

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

Song: **177** – *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Song: **270** – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

First prayer: **Jeremy Thomas**

Song: **728** – *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Communion servers: **Mernie Ray** & **Mark Brandt**

Prayer for giving: **Brian Zumalt**

Song: **562** – *Stepping in the Light*

Sermon: “Ways to be Wise (part 1)” – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **456** – *There’s a Fountain Free*

Closing song: **688** – *On Jordan’s Stormy Bank*

Closing prayer: **David Ray**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jason Jaworsky (Shane’s stepdad) – stroke recovery
- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Scott Esk – cancer
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood) – stroke recovery
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David, Mattie

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 14 AM Worship – 17 Sun PM – 14 DBR – 9 Wed (3/12) – 11

Contribution – \$1451

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Sunday Bible class: 9am **Worship** 10am & 12:30pm **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

Matthew 9:37-38 “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

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WHY I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

1. I sure do not want the alternative.
2. I do not want to disappoint the Lord, who died so heaven might be my home.
3. I can live a better life on earth and please my Lord.
4. Because I do not want to encourage the devil!
5. For the sake of my influence now.
6. There will be no evil there—no sin or temptation!
7. To be with God and Christ and all faithful Christians.
8. To meet spiritual family members I have only read and heard of.
9. For the beauty and splendor to be found there.
10. To reach my goal and fulfill my hope.
11. Because there will be no suffering, darkness, or despair.
12. It will be a place of joy, peace, happiness, and eternal bliss.
13. Because there will be no war or hatred to surround us.
14. To continue the sweet fellowship Christians have on earth.
15. So I can praise God in person forever.
16. To express my gratitude to God face to face.
17. Because it will mean that I lived faithfully.
18. To live with God—what could be better?

Mike Demory

WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST?

Dispensationalism, which is currently the most popular form of premillennialism, has much to say these days about the antichrist. According to dispensational theologians, the “antichrist” is a man, now living, who will soon rise to the position of a worldwide dictator. In his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth* (Zondervan 1970), Hal Lindsey asserts that the antichrist, whom he styles “The Future Fuehrer,” will “come to power just before the return of Christ” (140) and, as Lindsey further says, “we believe that according to all the signs, we are in the general time of his coming” (133). Numerous other books, as well as cultic movies, have similarly suggested that a fierce individual, identified in the Bible as “the antichrist,” is soon to make his dreadful presence universally felt by launching a program of terror and suffering.

Such a view finds absolutely no support in the Bible. *Antikristos* is found five times in four New Testament passages—all in John’s epistles (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 7). In his chapter on the antichrist, it is quite significant that Lindsey *never once alludes to these verses* (87-102)! And the reason is apparent; the Biblical information simply does not fit his theory. Note:

(1) There is not one specific person denominated “the antichrist”; instead, John plainly says that “many antichrists” have arisen (1 John 2:18; cf. 2 John 7).

(2) The Bible does not affirm that the antichrist is some sinister, prophetic individual *who is to appear in the 1980s*. There were antichrists in the first century. “Even now,” the apostle writes, “have there arisen **many** antichrists” (1 John 2:18; 4:3).

A careful analysis of John’s usage of this term reveals that “antichrist” is a general word employed to suggest a spirit of unbelief and rebellion that manifests in various ways in the past and present.

(1) *Atheism* is antichrist, for it denies the existence of the Father and the deity of his Son (1 John 2:22; cf. Luke 10:16).

(2) The *Docetists* of the late first century were antichrists who denied that Jesus became flesh (cf. 1 John 4:2-3).

(3) The ancient *Gnostics* were antichrists (as are their modern counterparts, the Watchtower Witnesses) in repudiating the deity of the Lord Jesus (cf. John 1:1; 20:28).

(4) The old *Sabellian* sects, together with the so-called “oneness” groups of today, are antichrist for they refuse to distinguish between “the Father **and** the Son” (1 John 2:22) as separate Persons within the Godhead.

(5) Those who have usurped the prerogatives of deity by claiming to be God or His *personal representative* are likewise antichrist. Such characters as “Father Divine,” Jim Jones of the Peoples’ Temple, and the Roman papacy fall into this category.

(6) In the final analysis, *any* person who deliberately rejects the authority of the Son of God, thus suggesting, as in the parable of the pounds, “We will not that this man [Christ] reign over us” (Luke 19:14), is of the spirit of the antichrist.

An intelligent, systematic approach to the sacred text of the Bible would demolish the sensational, near-hysterical theories of many modern-day sects. May we encourage our religious friends to this end.

Wayne Jackson

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. **HEAR THE WORD**
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
2. **BELIEVE IN JESUS**
John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **John 8:24** – “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
3. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS**
Luke 13:3 – “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” **Acts 17:30** – “And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” **2 Corinthians 7:10** – “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”
4. **CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD**
Romans 10:9-10 – “if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
5. **BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS**
Mark 16:16 – “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”; **Acts 2:38** – “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”; **Acts 22:16** – “Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”; **1 Peter 3:21** – “...baptism doth also now save us...”
6. **REMAIN FAITHFUL**
1 Corinthians 15:58 – “Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; **Colossians 1:23** – “...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard”; **Revelation 2:10** – “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”