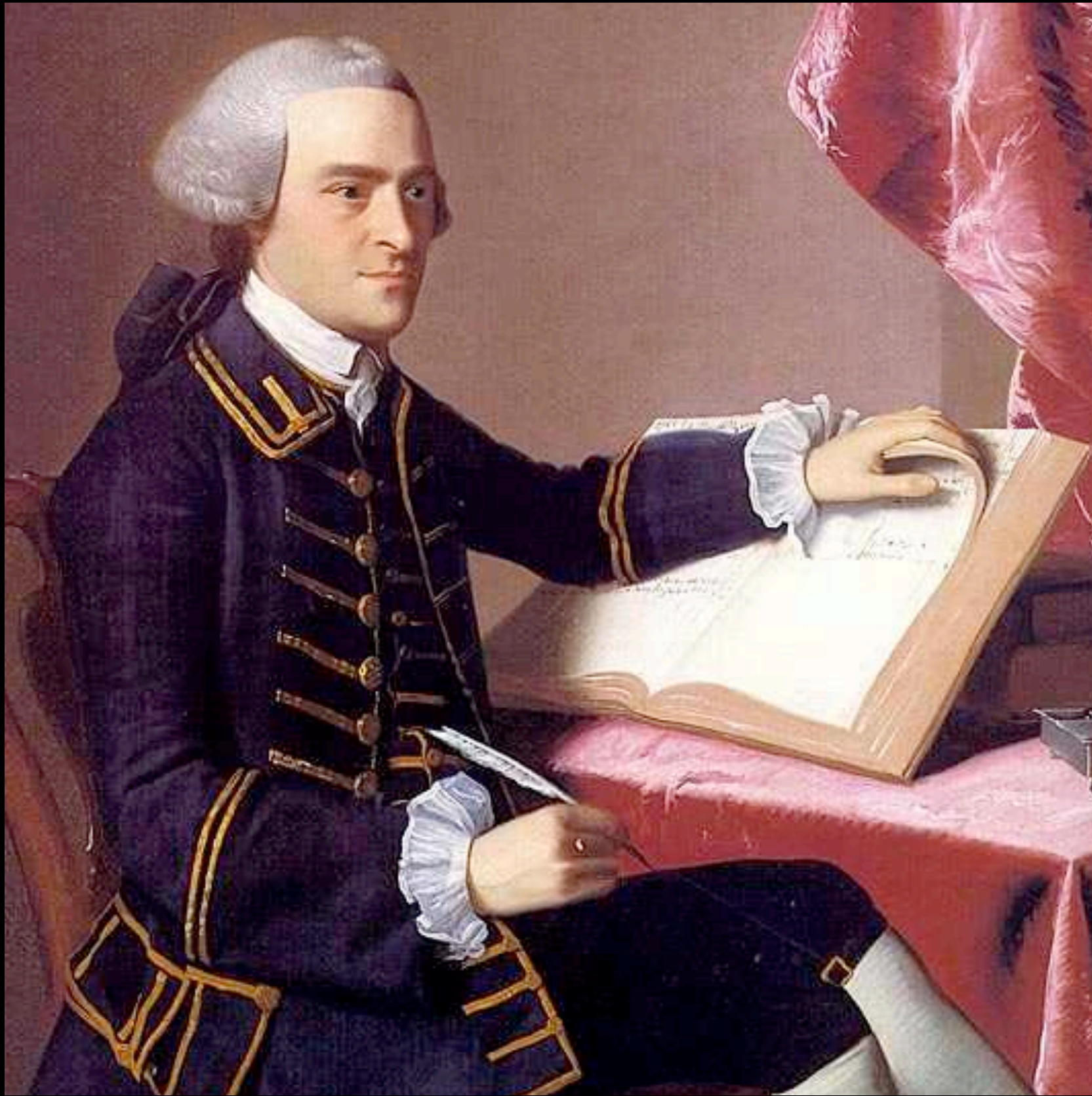
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## **The Influence of the Bible on the Founding Fathers**

- 1. 1983-Dr. Donald Lutz, University of Houston. Ten-year project analyzed over 15,000 political documents from 1760–1805; 3,154 citations evaluated.**
- 2. The most often quoted source for political ideas was the Bible, mostly the Old Testament, over 1/3rd of all direct quotes.**
- 3. The next most quoted source is quoted 1/4th as frequently, John Locke.**
- 4. Another 60% of all references came from authors whose original source goes back to the Bible.**





A close-up of the handwritten signature of John Hancock in cursive script on aged paper. The signature is written in dark ink and is highly stylized, with long, sweeping flourishes.

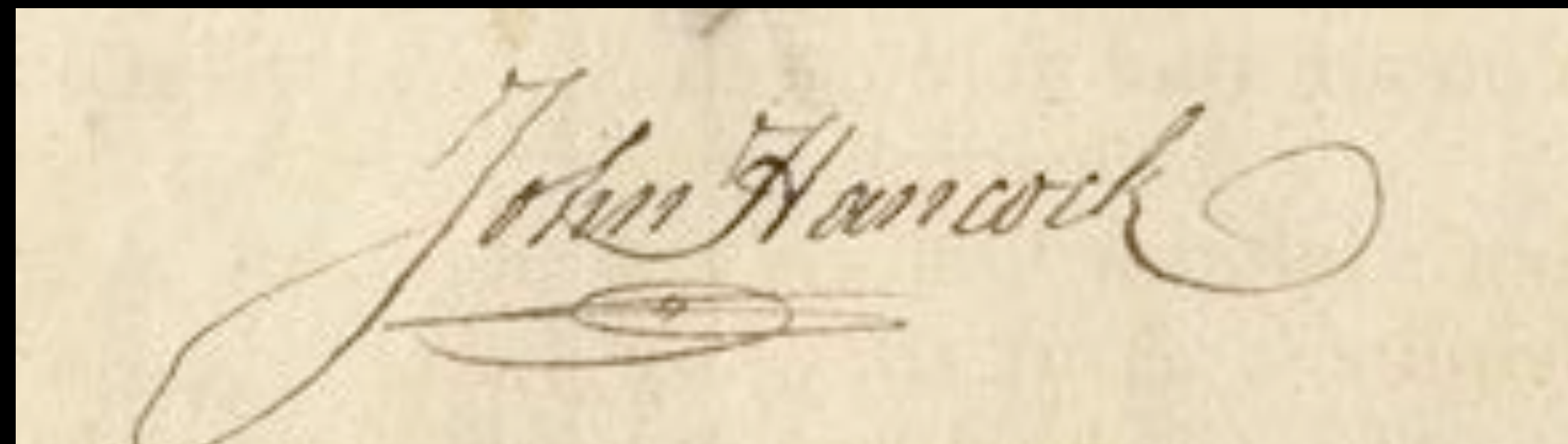
**1737–1793**

- **Father and Grandfather were both pastors (Grandfather, at Lexington)**
- **President of the First Continental Congress**
- **Served as governor of Mass.**  
**Prayer Proclamation, Oct. 15, 1791**  
**“And pray especially that universal happiness can be established in the world, and that all may bow to the scepter of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that the whole earth will be filled with His glory.”**



## Last Will and Testament:

“I, John Hancock, . . . being advanced in years and being of perfect mind and memory—thanks be given to God—therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die [Hebrews 9:27], do make and ordain this my last will and testament . . . Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it: and my body I recommend to the earth . . . nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mercy and power of God . . .”

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Hancock". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, aged piece of paper. The name "John Hancock" is written in a large, flowing cursive hand, with a decorative flourish at the end of the word "Hancock".

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**Psa. 146:10, “The LORD shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!”**

# **The Call to Believer's to Praise *YHWH*, the Covenant God of Israel Who Alone is Faithful.**

- **He is our only true helper, our *ezer*;**
- **He is our only hope;**
- **He is the Creator of the heavens and the Earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Exodus 20:11A;**
- **He executes justice for the oppressed;**
- **He gives food to the hungry;**
- **He opens the eyes of the blind;**
- **He lifts up those who are oppressed;**
- **He loves the righteous;**
- **He watches over the strangers.**



**Psa. 146:7, “Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.**

**Psa. 146:8, “The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.**

**Psa. 146:9, “The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.”**



**Isa. 26:19, “Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”**

**Isa. 35:5, “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.**

**Isa. 35:6, “Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.”**



**Psa. 146:3, “Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.”**

**תְּשׁוּעָה *teshu'ah***

**comm fem sing**

**abs**

**salvation,**

**deliverance**



**Psa. 146:4, “His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.”**



**Psa. 146:5, “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God,”**

**אַשְׁרֵי *ashre***  
**blessed, happy in the**  
**sense of inner**  
**tranquility, inner joy**

**עֵזֶר-1 *ezer-1 comm masc***  
**sing constr**  
**help, assistance**

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**Isa. 26:3, “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.**

**Isa. 26:4, “Trust in the LORD forever, for in *YAH*, the LORD, is everlasting strength.”**