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## Editor's Notes

*Jim & Mary Fellure*

Dear Friends,

I am sure that many, if not most, of the New Year's resolutions made less than three weeks ago have already been broken, but don't despair. Just try again. I personally have two commitments for 2010. First of all, I am going to do my best to find a Bible command, and if not a command at least a Bible principle, for every decision and every action I take. Second, when I fail to do this I will immediately confess my sin and weakness and at that very moment start over with renewed determination to serve our great Lord and Savior with all my heart. May God give me the grace to do it.

### The Spanish Bible Issue

For several years Victory Baptist Press has been printing the Reina Valera Gomez (RVG) Spanish Bible. Until now, we have not given much explanation as to why we don't print or recommend some of the other Spanish versions, but the time has come for us to make our position known and to give our reasons. Please understand that these articles are not written to criticize or to deal with the missionaries who use the other versions. Neither are they written with any consideration of what they will do to our financial support. Money is not the issue. Truth is! No ministerial politics are involved, and we are not bowing to peer pressure.

We use the English King James Bible for our standard, so, naturally, we want to print foreign language Bibles that are the closest to the KJV. In our search for truth, the first Spanish Bible we considered was the Reina Valera of 1960. When we discovered that the 1960 is copyrighted by the American Bible Society, whose board of ecumenical directors varies from Anglican to Roman Catholic, with their President

and CEO being Dr. Lamar Vest (he also serves as one of the executive leaders of the Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee, which is a staunch charismatic school), a red flag went up.

The first error we were shown in the 1960 text is in Daniel 3:25. When Nebuchadnezzar had the three Hebrew children thrown into the fiery furnace. The KJV says, "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

The Old Scofield Reference Bible, first published in 1909 with the study notes revised in 1917, was probably used by more Bible-believing preachers than any Bible ever printed. In 1967, the notes were revised again, only this time many of the text verses were also changed, Daniel 3:25 being one of them. The editors changed "the Son of God to a son of the gods," and the fundamental Baptist preachers refused

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to use it. They believed, as do I, that the fourth man in the fire was a preincarnate appearance of Jesus Christ, and they would not use a Bible that reduced our wonderful Lord to "a son of the gods." When we found that the 1960 Spanish Bible did the same thing (rather than using Dios (God), it uses dioses, gods), we decided that this was one of many more good reasons not to print or recommend it, especially since there is a much better choice.

The RVG is the work of Brother Humberto Gomez, with many Spanish-speaking

missionaries and national pastors assisting as proofreaders and advisors. Brother Gomez is a Bible-believing, Baptist missionary to his own country, who has very successfully brought the Reina Valera Spanish Bible in line with the King James Bible.

### Distribution Center in Peru

With every printing ministry there is a bottle-neck. Ours is a distribution problem. We are currently printing beautiful, vinyl bound complete, Spanish Bibles and the demand for them is great, especially in South and Central America. However, the shipping cost makes it almost impossible to fill the requests from those countries. For example, when shipped from the US in small quantities to individual missionaries, we pay approximately \$6 postage per Bible, which means it would cost \$150,000 just for the shipping of twenty-five-thousand Bibles. The only feasible way is to print and ship an entire container of approximately twenty-five thousand Bibles to one location in South America and from

that point they can be distributed in smaller quantities to other missionaries and national pastors. Victory Baptist Press can **print and ship** the entire container for less than \$50,000, a savings of \$100,000 just on the shipping.

Missionary Don Rich has agreed to oversee a distribution center at his location in Cajamarca, Peru, and help us meet the need for the RVG Bibles in South America.

It is almost unbelievable that for only \$2 per Bible, we can put twenty-five thousand Spanish Bibles into the hands of good, godly missionaries and national pastors. There could very well be a church or individual that could underwrite this entire project, but regardless of what you can do, please help us get these Bibles printed and shipped as soon as possible. Any pastor that will have a Victory Service and take a special offering to help meet this need, can contact me or Bill Richburg, and we will be glad to come to your church and explain the need to the people.

Thank you for your help, and may this be the most fruitful year you have ever experienced. By the grace of God it can be.

*Jim Fellure*

## The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The year 2009 is over, and what a roller coaster of a ride it has been, with God proving Himself faithful throughout the year. As far as VBP is concerned, it may have been about the second best year we have ever had. I would have to say that 1984 was the best year, because that is when it all got started, and the millions of John/Romans and tens of thousands of New Testaments and Bibles would not have made it into the hands of many thousands of people had it never started.

Last year was a big move for us. The church desperately needed the space for more offices and Sunday School rooms, so after many pow wows, it was determined that we would be booted out to make room for them. Fortunately, they also decided to build us the nice, new building that we are now in. Shortly after we moved in, the Lord provided enough money to buy two truckloads of paper, upgrade and repair some of our equipment, and hire some summer help. All this has happened in the midst of a terrible economy, and, yes, we have had quite a few churches drop support. Now it looks pretty certain that another truckload

of paper will be on the way soon. To God be the glory! Back in the 1980's, when the economy was supposedly booming, my wife and I were newlyweds, and I was skinny because we literally could not afford enough food to get fat on. Now, when the economy is supposedly failing, I have to spend twenty or more minutes a day exercising so I won't have to buy bigger britches! God is good through it all.

Among other joys I have had over the years is being able to raise a Christian family. Our oldest son, Al, is married and serving the Lord here at Victory. There were some times when I wondered if he was going to stay on the strait and narrow, but by God's grace and prayer, he has thus far. Our daughter Sarah has been enrolled the last two and a half years at Crown College of the Bible in Powell, TN, and has surrendered her life to the mission field. Unfortunately, she has suffered a setback in her health. She was diagnosed with Crohn's disease when she was 13 years old. After some initial treatments, she seemed to be doing fine for several years, but this last semester in school was very difficult for her. She has barely been able to eat and has lost a lot of weight, which, unlike me, she did not need to do. After several tests and doctors visits, it is looking doubtful for her to return to school this next semester. Please pray that God will either heal her or show her how she is to serve Him with this disease.

I look forward to serving the Lord in 2010, and trust Him to supply the grace for the ups and downs it may bring. I trust you will do the same.

God bless you,

*Bro. Albert Berg*

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**W**E ACCEPT the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice.

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**W**E BELIEVE all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour.

**W**E BELIEVE that men are born again through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

**W**E BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell.

**W**e BELIEVE that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world.

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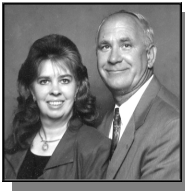
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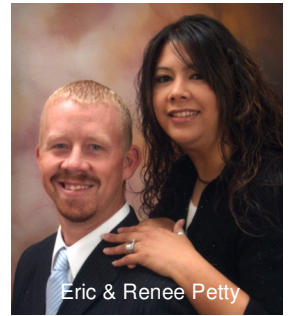


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## Pastor Tim Fellure Recommends Brother Eric Petty



I am excited to introduce to you Bro. Eric Petty, field representative for Victory Baptist Press. Bro. Petty was saved in our church four years ago and surrendered to preach within a few months. It has been my privilege and delight to watch him grow in the Lord and to serve willingly and faithfully. He has not attended Bible college, but has sat under my teaching for four years and has been a diligent student of the Word. Rarely have I seen a young Christian grow as much in as few years as Bro. Eric Petty has.

I have always been a little on the cautious side when sending men out of the church into full-time ministry and don't just recommend everyone that seems to be a good fellow. When we send someone out of this church, they take our name and reputation with them, and we don't turn that over to just anybody. However, I have no reservations at all about attaching our name to Bro. Eric Petty.

You will have to look long and hard to find another man with the zeal and fire of this young preacher. He is completely sold out to Christ, and desires nothing but to burn his life out in the service of the Lord. He is a man of great faith, strong convictions and personal standards, and has a passion for souls. He has taught our Junior High class, has helped me mentor our preacher boys in our Faithful Men program, and preaches weekly in the different jail services we conduct. He is a soul-winner, tither, prayer warrior, preacher of the Word, and a faithful husband and father.

Bro. Petty has joined Victory Baptist Press as our newest field representative and will be travelling the country full-time raising support for himself and for the printing ministry.

I encourage you to allow this man into your church; he will stir your people up for missions and for Christ. May our rich God richly bless you.

Together With God,  
Tim Fellure, Pastor

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"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved...How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?...And how shall they preach, except they be sent?..."

(Romans 10:13-15)





## Blessings & Benefits Mrs. Pam Leake

### Look Back For The Days Ahead

It hardly seems possible that it is now 2010, but I can't deny the quick passage of 2009 and the arrival of yet another decade! Usually we are challenged to put the past behind us and look forward to all that lies ahead. Even Paul, in his epistle to the Philippians said, "...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before...", a challenge to focus on moving ahead for the Lord and to not look back at what was or could have been in a manner that would hinder our progress. However, I consider the past a valuable asset and worthy of remembrance and reflection, for it is in the past we can find those occasions when the Lord did something mighty for us or in us, and we can draw strength and confidence for the days ahead!

Looking back, I see...Bro. Stanley who lost his job after many years of working for one company. Once past the initial anxiety, he and his wife saw God provide for their needs in amazing ways and then He supplied a new job with increased wages! We all praised the Lord for His faithfulness which saw them through the rest of the year in fine fashion, though at year's end, once again Stanley was laid off. But not to worry! He and his wife can look back at what God did before, trusting confidently that He'll do it again.

Looking back, I see...my sister in Christ, Cyndra, who was facing the premature delivery of her second child and anticipating all the difficulties associated with it. Our church was challenged from the pulpit with God's Word, and God's people interceded for her in fervent prayer and fasting. The Lord sustained her through over sixty days in the hospital, keeping her child safe within the womb until he could be born at an acceptable weight and with minimal health concerns! We all can look back at God's love and care for His children and trust Him for those unseen challenges in the days ahead.

Looking back, I see...the Lord's will being accomplished in the lives of a young man praying for a godly wife, and a young woman praying for a godly husband. Each one was content to wait on the Lord for direction and confirmation of their mate, seeing the Lord's fulfillment of their desires in their wedding in September. Looking back, they see how the Lord blessed their waiting on Him, and they will be able to meet the future knowing that He will direct their lives if they just wait on Him!

Surely the days ahead will be fraught with difficulties that may try our faith, for such is life on this earth, but we can praise the Lord for being able to look back and see what great things He has done and know, without a doubt, that what He's done before He can surely do again. His Word is true and His promises are sure and we can be confident in His love for us as He's shown us in the past...just look back for the days ahead!

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## BORROWED ILLUSTRATIONS

In 1814 the following urgent appeal was sent from Australia to a Missionary Society in London:

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"We call upon you on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves: perishing, dying sinners, outcasts of society, leave them not in their blood. Send us one of yourselves, with a good supply of wearing apparel, house furniture, and, particularly, books."

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

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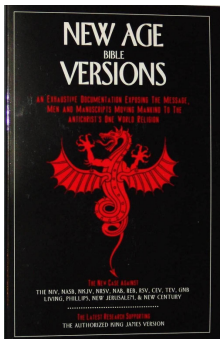
He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."

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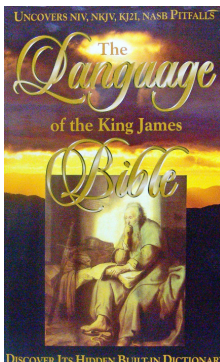


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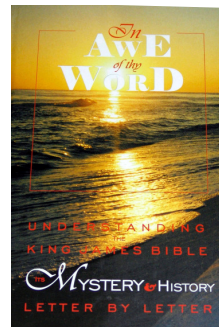


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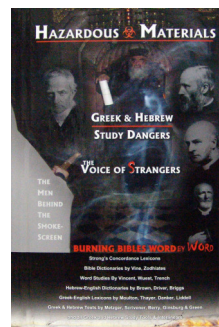
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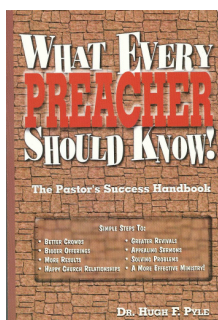


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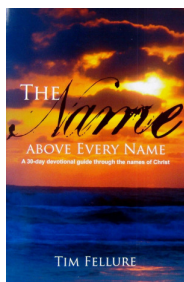


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*Pastor Tim Fellure*

## Isaiah's Vision Isaiah 6

Of all the prophets, we know as much about Isaiah as any other. From his prophecy we learn that he was a prophet with a heart for God: his book is full of great passages extolling the majesty and greatness of the Most High God. He was also a prophet with a zeal for his nation: he uses the phrase, "my people" twenty-six times in his message demonstrating a passionate patriotism. And Isaiah was a prophet with a hatred for sin and false religion: though he preached with a broken heart, he was unflinching in his denunciation of sin.

In Isaiah 6, Isaiah gives his own spiritual biography, describing the call of God on his life. Sometimes God uses dramatic means when He calls a man, and sometimes God speaks in a still, small voice. For Isaiah, it was a dramatic moment in a vision he would never forget! Though he had prophesied before this time, this vision shaped his message, and became the dominant influence in his life. And while no man today will have an experience like Isaiah had, all men who would do a work for God must see what Isaiah saw in his vision.

### 1) How Isaiah Saw God!

"In the year that king Uzziah died" Uzziah was one of the great kings of Judah: he had led Judah through a very prosperous time, and the people loved their king. Uzziah was a hero to the nation, so you can imagine the national mourning that took place when he died. I imagine that the death of Uzziah made an impression upon Isaiah. We know that he was passionate about his country, and perhaps he joined in the national mourning. He visited the palace and saw the throne that Uzziah had sat upon for so many years now empty.

But then he had a vision of another throne that was not empty. The throne of heaven is occupied with a king who is still living – "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne." At a time of personal and national crisis, Isaiah saw God! Though the throne of Judah was vacant, the throne of Heaven was occupied. One king had proven to be mortal, but the King of Heaven was immortal. One king had died as all kings do; but the King of Heaven lives as no other king can.

Seeing God changed Isaiah! And seeing God will change you and me! What our churches need more than anything is a fresh vision of God. A.W. Tozer wrote, "The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its ideal of God."

### 2) How Isaiah Saw Himself!

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." The invariable result of seeing God is to see yourself more clearly. You cannot come into the presence of God without being made aware of your own sinfulness. Worship never exalts man; but humbles him when he sees his unworthiness in the light of God's holiness.

You are never aware of your poor English until you get in the presence of someone with impeccable English. You may not be aware of your shabby clothing until you are in the presence of someone who is immaculately dressed. You may not be aware of your poverty until you are in the presence of someone who is fabulously wealthy. And you may not be aware of your sinfulness until you get in the presence of One who is infinitely holy.

Isaiah had already been preaching to Jerusalem, and his sermons were fiery. In just the previous chapter, Isaiah had declared six woes upon the nation of Judah (5:8, 11, 18, 20, 21, 22). When I first began preaching, I started out just like that – I had a woe for everyone. And there is nothing wrong with the woe message (we need to hear it more), but there is something wrong if all you can see is the woe in someone else. When Isaiah got a vision of a holy God, his woe changed – "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips," When Isaiah saw God in his holiness, he saw himself in his hellishness. When his soul was placed against the pure

holiness of God, his white became black, his right became wrong, his might became weak. And until you see God as He really is, you will never see you as you really are.

### 3) How Isaiah Saw Others!

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah steps up to the challenge and commits himself to go wherever the Lord sends Him. He doesn't ask where; he just surrenders to the call. That is the mark of a man who has seen God. How can you say anything else to the One who is high and lifted up?

"And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed." This passage is quoted six times in the New Testament. Isaiah volunteers to go and preach, and the Lord tells him that he will not be heard. The people will not hear what he has to say, they will not see what he tries to show them, and they will not accept his message. He has just been commissioned to have a ministry of failure.

And how long should he preach this way? "Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate." Just keep on preaching until there is not one person left. Keep preaching until the job is done. Their heart will become fat, their ears heavy, and they will shut their eyes, but keep preaching.

"But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof." Have you ever cut a tree down and cut back the next year and found a sprout coming up out of that stump? The Lord told Isaiah that there is going to be a remnant. There is a seed in the stump. And just as God told Isaiah there would be a remnant, so we rejoice that there is a remnant today who will hear. If you just keep preaching, somebody will hear. Somebody will receive. Somebody will be saved. May God help us to have the vision of Isaiah: to see God, to see ourselves, and to see others.