

Who Is God?

Some people think of God as a kindly grandfather in the sky—giving in to our every whim, never scolding or correcting. While it is true that God is kind and loving, He also disciplines us when necessary.

Others view God as a strict disciplinarian watching our every move, ready to pounce on us if we break a rule. But that is not a joyful way to live, nor does it accurately describe God.

Still others think of God as someone who really does not care what we do; He is too busy with other important matters, so they feel it is up to them to do what they think best. They may think there is a God “out there,” but they essentially function as their own God.

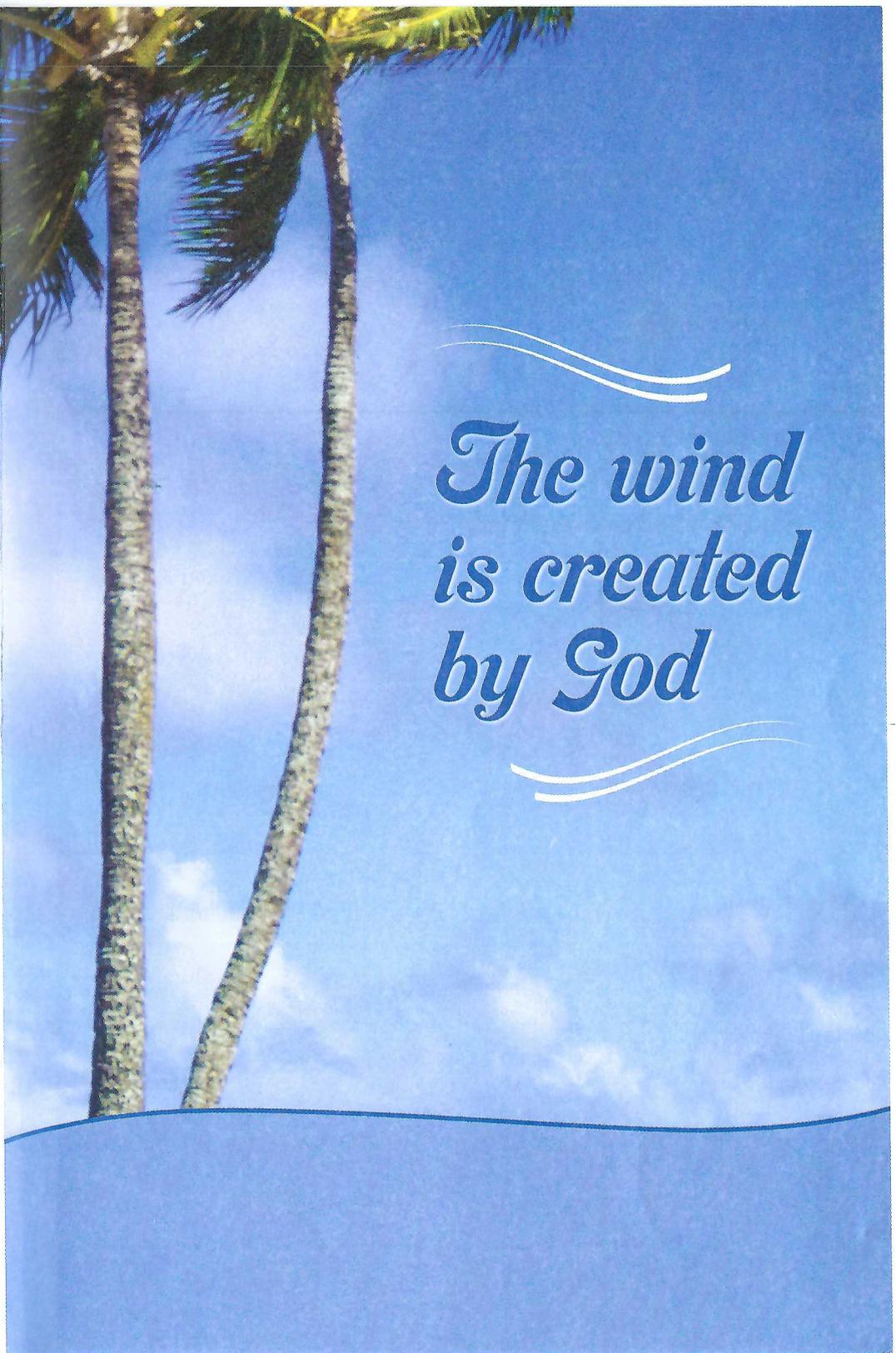
Some people say there is no God at all. But God responds and states clearly in Psalm 14:1, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” Here the word “fool” is defined as “one who is morally deficient.” He lives his life believing there is no God, which, according to Romans 1:18–20, is inexcusable:

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men . . . Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made . . . so that they are without excuse.”

It’s beyond the scope of human language to describe God, but Isaiah 40:28 gives us a glimpse of His greatness: “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.”

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*The wind
is created
by God*

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Call to Worship

Invocation

Reverend Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #11 Come Thou Fount

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 9 Glorify Thy Name

Hymn #11 Majesty

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

This month's Covenant Ministry is the **Food 4 Kids Backpack Program**. The signs aren't always obvious – maybe an offhand “Are you going to eat that?” at lunch, or a request for an extra snack in the classroom. Yet hunger is real and happens every day in our community.

Thousands of area students depend upon free lunch programs for the majority of their meals. On weekends and holidays when school isn't in session, these kids often go hungry – and they return to class too undernourished to focus on learning. Food4Kids sends these students home with food to help them bridge that gap, be it a standard weekend or the long summer break. Because when hunger ends, learning begins.

REMEMBER

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad,
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue.
But never forget to remember
Those that have stuck by you.
Always remember to forget
The troubles that passed away,
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.
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