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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in the name of Christ our wonderful Lord,

Since our last *Newsletter*, I have preached for pastor Wayne Matheson of Crestview, FL; Pastor Joel Greer of Loveland, OH; Pastor Michael Carpenter of Hamlet, NC; Pastor Lester Austin of Starke, FL; Pastor John Cowden of Winter Haven, FL; Pastor Tim Fellure of Milton, FL (our home church); and though I didn't preach, I enjoyed an unusually good mission conference at the Shady Acres Baptist Church of Houston, TX. I am now getting ready to drive back to Texas to preach for Pastor Jim Taylor in San Antonio

and Pastor Adam Thompson in Austin. Mary very seldom gets to travel with me, but we plan for her to make this next trip to Texas. She will enjoy seeing some friends that she hasn't seen for several years, and I, for sure, will enjoy her company and help on the road.

After Texas, I will have a few days at home before I fly out to Glendale, Arizona, for a mission conference with Pastor Greg Hardesty and will then fly back to Florida for another mission conference with Pastor Buddy Maynard in Panama City. I will then be in one more meeting that is supposed to be a surprise for a special person, and that will wrap up my preaching schedule for 2014. Thank you to every pastor that has trusted me in your pulpit and for allowing me to present our burden of printing and distributing the Scriptures around the world. Because of your friendship and help with prayers and financial support, 2014 has been the best year for Scripture printing that we have ever had, and already there are plans for next year that, if God gives the approval and blesses, will allow us to print more than we have ever dreamed.

Also, if you have purchased books or music from the VBP Online Bookstore, you, too, have helped to generate funds for Scripture printing. I am currently helping proofread two great books that should be out within the next few weeks: *Discipleship in Depth* by T.S. Rendall and *Personal Consecration* by Hubert Brooke. These are great, life-changing books that any Christian would benefit from reading. Visit the bookstore at www.victorybaptistpress.com.

Thank you and may God bless your service for Him,
Jim Fellure

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Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters, Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If that is true, then there have been a lot of blessings going out lately. Over 370,000 Luganda John/Romans are on their way to Uganda, Africa, and the people in Uganda will definitely be blessed with a portion of the Word of God in their language, but those who gave and volunteered their labor are blessed even more.

That is pretty awesome when you consider that the Apostle Paul said in Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Only God knows how many people will come to know Jesus as their Saviour as a result of these booklets, and how could you be blessed more than that? The only way I can think of is in knowing that our giving has helped someone else have the same blessed assurance we have.

Also, well under way in the print shop, is another project of 25,000 Spanish Bibles that will be sent to Bro. Don Rich in Peru, South America. You may recall we sent him a container about a

year ago, and they have all been passed out, with many more people still waiting to get their first copy of the Word of God. If you have not already seen it, there is a link to a nine-minute video on our website, victorybaptistpress.com, with Bro. Rich narrating how the last project went and the need for more Bibles in South America.

We are so thankful for the way the Lord has provided the needs all these years and allowed us to increase both in quantity and quality. We now have three full-time and two part-time workers in the shop, and many other faithful volunteers. A soft cover Bible may not seem like much to those of us who have leather-bound Bibles with gold leaf and the extra protection of a durable Bible cover, but when you realize that many of the people to whom we send these Bibles have no other copy, it makes us want to make them the best quality we can. Even though I've been doing this many years, I keep learning new things all the time. This is partly because technology is constantly changing, and partly because I seem to be a slow learner. Please pray that God will continue to help us advance in both quality and quantity.

Thank you once again for your prayers, finances, and time you give to this ministry. It truly is multiplied just like the loaves and fishes a young lad gave to Jesus those many years ago.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg



Pastor Adam Thompson and Pastor Joe Camilleri praying over a pallet of Luganda John/Romans booklets before they were loaded into the container and shipped to Missionary Keith Stensaas. The container left the VBP property on Thursday, October 9.

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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September 2010. After pastoring two churches for a total of 24 years, and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for printing became so real to

Brother Dunn and his wife Emma that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.

Victory Baptist Press Recommends the Jim Showers family

We are the Showers family, missionaries to the country of Paraguay. We are sent out of Victory Baptist Church in Milton, FL, and will be working with another missionary family out of our church, the Mike Wilps family. Bro. Wilps has served in Paraguay for nine years and the Lord has greatly blessed his ministry. They have an established church, three newer church plants, and a Bible institute.



My wife and I just returned from a survey trip and are excited with how the Lord will use us in Paraguay. What Paraguay needs are laborers. Paraguay is wide open to the Gospel, and I believe it can be fully evangelized in our lifetimes. We have answered the call to go and believe God will use us as a team to win and disciple new converts, plant churches, and train national pastors.

Kari and I met in church a couple of weeks before I was saved; in fact, it was Kari who witnessed to me the night before I trusted Christ! Soon after I was saved, the Lord placed a strong desire in my heart to serve on the foreign mission field. I had traveled a lot during twenty years in the Navy, and Kari grew up on the mission field in Mexico.

After we married, we prayed that the Lord would call us and fulfill that desire. We were challenged by five different short-term trips to various Latin countries. Finally, one year ago, the Lord placed a compelling call into our hearts and we (separately) surrendered. What a joyful time we had when we came together and shared our hearts.

Please pray for us as we follow our Lord's calling.

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Mollie is just an ordinary cat

I watched as my cat, Mollie, stared intently at a spot in the grass. She sat patient and motionless, not moving a muscle, disregarding anything else going on around her. Obviously, there was something she was interested in. She was the predator, and whatever was in the grass was her prey. Ever so slowly, with very subtle movement, she lifted one paw, then the other, as if in slow motion. All of a sudden, BAM! She pounced and captured her prey and quickly made off with it in her mouth. Her cunning cat ways had earned her a prize.

Mollie is just an ordinary cat, but there is a “lion” that walks about, seeking those of us that he may devour. Consider our adversary, the subtle one, who has “wiles”

Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

and “devices” that he uses to prey upon the unwitting and unprepared among us. Satan, the old serpent, is described in Genesis 3:1 as “more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.” The word, subtle is defined as “sly, artful, cunning, crafty, insinuating, deceitful, treacherous.” How very precise that is in describing his methods and devices! He can be very patient and persistent, waiting for the exact time he can make his move and capture his prize. We are exhorted in Ephesians 6 to “put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” That tells me we all have some weak areas susceptible to his subtle devices that we need help to protect.

It doesn’t take much discernment to look around and see the artful and crafty ways that Satan attacks the mind and bodies of our young people. The sexually explicit advertisements and the music that controls their minds, are the very precise moves of the adversary that seeks to devour all that he can. Sadly, it’s not only the youth that are his targets. Everyone is susceptible. In these days of political correctness that is being forced upon us, Satan is targeting both young and old through their senses and their thought processes, which is why it is so vital to have a close relationship with the Lord and knowledge of His Word. We need to know what God thinks! Ignorance or a lack of godly wisdom puts us at a great disadvantage, and gives the devil an even greater advantage.

The Lord has blessed each of us with the arsenal we need to protect ourselves against the devil’s devices. Maybe you, like myself, do not make full use of it. Most of us are fortunate in that we have these resources at our disposal: a Bible, prayer, a church, sound preaching and teaching, godly counsel, and most important of all, a relationship with our heavenly Father. If we will fill our minds with the knowledge of Him, and seek the wisdom that only He can give, we can be more prepared to defend against the subtle attacks of the devil. It will help to make us more wary, alert and wiser to his tricks so that we won’t fall prey and be a prize for him. “But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil” (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

James 4:7 tells us to “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” No doubt, just as Mollie the cat patiently pursued her prize, Satan is patient and unrelenting in his pursuit of all who are unaware and unprotected. Keeping our eyes, minds, and hearts stayed upon the Lord is the answer!

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“Christ of the Andes,”

Years ago, a large statue of Christ was erected high in the Andes on the border between Argentina and Chile. Called “Christ of the Andes,” the statue symbolizes a pledge between the two countries that as long as the statue stands, there will be peace between Chile and Argentina. Shortly after the statue was erected, the Chileans began to protest that they had been slighted—the statue had its back turned to Chile. Just when tempers were at their highest in Chile, a Chilean newspaperman saved the day. In an editorial that not only satisfied the people but made them laugh, he simply said, “The people of Argentina need more watching over than the Chileans.”

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Apology

In the washroom of his London club, British newspaper publisher and politician, William Beverbrook, happened to meet Edward Heath, then a young member of Parliament, about whom Beverbrook had printed an insulting editorial a few days earlier. “My dear chap,” said the publisher, embarrassed by the encounter. “I’ve been thinking it over, and I was wrong. Here and now, I wish to apologize.” “Very well,” grunted Heath. “But the next time, I wish you’d insult me in the washroom and apologize in your newspaper.”

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I had a truck like that!

A Texas rancher driving through Vermont had to stop to let a farmer’s cow cross the road. The rancher called out to him, “How much land you got, partner?”

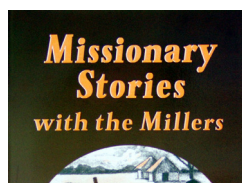
“Well,” the farmer said, “my land runs all the way down there to them alders along the brook. On the meadow side, over there, it goes clean up to those larches on the hill.”

“You know,” said the rancher, “I got a spread in Texas and I can get in my pickup and drive all day without reaching any of my boundary lines.”

“That so?” said the farmer. “I had a truck like that once.”

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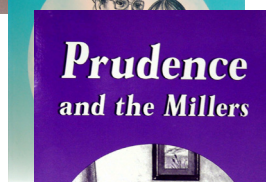
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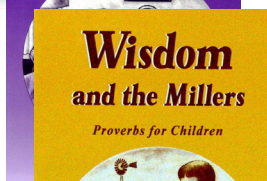
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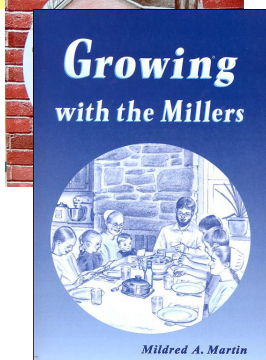
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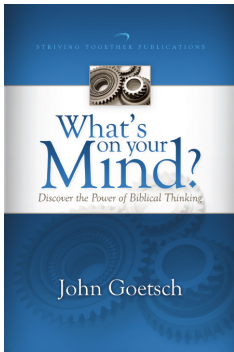


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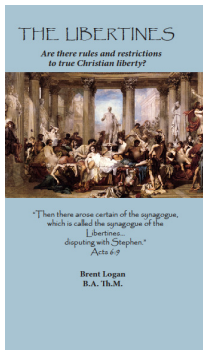


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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure

The Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ

Philippians 2:5–11

You cannot read through this text without recognizing the grandeur and majesty of it. It grips the heart of the believer as one of the great Christological texts of the Bible; nowhere in Scripture will you find another sequence of six verses that so beautifully magnifies Christ.

In the opening paragraph of the chapter, Paul had exhorted the church at Philippi to the highest level of living possible: let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, have lowliness of mind, esteem others better than yourself, and look not every man on his own things but on the things of others. That attitude is so antithetical to culture and humanity that it is difficult to even understand. We can hear it and acknowledge it, but how do you live on such a high plane? So, Paul gives his readers an illustration. A picture is worth a thousand words, so here is a picture of what this kind of submissive attitude is.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

The greatest example of how we should live toward others is found in Christ. Christ is the one who did nothing in strife or vainglory, Christ is the one who had lowliness of mind, Christ is the one who esteemed others better than Himself, Christ is the one who looked more on the things of others than on His own things. And in our text Paul demonstrates HOW Christ exemplified the lowliness of verses 1–4. Verse 5 is the bridge between the two paragraphs—*“Let this mind be in you [vs. 1–4], which was also in Christ Jesus [vs. 6–11].”*

And in setting forth Christ as the example of humility and submission, Paul gives a comprehensive statement on both the humiliation and exaltation of Christ. He first tells us how Christ humbled Himself, and then how the Father exalted Him. And the *“Wherefore”* in verse 9 tells us that the Father’s exaltation was in response to Christ’s humiliation. You would not have vv. 9–11 if you did not have vv. 6–8. The humiliation was not the end game for Christ; it was the gateway to exaltation. The passage is showing us what humility looks like (6–8), and what exaltation looks like (9–11). This is how a man should humble himself, and this is how God will reward him with exaltation. In God’s economy you get by giving, you live by dying to self, you find your life by losing it, and you are exalted by humbling yourself.

1. The Son Who Was the Sovereign (v. 6)

The two statements in the verse are not identical, but they do point to the same reality. To be in the form of God speaks of His essence or essential being. He didn’t just look like God; He *was* God. To rob is to take something which doesn’t rightly

belong to you, but when Christ claimed to be one with the Father, it was not an illegitimate claim. Everything the Father is, He has always been. He lacks nothing of the Godhead. All that is found in the Father is found in Him. He has a divine name, He exhibited divine attributes and claimed divine prerogatives. The Son was the Sovereign.

2. The Sovereign Became a Servant (v. 7)

He could have said, “Let the whole world go to hell, but I’m not veiling my deity in humanity”—but He made Himself of no reputation. He could have said, “I’ll go but I insist on going in glory and majesty so everyone will recognize me”—but He made Himself of no reputation. He could have said, “If I go it must be like Sinai with thunder and lightning and earthquakes”—but He made Himself of no reputation. He came into the darkness, pitched His tent where blasphemers lived, came to be blasphemed by His brethren and tempted by the devil, came to be despised and rejected. No reputation.

3. The Servant Became the Sacrifice (v. 8)

“Even the death of the cross.” **EVEN**—that is a word of extremes. Even that! There has to be a limit to just how far a man will go, where he says, “I’m not going any farther,” but Christ went EVEN to the death of the cross. Somewhere in the sorrows and griefs of humanity, you would think He would have said, “Enough with this humiliation.” Somewhere in the denial of His brethren, the blasphemy of the Jewish elders, the accusing Him of working by the power of Beelzebub, the lying about His intentions, the mocking of His claims, He would have said, “The whole world is not worth the insults.” Somewhere in the agony of Gethsemane, the betrayal by Judas, the abandonment by His disciples, the kangaroo court of the Sanhedrin, you would understand if He had abandoned the plan and looked for a different way. We would not blame Him if somewhere in the cries of “Crucify him!” in the humiliation of standing before Caiaphas and Herod and Pilate, in the accusation of treason, in the scourging at the hand of the soldiers, in the crown of thorns, the mock reed, the spittle, the plucking of the beard, He would have said, “This is the end of the line.” But He “became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

4. The Sacrifice Is Sovereign Again (vv. 9-11)

He had a common name while on earth, and men blasphemed His name, but in His exaltation, no one will blaspheme or curse that name. No name is more grandly honored and more grievously hated. No name is more acclaimed and more accused. The sweetest hymns, the richest poems, the choicest music are all woven around that name. That blessed name is like honey to the taste, harmony to the ear, health to the soul and hope to the heart. And one day every knee will bow to that name. Some will bow in horror and terror and by compulsion, while others will bow in love and adoration. But every knee will bow.