

JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES

My response to a Facebook inquiry.

Facebook message/inquiry received on 26th March 2020

Hello Cecil,

Recently a couple of my friends have given a glowing report of messages by **Jimmy Swaggart**. I have never actually listened to one of his sermons as I am personally more inclined towards Henry Mahan, Don Fortner, Albert Martin etc etc.

I would however be interested to know what **Swaggart's** doctrinal position actually is and would value any information you may have.

Thanks in advance, yours in Christ,

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My response posted on Facebook 27th March 2020

Hello xxxxx,

Good to hear from you and thank you for what you wrote. The very public 'fall' of **JIMMY SWAGGART** occurred in 1987/1988 just 3-4 years after my own conversion so it was quite a shock to a then young-in-the faith person like myself, particularly as I had been moving mostly in Pentecostal/Charismatic circles in those early years.

I think **THE** important issue for your friends who 'have given a glowing report of messages by Jimmy Swaggart' to consider is this – should he actually be heading up/fronting a public ministry called '**JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES**'. If the answer to that question is '**NO**' then that should be the end of the story as far as paying any heed to his 'messages'.

I want to give you links to two published reactions as to what happened to **JIMMY SWAGGART**. One dates back to the time it actually happened and is by Pastor John MacArthur and it is the text of a message he gave to students at The Master's College. I would in particular direct your attention to his third point although the whole message is worth taking the time to read. This is the link to it –

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-47/lessons-to-learn-from-the-fall-of-jimmy-swaggart>

The second message is of much more recent vintage (2018) and focuses on the influence of the revived 'ministry' particularly as it is televised through the ministry's SBN (Sonlife Broadcasting Network). It also gives insight into the 'doctrinal' position of **JIMMY SWAGGART** which is for the most part traditional Pentecostal with a hint of 'prosperity' mixed in. This is the link to it –

<https://excatholic4christ.wordpress.com/2018/08/14/the-improbable-return-of-jimmy-swaggart/>

Then this additional link gives a helpful overview of how the 'ministry' was, if you like resurrected – it is generally sympathetic but I believe overly-so and fails to highlight the reality that there shouldn't today be a **JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES**. This is the link

<https://www.businessreport.com/business/rev-jimmy-swaggarts-sonlife-broadcasting-network-breathed-new-life-dying-ministry>]]

Hope these thoughts are helpful xxxxx.

God bless

Cecil

