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EVANGELISM
Training for Youth

May 1-2

with **LONNIE JONES**

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PHILIPPIANS 4:13

WE CAN



By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of Defining Bible Words

Every time we fail to define a word as God used that word in the Bible, we open the door to believing something that God simply did not teach. For example, those who redefine the word “baptism” to include sprinkling allow individuals to believe that infant baptism is what God intended. There is another word, the Hebrew word *olam*, which is often misunderstood and which leads many to wrong conclusions about what God actually taught.

The Hebrew word is often translated as “eternal,” “perpetual” and “forever.” The Jehovah Witnesses try to find proof here that, while 144,000 will enter heaven, the rest of mankind will be on the earth, for “...the earth abides forever (Hebrew word is *olam*)” (Ecc. 1:4). The Seventh Day Adventists, who want to find proof that God intended for the Sabbath to be kept even in the Christian age, find the verses which say the Sabbath was to be “a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever (*olam*)” (Ex. 31:17). The problem is that these denominations fail to understand the word *olam* (translated as “forever” in these passages above). The Hebrew word does not convey the same meaning as the English word “forever.”

How can we see that this is true? How do we show the true meaning of the Hebrew word *olam*? It is a simple pro-

cess. Just look at the other things in the Old Testament which were to abide *olam* (forever). Just let God define the word.

What things did the Old Testament describe as being *olam*? Genesis 17:13 affirms that circumcision as a religious act was to abide forever. The same is true of the Passover (Ex. 12:14-17); slavery (Ex. 21:6); the Levitical priest wearing bonnets and girdles (Ex. 29:9); the priests washing their hands and feet as a religious act (Ex. 30:21-22); the entire Levitical priesthood (Lev. 7:34-36); the blowing of trumpets on the first day of every month (Num. 10:8); the perpetual existence of the stones placed at the crossing of the Jordan (Josh. 4:7); and the amount of time Samuel would serve at the temple (1 Sam. 1:22). The word *olam* is found in every one of the verses listed in this paragraph.

One cannot be honest in selecting verses to support the eternal earth or the eternal Sabbath while denying that the other things no longer are binding. **All these things stand or fall together.**

Then, what is the meaning of *olam*? It simply affirms that those things given were intended to be long lasting with no end in sight. It was God’s assurance to Israel that His commands could be trusted by men. They were not temporary. They were established by God, and He alone would determine when they would end.

The Greek word used in the N. T. does convey the same thought as our word forever



By David Sproule

Is Your Filter Working?

Our bodies are intricately designed masterpieces, pieced together with precision by the Master Craftsman and Creator! Scientists are still, in many ways, just scratching the surface of understanding the complexity of the human body. Among the myriads of design elements to intrigue the mind are the built-in filters that God put precisely where they were needed, including the liver, the spleen, the kidneys, the lungs, etc. Each filter has its own purpose and function.

There is one filter that may not receive the biological or anatomical attention that other filters receive, but it is, nonetheless, a God-given device which requires our attentiveness, especially as it relates to our Christian lives. The filter in mind here is the one between your thoughts and your words, or between your brain and your mouth. Believe it or not, God inserted a special filter there to perform a special function.

This filter is designed by God to determine which words exit the mouth and which words do not. Or, to say it another way, this filter is designed by God to determine which thoughts are formulated into words, and which thoughts are captured and controlled before they have an opportunity to be transformed into vocal utterances.

The question that each of us must consider is this: “Is

your filter working?” Are your thoughts being captured before they become words? There are some life circumstances when we sometimes think that the filter can be disengaged. In the heat of an argument, sometimes we disengage our filter. While engrossed in an intense athletic contest (whether playing or watching), sometimes we turn off our filter. As the aging process takes its effect on the body and mind, sometimes we think that we’ve “lived long enough” or that our “age permits us a little latitude” or that we “need to say it while we can,” and so the filter is deactivated. But, regardless of the circumstances of life, God expects our filter to be properly activated and working.

When you get ready to speak, make sure that your thoughts run through God’s filter before they are converted into words. Are the words you’re about to say: kind (Eph. 4:32), humble (Rom. 12:3), truthful (Eph. 4:25), edifying (Eph. 4:29), gracious (Ecc. 10:12), helpful (Col. 4:6), repeatable (1 Tim. 5:13), positive (Phil. 2:14), courteous (1 Pet. 3:8), pleasant (Prov. 16:24), necessary (Jas. 1:19), pure (Matt. 5:8), commendable (Phil. 4:8), praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8), golden-ruled (Matt. 7:12) and Christ-like (Phil. 2:5)?

Yes, there is a filter that God has designed to stop the words before they exit our mouths. No, there is not any time in the life of a Christian when we can disengage that filter. May God help us to look like Jesus and sound like Jesus!

There is not any time in the life of a Christian when we can disengage that filter!



By Josh Blackmer

Are You an Addict?

They were addicted to it, the whole family. I am sure their friends and extended family noticed the changes. There were signs. They were not the same people anymore. They seemed to change. The things they once enjoyed, they stopped altogether. All their thoughts and actions were consumed by their addiction. They withdrew themselves from their normal lifestyle. They did all they could to be around the people with the same addiction. They said that, "They were the only ones that understood what they were going through." They were spending whatever extra money they had for this addiction. They were suffering for this addiction. Society looked down on them and hunted people with the same addiction. This is what the Bible said about this family, "I beseech you, brethren, ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints" (1 Cor. 16:15, KJV).

That is quite an addiction. This addiction changed their lives. They were no longer the same people. "But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18). They could no longer

hang out with the same people. "In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you" (1 Pet. 4:4). Their thoughts and actions were consumed by this addiction. "Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:1-5).

True addicts of Christ and His example are a blessing to those around them.

The addiction this family had was in service to the saints and to Christ, "When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?" The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me'" (Matt. 25:39-40). What would you look like if you were addicted to the work of the Lord? What would your family look like? Would people notice your addiction? Paul said of the house of Stephanas that they were helpers, laborers and refreshing both to himself and the Corinthians. True addicts of Christ and His example are a blessing to those around them.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"I don't wanna be a goat! Nope!"

The song from childhood still rings in the ears, "I don't wanna be a goat! Nope! I don't wanna be a goat! Nope! Always livin' without hope! Nope! I don't wanna be a goat! Nope!" There are a number of reasons (including physical ones) that "I don't wanna be a goat!" But, in particular, the nature of a goat does not match the nature of a faithful Christian.

Goats are stubborn and ornery creatures! Try to move them or direct them, and you will often be met with resistance. That is just the opposite of how God describes the demeanor of a Christian—kind, tender, gentle, willing to yield (Eph. 4:32; Phil. 4:5; Jas. 3:17). Goats are also terrible followers! They'd rather be in charge than to follow the lead. Again, just the opposite of the relationship I am to have with my Shepherd—as a faithful follower (John 10:4; 1 Pet. 2:21).

When Jesus returns, he will gather the sheep and the goats before Him (Matt. 25:32-33). Read the words He will say to the goats in Matthew 25:41. "I don't wanna be a goat! Nope!" – DS



"I just wanna be a sheep! Baa!"

Just as much as "I don't wanna be a goat! Nope," I do "just wanna be a sheep! Baa!" Children's songs often teach us more than we realize. "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so," is about as powerful and meaningful a statement as can will ever cross your lips. So, also, the heart that says, "I just wanna be a sheep!"

Read Psalm 23 and John 10 and your heart will shout, "I just want be a sheep!" I wanna be a sheep so that the Lord is my shepherd. I wanna be a sheep so that I can hear and listen to His voice. I wanna be a sheep so that I can hear Him call my name. I wanna be a sheep so that my Shepherd will make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside the still waters. I wanna be a sheep because my Shepherd gave His life for the sheep. I wanna be a sheep so that my Shepherd will be with me and so that goodness and mercy will follow me.

"I just wanna be a sheep! Baa! With a Savior who my soul will keep! I just wanna be a sheep!" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pat Brown	recovering at home from outpatient surgery
Joy Cantrell	recovering at home from hospitalization
Sandy Colage	finished cancer treatments, doing better
Richard Haines	now at home, recovering from knee surgery
Margie Hardin	awaiting gallbladder surgery
Joe Holland	recovering from injection to relieve pain in back & legs
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall
Leigh Puckett	recovering at home from hospitalization
Mary Reeves	recovering from eye procedure
Julie Williams	recovering from surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Our Shut-Ins:	Millie Ames	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Daniel Johnson	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, recovering from bypass surgery
Lyle Fjelsted	Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer
Maebelle Hancock	Turkessa Fernander's aunt, recovering from a stroke
Joung Hutson	Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering from knee surgery

Remember
Our Mission Works

Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Monday, April 20

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, April 21

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring drinks or chips.

Friday-Sunday, April 24-26

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$35 per person.

Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Supply Deadline.** A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

Monday, April 27

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, April 28

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring drinks or chips.

Friday, May 1

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth Volunteers Needed.** Volunteers are needed to provide housing for boys & girls and to bring cookies & drinks. *Sign up on the bulletin board.*

Sunday, May 3

- ◆ **Lonnie Jones Will Be Speaking Sunday Morning.** Jr. High, Sr. High & adult classes will meet in Auditorium 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 4

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.



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Young Adults

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Bible Bowl.** Use the Romans "Studying Through the Bible" questions in the Lobby to prepare. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Monday, April 27

- ◆ **Monday Night Meat for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule.

Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Monday, May 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brittany Thompson.

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.



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Youth

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Bible Bowl.** Use the Romans "Studying Through the Bible" questions in the Lobby to prepare. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring drinks and desserts.

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones.** Volunteers are needed to provide housing for boys & girls and to bring cookies & drinks. Sign up on the bulletin board. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, May 10

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, May 15

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35.

May 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 a Charles & Rhona Hayes	2 ☆ Young Adult Devo
ETY with Lonnie Jones (May 1st-3rd)						
3 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Julio Aristy b Bill Ingram, Sr.	4 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Dan Johnson	5 a Taylor & Natalie Reeves b Willie Wilkins b Trina Wright	6 b Rachel Fuller b Johnnie Green b Nicholas Pietro b Marie Thorpe	7 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting	8 b Bernadette Duperat b Jacqui Jenkins b Valerie MacDougal b Chuck Reeves, Jr. b Jackie Stout	9 ☆ EDP & Wives Dinner b MonteKia Jones b Leigh Puckett
10 ☆ Youth & Family Singing	11	12 b Cathy Seay b Brianna Solis b Hazel Hackshaw	13 b June Pack	14 b Mattie Cox b Carolyn Cullom b Judy Lerro	15 ☆ Sr. High Spring Formal b Paul Batitsky b Pete Brown	16 ☆ Jr. High Family Picnic ☆ Fish Fry Fundraiser at CFBC
17 ☆ Friends-and-Family Day ☆ Young Adult Meeting	18 a Josh & Cara Blackmer a Rick & Peggy Hall a Jerry & Lorena Pittman b Joan Holloway b Rick Price	19	20 a Jimmy & Helen Burney b Lovetta Harmon b Austin Reeves	21 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting	22 a Willie & Mattie Cox a Phyiona Patterson b Nellie Batitsky	23 a John & Sue Hoelzer b Natasha Campbell b Tyler Williams
24 ☆ Sr High Devo a Nate & Cindy Nelson b Lisa Holaday b Anthony Reed	25	26 a Lawrence & Julie Williams b Gloria Boyd b Helen Chapman b Trevor Cheshier b Bob Higbee	27	28 a Don & Tracy Jamison b Margie Hardin b Peggy Simpkins	29 b Grace Hackshaw	30 ☆ VBS Work Day b Dianna Halenda
31 ☆ 5th Sunday Singing in Lobby a Gary & Angie Seames b Douglas Alvarenga						

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday,
April 12

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Hazel Carson; Ms. Judy Cosentino; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Faria; Reggie Gatto; Mike Heitman; Ms. Linda Hoskins; Milton Jones; Morris McDaniel; Jeff Piddington; Pamela Ricketts; Miss Jvalisa Singleton; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Vickie Armstrong, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Esther Lou Bryson, Vancouver, WA; Frank Damelio, Boynton Beach, FL; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Gagnon Denis, Quebec, Canada; Miss Courtney Felch, Palm City, FL; Rene Forest, Quebec, Canada; Bernard Gagnon, Jon Quiere, Canada; Keith & Seana Gentry, Cady, & Cale, Live Oak, FL; Mrs. Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Nico Gladfelter, Brick, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Griffin, Northport, AL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hall, Maury City, TN; Sue Kelsey, Grand Blanc, MI; Mrs. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mr. Deltom Lequernaque, Stuart, FL; Tom & Elaine Phillips, Kingsburg, CA; Line Tremblay, Quebec, Canada; and Mary Sue Young, Flint, MI.

The Supply Truck for the Kids Is Coming the Week of April 26

MOUNT DORA
CHRISTIAN HOME & BIBLE SCHOOL
"Educating for Life and Eternity"

Pick up a list in the lobby of needed supplies.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (April 19th)

Katie Wagner

Monday (April 20th)

Tommy Pauldo

Tuesday (April 21st)

Kay Richardson

Wednesday (April 22nd)

Steward & Rowena Lynch (Ann.)

Jeremy Maloney

Amber Villard

Saturday (April 25th)

Bethany Bertram

Margaret Griffo

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, April 19

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading.....Richard Watson
Presiding at TableJeff Leslie
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Namdidie Ikon
Pete Brown Les McQuinn
Victor Colage Gene Puckett
Jim Davis Daniel Swayne
Alternates
Stephen Beliech Jeff Goodale
Closing Prayer Glen Dawson

Sunday Evening, April 19

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerChris Thompson
Scripture Reading.....Dirk Summerlot
Presiding at Table.....Mike Ellis
Serve at Table
Charles Hayes
John Kemp
Mike Trujillo
Prayer.....Dick Kelley

Wednesday Evening, April 22

Lead Singing Austin Metzkes
Invitation..... Richard Lerro
Family Prayer Brad Shelt

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 12</u>	<u>Mar. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	212	212
Sun. A.M. Worship	354	363
Sun. P.M. Worship	174	211
Wed. Bible study	213	214
Contribution	\$13,863	\$14,151
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -1,795		

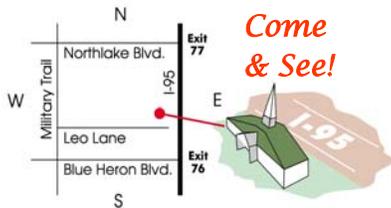
Ushers for the week of **Apr 19**: Head Usher: L. Collier; Gorman Ericksen & Carmen Ruckman



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Service Schedule

Sunday:

- Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship 10:00 a.m.
- Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

- Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



Front Cover: Jr. High Youth Group Visiting Silas & Sallie Moses

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

April 19

Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 1-2

Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones

May 17

Friends-and-Family Day

June 7

Promotion Sunday

June 21-24

Vacation Bible School

July 19-25

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

September 11-13

Marriage Enrichment Seminar with Neal Pollard