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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

It is now late in the afternoon on Friday, April 23, and I am writing from Henderson, Texas. I have stayed here this week while attending a camp meeting hosted by Pastor W.N. Otwell at Mount Enterprise, Texas. It was a good meeting with some red-hot, old-fashioned Bible preaching like most of us older, independent Baptists cut our spiritual teeth on.

During the meeting I got to spend some time with Brother Joe Williams from Cleveland, Ohio, and Brother Butch Payne from Duncan, Oklahoma. Both of these men were saved under my preaching. Brother Williams was saved in 1968, then he was called to preach and pastored the Cleveland Baptist Temple for many years. He had me back to preach for him in 1981, and during that meeting Brother Payne was saved. Brother Williams was Brother Payne's pastor until he moved away. They had not seen each other in over twenty years, and I had not seen Brother Payne in nearly thirty years. This morning we all met in the motel room, and for about three hours I listened to these men reminisce over the past with a lot of crying, shouting, and thanking God for His marvelous grace. We had a wonderful time together. The visit ended with a good time of prayer, and then Brother Payne had to leave for home.

I will drop Brother Williams off at the Longview Airport early tomorrow morning, then I will start the long drive back to Florida.

When I get home, I will have a stack of work on my desk waiting to be cleared before doing anything else. After that, it will be normal activity in the print shop and office for several days before coming back to Texas for the annual meeting with Pastor Jim Taylor and the Harvest Hill Baptist Church in San Antonio. I enjoy the meetings, and I am extremely grateful for good

health so I can keep traveling.

VBP Victory Service

Victory Baptist Press is always in need of more funds, to print more Bibles, so we can reach more people with the Gospel. Whether it's a printing job, the sale of books, a special offering, or the regular monthly support from the churches that have included VBP in their mission budget, all the funds are used to print and supply the Scriptures without charge.

The VBP Victory services are also a great help, and any church of any size, anywhere in the US, even in the face of a struggling economy, can have a Victory Service. All you need to do is settle on a date and schedule me or another field rep. to come in and present our ministry to the church, pass out the VBP brochures that we provide, and announce that you will be taking a one-time special offering to help VBP print and distribute the Scriptures. We can even explain the different areas of need that some may wish to designate offerings to. We are currently raising funds to print and ship 25,000 Spanish Bibles to missionary Don Rich in Peru. He will act as a distribution center and make the Bibles available to other missionaries and national pastors in South America. There are over two hundred fifty million Spanish-speaking people in South and Central America that will never know how to know Christ as Saviour unless we supply the missionaries with the greatest need they have: The printed Word of God!

Brother Rich, in a recent prayer letter said, "We have a great need here in our own ministry for Bibles. I asked the visitors in the new work in the city of Jesus how many of them had a Bible. Only three or four hands were raised. **I told them that we would provide them with a Bible as soon as we are able.**"

Brother Rich and many other missionaries are depending on Victory Baptist Press to supply their need for Bibles, and we are depending on our friends and supporters to make it possible.

Thank you for your prayers & support,

Jim Fellure

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Missionary Don Rich giving a Bible that VBP printed to a Peruvian

The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
At the risk of sounding like a broken record (if you don't know what that means, you may have to ask your grandparents), much has been done here at VBP since our last newsletter. We have nearly finished collating about 5,000 Spanish Bibles. We have printed 20,000 English New Testaments and have shipped thousands of scripture portions around the country and with help from a special offering were able to ship 300 Spanish Bibles to a missionary in Chile. The cost to send those Bibles was about \$1,600, making the shipping cost over \$5.00 per Bible. That is why we are trying to make arrangements to ship an entire container of scripture to Peru, South America. There are two hurdles we have to overcome to do that. One is to come up with a truckload of paper. The next is to

print it and store it in the shop until it is all done. Meanwhile, we will have to tell people that scripture is not available for anywhere else. I am not sure which is the bigger hurdle. The longer it takes us to complete the project, the higher the second hurdle will be, so please pray that God will help us not only get a truckload of paper in here, but that He will help us to get it out the door as quickly as possible.

In regards to that, we have recently lost, for a while anyway, some very good help in the shop. In our last letter we mentioned the Averisch's (we got the spelling wrong last time). They are snow birds from Wisconsin that helped us nearly every day in the print shop for six months. They heard the snow melted, so they headed back. They will be missed. Please pray that God will burden other folks to help make up the slack and that maybe snow will come early this year up north.

In the second week of April, my wife, daughter (Sarah), and I were able to take a vacation up to Knoxville, Tennessee, for the Baptist Friends International World Evangelization Conference at the Temple Baptist Church. My daughter had to stay out a semester of school for health reasons, but we were able to go so she could see some of her friends and hear some preaching. While there I was also able to meet some good folks from several other printing ministries around the country. It was good to see God blessing them as

well. The second half of the week, we were able to spend a few days at a State Park just north of Knoxville. Many trees and flowers were at the peak of their blooming season, and it was very pretty to walk around the park. There was so much pollen in the air it looked like yellow snow had dusted our car. Thank God, we suffer very little from seasonal allergies, so we were able to enjoy the scenery.

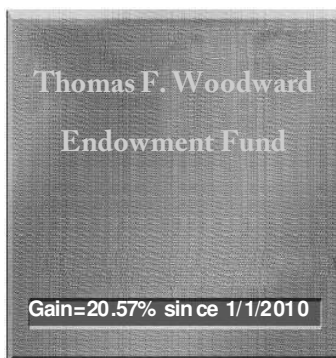
In regards to Sarah's health, your prayers are still coveted. We nearly had to cancel our vacation because she was in the hospital for a week just before our trip. Her Crohn's disease was acting up and the doctors had her on an I.V. drip of antibiotics, and then followed up with several oral antibiotics. She felt much better for a while, which allowed us to make our trip, but a CT scan showed that the problem area in her colon actually got worse, so she was scheduled for surgery to remove the affected area. She is recovering in the hospital as I write this letter with much pain. The doctors have told us that this is no cure for Crohn's, but the disease usually goes into remission after a surgery like this. Please pray that it will. Sarah wants to serve the Lord on the mission field in some way, and this will obviously have an effect on that. Please pray God's will be done in her life.

May God bless you,

Bro. Albert Berg

God entrusts us with money as a test; for like a toy to the child, it is training for handling things of more value."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...." (Matthew 6:19-21)



Planning your Estate?

The big buzz in estate planning these days is "legacy planning"—that is, passing on to the next generation our values and wisdom along with our financial assets.

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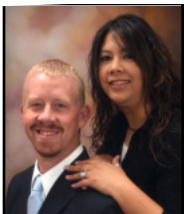
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VBP of Latin America April Newsletter

Dear Churches and Friends,

I am so glad for the bond that we have with you in Christ Jesus. There is nothing that compares to the love we have in Christ, and it is good to be a part of the family of God.

Denise Troyer, a young lady from Maryland, joined our family for a three month visit in January. The three months just flew by. I appreciate her willingness to help with whatever at church, at home or at the print shop, put up with four nosey "little brothers," and be a blessing in spite of language and cultural barriers.

We were also challenged by a visit from Isaiah and Rachel, friends of ours who are going to the unreached tribes on the Brazil/Colombia border. Folks like them are the real missionary heroes of our day. Here in Brazil, it is illegal to be a missionary to the tribes. The government wants to "preserve their culture." (ie. keep them in darkness.) Missionaries only enter as healthcare workers, teachers, etc. Besides that, the visa to visit a tribe is for only three months, so the missionaries are constantly moving. They must come up with a reason to visit the tribe, spend three months doing it, then come back to the city for a month or so and come up with another reason to go back. All of this requires permission from all of the proper government bureaucracy. Add to this the physical discomfort of jungle life, and it's understandable why there just aren't many missionaries there. Every time one comes through, they bring requests from tribes for a preacher and a Bible. Only two of the 180 dialects here have Scripture portions in their own language. Isaiah was telling us he has presented his requests from two particular tribes in many churches here and has found no one willing to go.

The printing is coming along. We began the year working on Christian school curriculum from Abeka. We also did a Bible study booklet for our young people. They have helped us with sorting 6,000 damaged Bibles received from a publisher here in Brazil. About 4,000 of these will be usable. We hope to acquire a glue binder in the next little bit to be able to cover these Bibles and send them out. Just today, our pastor received an email from the state of Bahia asking for some of these Bibles. We haven't gotten to the John and Romans yet as our press for that project still isn't quite calibrated properly, but we have had someone working on it, and it has been quite a headache. So we are thankful for the other projects that have come along to keep us occupied.

God bless you all. Thanks for the prayers and financial support. We couldn't be here without the grace of God and your generosity.

Bro. Miza Oliveira



Blessings & Benefits Mrs. Pam Leake

Are You Listening To Me?

A few weeks ago, my husband and I enjoyed several days with our twin grandsons at our house. Having two seven-year-old boys around is always interesting to say the least! They seem to be in constant motion, and inevitably their conversation develops into a "yapping" competition with both talking at once. Either excitement or the one's attempt to outdo the other creates quite a challenge for me to get a word in edgeways. Each boy is so intent on saying what he wants to say that they, being focused on themselves, cannot hear me. Finally, a forceful "Boys, are you listening to me?" registers, and they will stop talking and listen.

Guiltily, I realize that God has probably said that to me many times. How like my grandsons I am sometimes! Busy days and hectic schedules create such nonstop "noise" in my life that I become oblivious to God's voice speaking to me. I can get so involved in ME that what the Lord is trying to say is drowned out. Before I realize it, I'm in the midst of a trial or caught in a fit of uncertainty because I can't hear that still small voice. It's then that I have to drop back, be quiet, and tune in to Him through His Word. He's always there, but rarely does He speak in my busy ness. Rather, it's when I am reading His Word or praying, in an attitude of humility and waiting on Him that I can discern His voice. You would think at this point in my Christian life that I would have gotten this down, but I'm still learning the lesson of not only hearing, but listening to the Lord. How about you? Are you listening?

NOTE: Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. You may email her at: pamleake@colonialbaptist-cville.org.

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-Oswald J. Smith,
Missionary Statesman

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The Comfort of Sympathy

The story goes that Harry the Eighth, wandering one night in the streets of London in disguise, was met at the foot of a bridge by some of the night watchmen; and, not giving a good account of himself, he was carried off to the Poultry Compter and shut up for the night without fire or candle. On his liberation he made a grant of thirty caldrons of coals and a quantity of bread for the solace of night prisoners in the Compter. Experience brings sympathy. Those who have felt sharp afflictions, terrible convictions, racking doubts, and violent temptations, will be zealous in consoling those in a similar condition. It would be good if the great Head of the church would put unsympathizing pastors into the Compter of trouble for a season until they could weep with those who weep.

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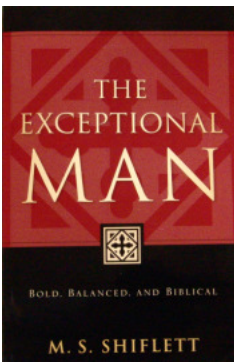


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by Tim Felleure.

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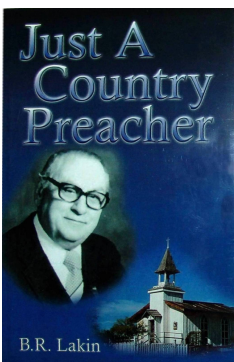


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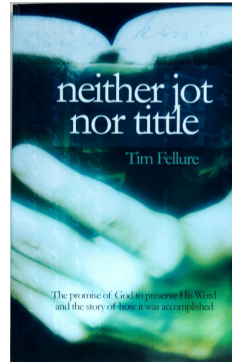
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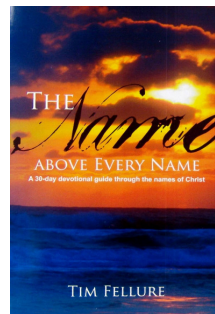


neither jot nor tittle

by Tim Felleure.

Now more than ever, there is a need for fundamentalists to arise and defend the authority and integrity of the Scriptures. The issue must be kept in the forefront, the facts must be presented clearly and forcefully, the heresy of modern versions must be exposed, and the critic must be silenced. The battle for the Bible rages on. *neither jot nor tittle* is the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.

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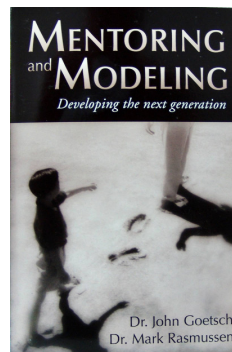
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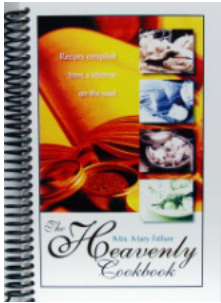


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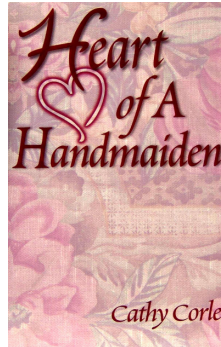


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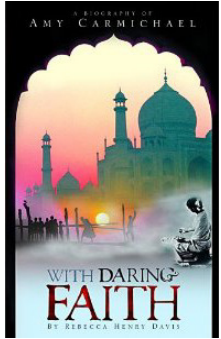


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Pastor Tim Fellure

When God Says No

II Samuel 7:1-29

These were prosperous times for King David. The Davidic administration had gotten off to a rough start with the civil war that divided the nation and Abner trying to install a rival king, but that was all over now. The elders from all twelve tribes had finally rallied around David, and the nation had political rest.

What takes place in this chapter may not be the most exciting incident in his life, but it is the most important. In this chapter, God gives David a message through the prophet, Nathan, and that message is probably the most important message of the Old Testament. It is called the Davidic Covenant. Space will not permit an exposition on the covenants, but suffice it to say that the promise God made to David here constitutes the foundation of our eschatology.

The promise was that David would have a child who would succeed him and establish an everlasting kingdom. Verse 16 speaks of "thine house," "thy kingdom," and "thy throne." The right to rule will always belong to David's seed. Dynasties have come and crumbled in the dust of history, but in the end when the final kingdom is established, it will be a son of David who will sit on that throne. Of course, we know that son is Jesus Christ who will sit on the throne of David in the millennial reign.

The Desire David Expressed!

(7:1-3) David was sitting in his luxurious palace and was bothered about something. In the days of Moses, God had instructed Moses and the people to construct a Tabernacle where His presence would dwell with the people. The Tabernacle was

not a permanent structure but was designed so it could be taken down and transported and set back up.

It was suited for the wilderness wanderings, but Israel didn't wander in a wilderness anymore. They all had cities, and David had a palace fit for a king. And yet, the presence of God still resided in a tent! When David had brought the ark to Jerusalem in the previous chapter, he had a special tent-like structure built to house the ark. It was not the Tabernacle, but it was still a tent. And David thought something should be done about this! He wanted to do something to honor God, and he thought that building a house for the ark was only fitting.

And this was a good desire. There was nothing wrong with what David felt in his heart. "Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:" (II Chron. 6:7, 8). In all this chapter David didn't ask the Lord for anything. The only thing he wanted was to give something to the Lord, not to receive from Him. He was not expecting anything in return for building a temple – he was not doing this hoping God would bless Him for it.

The Denial David Experienced!

(7:4-13) You can sum God's response in one word – NO! David had first told his desire to Nathan, the prophet, and Nathan had encouraged him in it. Nathan thought it sounded like a good idea, but that night, the Lord came to Nathan and gave him a message for David. The message was essentially, "Thanks, but no thanks. I'll get me a house, but I'm going to have Solomon build it instead of you."

If you wonder why David was not allowed to build the temple, the answer is given in I Chronicles 22:8-10 – "But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build an house for my name; ..."

There are people reading this right

now who have heard God say, "No." There was nothing wrong with your desire. There was no selfishness involved, no hidden motives – it was a godly desire. But God in wisdom that we just can't pierce said, "No." Men who have surrendered to preach and desired to be in full-time ministry, but God said no. A young lady who gave her life to be a missionary, but that dream never came to fruition. A businessman who dreamed of making a lot of money and helping churches, but God had other plans. The reality is that not everything we pray for does happen. Sometimes God heals and sometimes He doesn't. Sometimes God gives more than enough finances and sometimes it is barely enough. Sometimes we get the job we want and sometimes we get a rejection letter.

But God didn't deny David his dream because He is mean. In the denial, God spoke some very precious words to David. And it is in this denial – saying no to his dream – that God gave David the Davidic Covenant. When God says no, He may just have a greater yes. Instead of David building God a house, God was going to build David a house. The plan in God's mind was much bigger than the plan in David's mind. David wanted to build a house that would last a lifetime or perhaps a few centuries, but God was going to build a house that would last forever.

Perhaps you have had good and godly plans that never happened, or God altered your life in ways you didn't wish for. I would challenge you not to be consumed with what God has not done for you, but to be consumed with what God has done for you. You may not have all that YOU wanted out of life, but is it okay that God has given you all that HE wanted? And when God says, "No", it could be that He has something better in mind.

The Devotion David Exhibited!

(7:18-29) In the last half of the chapter, David talks back to God. This is his response to God's no. And every word of his response is full of praise, adoration, and blessing. He does not complain, cry, get angry, lash out – he does not accuse God of being unfair or not doing him right.

Even though David did not get his way in the matter, he was willing to accept God's plan for his life. He accepted God's promises and acknowledged God's ability to bring them all to pass. He demonstrated that His greatest desire was not to do what he had dreamed, but to please God.