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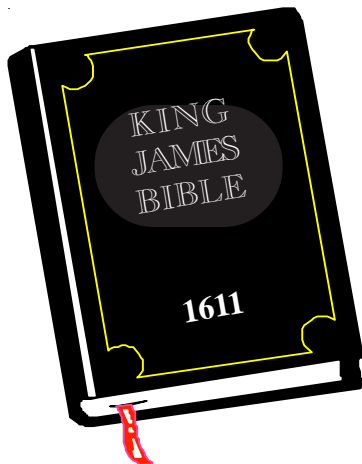
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## Editor's Notes



*Jim & Mary Fellure*

This is Monday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), at 6 AM. I am in the office in Florida waiting for daylight so I can take some pictures outside in the bright Florida sunshine. If I had taken as many shots on film as I have with this digital camera, we would have a small fortune invested in film and development, just to get decent pictures of books for our web site.

I have been back in the hospital for more maintenance work and the doctor says, "Take it easy for about six weeks." Nothing serious, just a reoccurring hernia that had to be fixed. I plan to spend all of this month working from the home-base while this incision heals up. Then I'll go back out in meetings the first week of March.

It's very easy in the ministry to lose our focus. Some people want to preach just for the enjoyment of preaching. A dear friend of mine once said that his church had become cold, stale and ineffective in the community. In his desperation, he went to another trusted pastor friend and asked for any advice he could offer. The friend simply asked, "What are you doing in your church?" My friend replied, "I'm preaching." The wise older preacher didn't have much to say after that, but that was enough. Later on that day, my friend walked by his wife sitting at a sewing machine and asked, "What are you doing?" She could have said, "I am sewing," but instead she said, "I am making a dress." She was doing more than sewing; she was sewing with a purpose. The Lord used that to speak to the preacher's heart. My friend had been preaching, but there was no goal to reach for. He had lost his focus. The main goal of the church is to fulfill the Great Commission.

Lately, I have been saying that the average church has absolutely no intention of obeying Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen." The first word in the passage is a big hurdle that some just cannot get over. **GO** is not a recommendation; it's a command. I have heard Christians say, "I just don't like to travel," as if what they like or dislike has something to do with it. The next word that makes the Great Commission difficult is **TEACH**. In order to teach, you have to know something and to know something, you have to study, and "Much study is a weariness of the flesh." (Ecc. 12:12) Also, in order to teach you have to be able to effectively tell what you know, and it has to be told in other languages. (Go ye therefore and teach **ALL NATIONS**.) I have heard many missionaries say the hardest thing they ever did was learn a foreign language. There are people for whom Christ died waiting to be evangelized in over two hundred countries with over six thousand different languages being spoken. If the eternal destiny of the people of this world totally depended on you and me winning them to Christ, how many of them do you think would go to heaven? I know the Bible says that we are to "Wait for His Son from heaven," but while we are waiting we should be like the Lord Jesus Christ and "... work..., while it is day:" for "the night cometh, when no man can work."

In the words of the hymn writer "O land of rest, for thee I sigh! When will the moment come, When I shall lay my armor by, and dwell in peace at home?" The chorus says, "We'll work till Jesus comes, we'll work till Jesus comes: We'll work till Jesus comes, and we'll be gathered home."

The love of Christ and the cry of the unreached masses constrain us to get up, get at it and stay at it until He calls us home. One of the saddest letters I ever read was from a missionary that threw in the towel and called it "quits." He wrote all his supporting churches telling them he had quit and signed off with, "No longer in the work." I am so thankful that it was not me who wrote that letter.

Please continue to pray for us,

*Jim Fellure*

## 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.

**W**E BELIEVE in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

**W**E BELIEVE in the deity of Christ - His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

**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. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world.

*Please support Victory Baptist Press prayerfully and financially as we send scriptures free of charge around the world.*





*Al & Heidi Berg*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

If you ever wonder how to pray for those of us who work in the print shop, I have a suggestion; pray for our minds! I have heard printers in the past blame their problems on the Devil getting into the machinery. I do not believe this. He can, however, mess with our minds. Let me give you an example. In our last letter we told you about the new bindery system that God has so graciously given us. We have been busy, rewiring it, putting it back together,

and getting it adjusted. One part needed to be taken off and serviced. When we put it back on, it was near the end of the day and I did not get to check to see if it was in just right. I told myself, "I have got to check that first thing in the morning before we start this thing up." Well, I forgot, turned on the machine, heard something pop, and realized too late what had happened. That little slip of the mind cost us precious time and money. Praise the Lord that no one has been seriously hurt since we started in 1984, but believe me, there have been plenty of opportunities. Keeping a clear mind is important, not only for the correct operation of the equipment, but for our safety as well.

This last week in the print shop, we put the gathering machine on hold and printed about 84,000 English John/Romans for Seedline International in Indiana. About 50,000 of those will go to the Pentagon in Washington, DC, for distribution among the many soldiers who come and go through there. Bro. Davidson had some special covers made to attract the eye of any young soldier. Pray that many of these young men

will get saved.

We have also been working hard to get a new set of Spanish New Testament negatives ready for plates. Bro. Humberto Gomez has spent several years going over the New Testament to correct some problems. We have printed just a few to distribute to some of the brethren for their consideration. So far, most of the feedback has been very positive. This has been a matter of controversy for years among the Spanish-speaking brethren, and there has been no good answer. We are praying that God will use and multiply this new revision.

The requests keep coming in for other languages as well. Please pray that God will help us get our new bindery system fully operational soon, that He will give us the paper to print to feed it, and that God will keep our minds in good order so we can operate all this equipment to its fullest potential.

May God bless you,  
*Bro. Albert Berg*

## The Missionaries Are On The Field, The Work Force Is In Place, The Presses Are Ready To Roll!

For the next several months VBP will work on two large runs of New Testaments. We plan to print approximately one hundred thousand Spanish New Testaments for Mexico and two hundred thousand English New Testaments for Zambia, Africa. Just the cost for the paper for these two projects alone will be at least \$80,000. That is an impossible figure without the help of the faithful support and prayers of our friends of the Gospel.

You can be a great help with these two very important projects by praying and giving to Victory Baptist Press.

The cost of one roll of paper is \$500.

One day of operation of the print shop is \$684.96 (Based on one million books per year - soon to increase dramatically).

A complete truckload of paper is \$18,000.

A gift of \$100 or more per month puts that supporter in the ***Band of 200***. (Two hundred supporters at \$100 per month would meet all the paper needs for the big web press.)

If you need to know more about us, look on our web site at [www.victorybaptistpress.com](http://www.victorybaptistpress.com). If you would like a VBP field representative to come to your church, call our office for scheduling. JF



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE VICTORY  
BAPTIST PRESS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES**



**MIKE & DEE PICKENS** began with Victory Baptist Press in December of 1994. Brother Pickens is a 1965 graduate of Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Missouri. He has pastored churches in Indiana, Alabama, North Carolina and Texas, and was in evangelism for 7 years.

Mike and Dee have 4 married children and 9 grandchildren. When they are not on the road in meetings, they make their home in Candler, North Carolina, and can be contacted at the home office.



**RICK & MELINDA REED** have been field representatives for Victory Baptist Press since October of 1996. Brother Reed gave up a very comfortable and secure employment position in order to help send the Gospel of Christ around the world through this ministry.

Rick and Melinda have 4 children, all at home. You can contact the Reeds at 12207 Buckhorn Cemetery Rd., Moody, Texas 76557. Phone (254)853-9353.



**BILL AND VICKI RICHBURG** left a full-time ministry in South Carolina and became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in January of 1999. Brother Richburg has pastored churches in West Virginia, Virginia and South Carolina.

Bill and Vicki have a married son and a daughter at home. You can contact the Richburgs at P. O. Box 508, Six Mile, South Carolina 29682. Phone (864)868-9988.



**MARTIN AND ANNE FULLER** left a full-time ministry in Georgia and became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in January, 2002. Brother Fuller attended Tabernacle Baptist College of Greenville, South Carolina, and was on staff under Dr. Harold Sightler. He also served as assistant pastor and youth director in another church and pastored for twelve

years in Texas.

The Fullers have 5 children all at home. They do an outstanding job with music as a family, and Brother Fuller is an excellent preacher. If you can use them for a service, contact them at P.O. Box 474, Grovetown, Georgia 30813. Phone (706) 556-8369.

Editor's note: All financial support for a field representative should be sent to Victory Baptist Press, marked clearly for the individual it is intended for.



Ray & Juanita Bowie

***“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2: 8,9***

Praise the Lord for the many saved this past month by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ my Saviour.

We have received 12,600 John/Romans already this year. Some ladies in Indiana made some beautiful calendars in Spanish. All of the prisoners in our prison church services received one. For many, it was their first time to ever have one of their own. On one side is a scenery picture with a calendar under it. On the same side, using the other half of the page, is the Roman's Road. Every time someone sees the calendar, they also see how to be saved. In our small post office each year, they put our calendar up so people can see the date. About 90% of the people using our small post office read Spanish.

I am looking forward to flying in the airplane more this year. At first it was not comfortable. Bouncing around was new to me, but flying saves a lot of time. When we drive, one prison is a long day and the other makes about a fourteen hour day. When we fly every three weeks, we make two prisons in one day. The pilots that fly us are fine Christian missionary pilots who also help us any way possible in our services. Their desire is to see people saved and helped.

Thanks to everyone helping us to be able to do missionary work in Mexico.

**Prayer Needs:**

- 1. People to be saved in Mexico.**
- 2. Our suppliers. We need New Testaments, Bibles, and tracts in Spanish.**
- 3. Pro-Trans Trucking Co. which hauls for us regularly and other trucking companies who help us as they can.**
- 4. Please pray for Seedline International which lost its truck in an accident while hauling Bibles for us.**

Yours for Souls in Mexico,

***Ray & Juanita Bowie***

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Brother Bob Schmidt and his family are faithful members of Victory Baptist Church. He and his wife, Leonor, are travel agents and do their best to get the best flight rates available for the brethren.

Brother Bob says they can do especially well with overseas flights.

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## THE NEED IS GREAT; THE TIME IS LATE!

Victory Baptist Press of Milton, Florida, was started by Dr. Thomas F. Woodward in 1984. The ministry has always been under the authority of Victory Baptist Church and has from the very beginning made the scriptures that we print available free of charge on a first ask, first serve basis. Over the years, we have printed scripture portions in 9 different languages. We usually print and ship about one million John/Romans and New Testaments to the mission field each year. We get far more requests than we are able to fill, and the only thing we know to do is "MORE". We have a full-scale print shop with a thirty-eight inch Hantscho Web Press and a Muller Martini Bindery System. We have three men working in the print shop full-time and one secretary working part-time. There are five field representatives traveling raising financial support, and yet we are getting farther and farther behind in reaching the world with the Gospel.

If you are a pastor of a fundamental, independent Baptist Church, we would deeply appreciate you letting me, or another field representative come to your church and present our ministry. Drop me an email at victorybaptistpress@msn.com, and I will contact you immediately.

Another thing that would be a great help would be for you to visit our web site, especially the bookstore. All the scriptures we print are given free of charge, but we do sell other books and music cassettes and CDs to generate income for the printing ministry. No individual benefits financially from the sale of the books and music. Our web site is [www.victorybaptistpress.com](http://www.victorybaptistpress.com)

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you;" (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Jim Fellure, General Director

PS: The following letter from missionary Roger Riley is typical of the feedback from the mission field.

Dear Bro. Berg and Bro. Fellure:

*Just a note to thank you for printing the large- print Tagalog New Testament for us. Roger is still in the Philippines and will be there until March 15. He received the container early in February that contained the NTs. We had a lady that came to the warehouse. She asked if we had a Tagalog NT available. She told me how she had trouble with her hearing and with her sight. I told her we had just the thing for her and gave her the large- print version that you printed for us. She was so excited because she was able to read it so much better than the regular print.*

*One Sunday we were in a church service, and I noticed a lady setting next to us. She had a small- print Tagalog New Testament and when a passage was given out she put the NT inches away from her eyes so she could read it. I told her that we had a large- print version available and asked if she would like me to send her one. She was so very happy and said what a blessing it would be to have a New Testament in bigger print that she could read.*

*Roger held an Open House Monday, February 21. He had over one hundred ten Pastors that came. **By the end of the day the warehouse was emptied** of all the Tagalog New Testaments that we had available. Over 2500 boxes of tracts, Tagalog Scriptures and SS materials were taken free of charge to be used in the Filipino churches. Praise the Lord for His goodness. Once again, thank you for your help and for printing these large- print Tagalog New Testaments for Precious Seed Ministries.*

*Mrs Roger Riley*



### Blessings & Benefits

by Mrs. Pam Leake

*Blessed be the Lord, who  
daily loadeth us with  
benefits, even the God of  
our salvation. Selah.*

*Psalms 68:19*

*Whenever I sing the hymn, "Count Your Blessings," my heart is moved to thank the Lord for the endless blessings I have in Him. One such blessing is the privilege, even honor, of having a small part in worldwide missions. The Lord has not, thus far, called my husband and me to leave and go to some other land to spread the Gospel. However, He has allowed us to be involved in missions by giving and praying for those who are laboring in far off locations. When we receive reports from the field, it is such an encouragement to see the hand of God supplying needs and blessing His Word through the missionary efforts. In the fall of 2004, our missionary to Mexico and Cuba, Ruben Murillo, Jr. came to our church and presented the need of Bibles and bicycles as transportation for Cuban pastors. Our church saw the need, gave generously, and just last week we received photos from Bro. Murillo of a number of pastors who have received these gifts. Many of the photos showed a pastor and his family standing with a new bicycle and a new Bible. The gratitude was evident on their faces, for their smiles said it all. How my heart rejoiced with them! I praise the Lord for giving me the opportunity to be a blessing to His servants who labor in difficult situations all around the world. If you've never participated in missions giving, I encourage you to start today! Even small investments can reap great rewards!*

*In His service,  
Pam Leake*

### MEMORIALS

Victory Baptist Press recently received memorial gifts from:

***Anonymous Donor***  
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of Miami, Florida  
in memory of  
***Shirley Grant***

*"Blessed are the dead in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*



# Victory Baptist Press Bookstore Sales

Victory Baptist Press Bookstore is a ministry of Victory Baptist Press. Any profit made from the sale of our competitively priced books, goes toward the printing of more scripture portions. These scripture portions are free at our door as the Lord provides. This is just one more way we get the word of God to a lost world.

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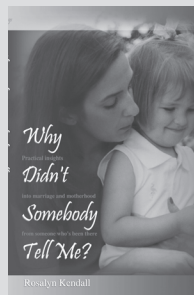


Our newest book, *Hearts for Mexico*, by Pam Leake, describes the forty-year ministry of Missionaries Sonny and Beverly Fritz in Old Mexico.

117 pages.

Price: \$8.00\*

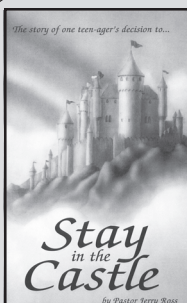
## NEW



*Why Didn't Somebody Tell Me?*, by Rosalyn Kendall offers some very practical insights and encouragement that can transform the life of a young woman seeking to fulfill her God-given role as wife, mother and homemaker.

264 pages

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*How to be Saved Forever and Know It* is a 21 page, pocket-size tract that is an excellent witnessing tool for your church. It gives a clear-cut presentation of salvation using scripture and illustrations in an easy-to-understand manner. Please indicate if you would like the back of the tract blank or printed with your church's own information (25 or more please).

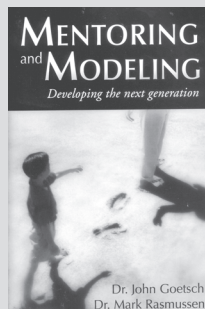
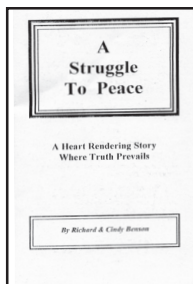
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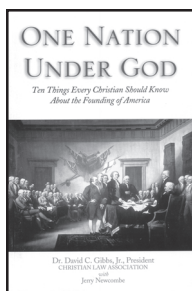
61 page booklet.

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*Mentoring and Modeling*, by Dr. John Goetsch & Dr. Mark Rasmussen, is a widely acclaimed book, full of practical, scriptural advice on the training of young people for Christ. It is highly recommended by our pastor, Bro. Tim Fellure, for all parents and teachers.

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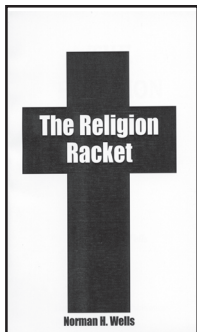


*From My Briefcase* lets you understand some of the critical issues facing our generation and meet some of the people from all over America who are standing for what is right.

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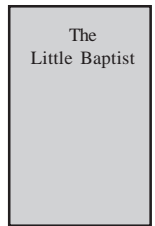


Get your copy of the reprinted edition of *The Religion Racket*, by Norman H. Wells, a student and assistant of Dr. J. Frank Norris. This book reveals religion in its true light; as a failure that uses deception to lead people away from the truth. It is written in an interesting, easy-to-understand style.

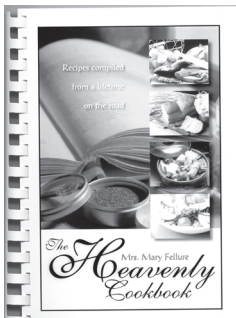
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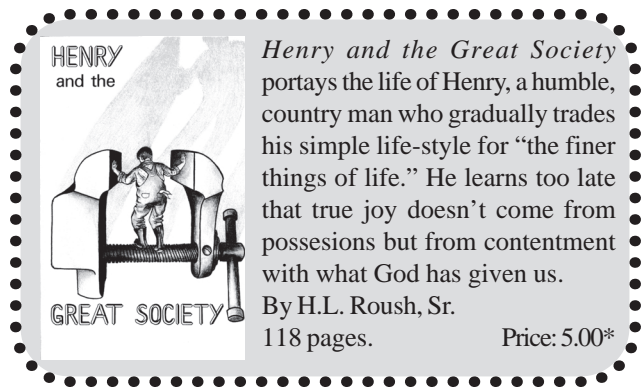


## NEW



Try a new dish from our cookbook published by Victory Baptist Press Bookstore. *The Heavenly Cookbook*, by Mary Fellure, will be a great asset to your kitchen or as a gift for a friend. It contains 469 recipes compiled from across America. There are over 180 pages of delicious recipes and helps.

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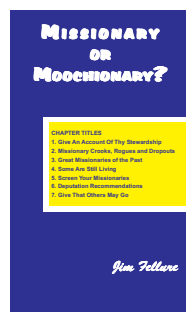


*Henry and the Great Society* portrays the life of Henry, a humble, country man who gradually trades his simple life-style for "the finer things of life." He learns too late that true joy doesn't come from possessions but from contentment with what God has given us.

By H.L. Roush, Sr.  
118 pages. Price: 5.00\*

*Missionary or Moochionary* by Jim Fellure is a straight-forward shot at sham missionaries that are bleeding off mission money that should go for more productive causes. The problem and the cure are each dealt with in a very convicting and instructive manner. Every pastor and every missionary should read this book.

104 pages. Price: \$7.00\*



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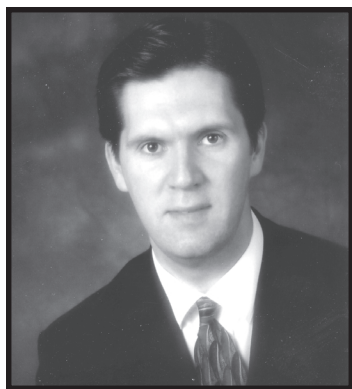
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*Pastor Tim Fellure*

## ***The Settled Soul***

### ***Psalm 119:89-96***

David was an emotional man. At times he was on a mountain praising God, while at other times he was in the valley crying out for help. David did not live in victory – he had good days and bad days. If you will read Psalm 119 and pause between each section, you will see that David's emotions are in play in this chapter. There are some stanzas of victory, while there are other stanzas of despair. If you back up a few stanzas you will find that David has mostly been under a cloud: the mood of the previous stanzas has been dark and cloudy. Oh, there have been a few glimmers of sunshine and hope, but for the most part the scene has been stormy. But when you come to these verses, David is writing with sunshine in his soul. He has found strength and stability that has driven the dark clouds of doubt away. Notice four discoveries that strengthened his soul.

### **Thy Precepts Are Permanent!**

*"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."* This is the first discovery that you must make if you would have peace in the midst of your storms: though the world may rock and reel, the Word of God is firm. God's Word is not fickle or uncertain; it is settled, determined, fixed, sure and immovable. David is declaring once and for all that God's Word is the anchor of his soul and that nothing can move it. Spurgeon wrote: *"After tossing about on a sea of*

*trouble the Psalmist here leaps to shore and stands upon a rock."*

**The Duration.** *"For ever, O Lord, ..."* That is, it is permanent, durable, lasting, abiding, unchanging, enduring, indestructible, continual, unalterable, steadfast, established and forever.

**The Domain.** *"... thy word is settled in heaven."* There were times when the Word was not as settled in his soul, but it was settled in glory; far beyond the reach of men where none can ever destroy or dilute it.

The most foolish of all men are those who make vain attempts at unsettling God's Word. It was said that Diocletian, the Roman emperor, harnessed the resources of the Roman empire to stamp out the Bible, but he might as well have tried to stop the wind from blowing. Voltaire held up a copy of the Bible and said, *"In fifty years I'll have this book in the morgue."* Yet in fifty years Voltaire was in the morgue and the Geneva Bible Society owned his house and used it to store Bibles. God's Word is settled in heaven, and it cannot be reversed, called back or overruled.

### **Thy Faithfulness Is Forever!**

*"Thy faithfulness is unto all generations."* God's Word is unchanging because God is unchanging. God is not affected by the ages: He is not only faithful to one man throughout his lifetime, but to all generations. *"The promises are ancient things, yet they are not worn out by centuries of use, for the divine faithfulness endureth forever."* (Spurgeon)

It is a blessing that we can look back and remember that our fathers knew the faithfulness of God. We recall their testimonies of how God faithfully kept, provided for, and protected them. It is a bigger blessing to know that God has not stopped being faithful in our day; to know that God is as faithful to us as He was in days of old. But the biggest blessing is to know that when our days are spent and our children must carry on without us, God will still be faithful. His faithfulness will not expire with us; He

will be as faithful to the future generation of those who love Him as He was to us and those before us.

### **Thy Creation Is Constant!**

*"Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth."* The laws of light and electricity, of heat and sound, of magnetism and gravity, of chemistry and physics, are all established and constant. David has looked around at the creation of God and noticed that everything is working just as God planned. The stars are in their path, the sun and moon orbit as they are directed, the seasons are always on time, the laws of physics have not been altered, ... God is still in control of the universe He created.

### **Thy Servant Is Settled!**

*"Unless the law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction."* *"I will never forget thy precepts."* Once David has these truths established in his heart, he could then say that he was at peace in his soul. You can have stability and strength and surety in your heart when you realize what David has just determined.

In the last stanza, David had said that he was almost consumed, but now he is shouting the victory. His victory came through the Word of God. He would not have made it without the Word of God. Furthermore, it was not his knowledge of the Word that carried him – it was his love for the Word. *"Unless thy law had been my delights."* Four times in Psalm 119 David says the Word of God is his delight. The word, *'delights'* is plural to emphasize the intensity of his love. It will be your delight in God's Book that will pull you through the moments of terrible affliction.

*"But thy commandment is exceeding broad."* God's Word is broad. It covers it all. There is nothing – no circumstance, no problem, no situation, no heartache, no emergency, no individual, no attitude, no threat, no danger – that is not covered by the Word of God.

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