

April 20, 2025

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Randell Koon

Song Leader

John Hopper

Scripture Reading

Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford ( A.M.)

Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.)

Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (04/23/25)

OUR RECORD

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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

I BELIEVE IN GOD BECAUSE...

Mark Lindley

In an age of unbelief Christians need to be “ready to give an answer” for their convictions (cf. I Peter 3:15). If someone were to ask you why you believe in God, how would you respond? Here are a few reasonable replies:

**1. I believe in God because I don’t want to be foolish.** Scripture says, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God” (Psalm 14:1). There are some who reject all evidence for God’s existence and choose unbelief because they do not want to live by God’s standards (Romans 1:28). How foolish! The God they deny they will one day meet in Judgement.

**2. I believe in God because something did not come from nothing.** I know there was never a time when there was nothing, because something always comes from something. If there was ever a time when there was no earth, universe, air, water, life of any kind, mountains, plants—in other words, absolutely nothing!—then there would be nothing today. *Nothing* produces *nothing* but *nothingness*. Therefore, something has always been. It is a fact that the universe had a beginning. But since there has always been something or Someone, who or what *caused* the universe? Was the cause intelligent or non-intelligent? Was the cause living or dead? Was the cause finite or infinite? Is it more reasonable to believe that something (or Someone) with intelligence, possessing life, and having infinite power caused the universe and all things contained therein, or that nothing caused it? Scripture says, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). “For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9).

**I believe in God because design demands a designer.** There are some unbelievers who concede the point that the universe “appears” to be designed. We say it “appears” to be designed because it is! A watch demands a watch-maker. A law demands a law-giver. A poem demands a poet. And a house demands a house-builder. By that same principle of logic: “For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God” (Hebrews 3:4). Why is the sun 93 million miles from the earth? Why is the moon 240,000 miles from the earth? Why is the earth tilted on its axis at 23.5 degrees? Answer: Because without these conditions, life would not be possible on earth? The unbeliever says, “Wow! Aren’t we lucky that all this happened by accident?” The Christian says, “Aren’t we blessed to have a heavenly Father who designed this wonderful creation for us to enjoy.” Thanks be to God for all the blessings He gives! (Jas.1:17).

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins(Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

# A LETTER FROM THE JW

James Pilgrim

The writer received a letter and a brochure from a member of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, dated March 3, 2025, although he did not receive it until early April. The sender asked, “Do you think it is possible that people could ever enjoy life forever in peace right here on earth?” He then wrote, “Notice what the Bible assures us at Psalm 37:29: ‘The righteous will possess the earth, and they will live forever on it.’” He adds, “...this is a guarantee we can depend on.”

This writer appreciates each and every one who seeks to teach the gospel (Mark 16:15) to a lost and dying world. (Romans 3:23; 6:23). However, the writer has found many masters (Greek, didaskios, doctor, master, teacher, Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page, 662), who ought not to be teachers, “knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.” (James 3:1). Their own so-called translation, The “New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (Revised 1970 C.E.)” has the same warning, changing “greater condemnation to “heavier judgment.” Peter prophesied that there would be “false teachers.” (2 Peter 2:1). Jesus, in His sermon on the mountain taught that some were already teaching false doctrines (Matthew 5:1, 31, 32; 7:15-20. Paul wrote of some who were “children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” (Ephesians 4:14). They were then taught to speak “the truth in love.” (Verse 15). Paul named three false teachers, telling what they did, blasphemed, and what he did to them, delivered them to Satan, and why, their false teachings would eat like a canker? (1 Timothy 1:20; 2 Timothy 2:17).

If without an attempt to correct the error of his teachings, Mr. Joseph M. Bosiwitz’s, false teachings will continue uninterrupted, and will cause others to blaspheme (speak against) the Lord’s word, and overthrow Jesus’ true teachings, eating as does a canker.

Psalm 37 is a **NOT** a discussion of this world at the end of time. God is telling His people that they are going to be released from captivity, and they will dwell in their own land again. They were to “fret not”(get heated) because of evil doers, but “trust in the Lord,” “Delight in him,” “Commit thy way unto the Lord,” “Rest in the Lord,” “Cease from anger,” “Depart from evil, and do good,” “Wait on the Lord, and keep his way,” “and “Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright...” (Psalm37:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 27, 34, 37).

What will happen at the end of the world? It will be destroyed by fire. (Matthew 24:1-3; 2 Peter 3:10). God will judge the quick (living) and dead (2 Timothy4:1) at the end when Jesus delivers the kingdom up to Him (1 Corinthians 15:24) and God begins His everlasting kingdom (2 Peter 1:11), judging the world by Jesus, and welcoming the saved by Jesus into the eternal Kingdom. (Matthew 25:31-46). Eternal salvation will be in heaven, not upon the earth.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

**Romans 8:28**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Thanks to all that helped make our 2025 Spring Bring great. Thanks to everyone who invited and prepared food. Great job!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 15-18

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2 PM Evening Service  
(VBS after Evening Service)  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth Cissom.

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

### ❖EXPECTING MOTHERS

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Pat Shackelford, Mike Stroupe, Juan Stroupe

❖**TEST:** Steve Waldon

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister, Wilma Wood, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Cindy Moffitt, Nadine Hurt, Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz

❖**SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Joe Clark **Dogwood Plantation:** Joy Simmons

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