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## Editor's Notes



Jim &amp; Mary Fellure

Dear Friends,

The good Lord has blessed Victory Baptist Press beyond anything we ever imagined through the faithful prayers and financial support of those who believe in the printing and distribution of the Scriptures. At the time of this writing, there are no negatives to report. All of our field reps are busy on the road keeping us before the churches, while the shop workers are all in good health, and

the presses are running every day. The ministry is in good hands, so I am spending less time in the print shop and more time in my office at home, taking a very limited number of meetings. At the advice of my cardiologist, I am spending more time with what he terms "stress management." I call it gardening and personal fellowship with Christ.

A few years back the Lord used an old, but extremely wise preacher, Brother Bobby Thomas of Greenville, North Carolina, to preach one sermon that revealed to me the importance of understanding Bible principles found mostly in the Old Testament that we are to incorporate into our daily lives.

For example, I have heard and read hundreds of times that every doctrine in the entire Bible can be found in seed form in the first three chapters of Genesis. Since it does make a difference what we believe, we should study until we know proper doctrine, but be careful that we don't become "hearers only" of the Word.

In the second chapter of the Bible, we find that God's original intent for man was that he be a gardener and live off the fruit of the land. We also learn that in the garden during the cool of the day was where God met with man. If we fast-forward to John 18:26, we find "one of the servants of the high priest" saying to Peter, "Did not I see thee **in the garden with him?**"

I would assume that C. Austin Miles knew something about the comfort that comes with meeting the Lord in the garden, because over one hundred years ago he wrote the hymn,

### "In the Garden"

*I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

There is a lot to learn with outdoor activities, but the greatest lesson is that, though we are not a bunch of tree-huggers, we can find good fellowship with our Lord while we enjoy His creation.

Before the year 1790, when Samuel Slater introduced the first cotton mill (which most historians claim was the beginning of the American Industrial Revolution), every family knew what seedtime and harvest meant and knew when and how to make their livelihood from the fruit of the ground. However, in less than three-hundred years, since gardening can't be done on a computer, most millennials (also known as the Internet Generation) have very little interest in growing their own fruits and vegetables. Neither is this generation hungry for good fellowship with Jesus Christ.

By the time you get the next issue of this *Newsletter*, I will no doubt be eating new potatoes, red ripe tomatoes, yellow squash, zucchini, silver queen sweet corn, eggplant, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and muscadine grapes, all fresh from our garden. And I will have followed a Bible principle in doing it.

The VBP ministry has demands for every day of the week, but Friday of last week was the best day of the week for me. Josh and Maressa Thompson and their beautiful one-year-old twin daughters, Isabella and Madelyn, came by for a couple of days, and Josh and I cut up some seed potatoes. That evening, our grandson Jacob dug the holes, Anthony, our two-year-old great-grandson, dropped the potatoes in the holes, and he and Josh covered them with dirt. I can truly say that the Lord Jesus Christ, Josh Thompson, Jacob, Anthony, and I had some good fellowship in the garden.

In Christ,  
Jim Fellure

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## Print Shop News



**Al & Heidi Berg**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The last few months here at VBP have been very busy, for which we are thankful. First of all, the shipment we sent to the Philippines finally cleared customs, and all the bills are paid for printing, shipping, customs and storage. They are now being distributed in the Philippines. Please pray that God will use them as He sees fit.

We are currently printing about 35,000 Spanish Bibles that will be split between South America and Central America. Normally, we can only get about 25,000 Spanish Bibles from a truckload of paper, but God has been gracious to supply the funds for two truckloads of paper. The second has yet to be delivered, but will be ordered soon.

With the rest of the paper from the second truckload, we plan to print for the first time ever a whole English Bible, plus some English New Testaments. You may think it strange that in all these years we have not printed a whole English Bible, but that is just not the way the Lord has led this ministry. The need is great everywhere, and there are very few people printing whole Bibles in some of the other languages that we have printed. We just never got around to printing English Bibles. We have done English New Testaments in the past, but it has been a long time, and we have printed many English John/Romans.

Speaking of English John/Romans, we have over 100,000 on hand ready for distribution. While we do not customize covers, we have left a blank box on the back of the cover where a church can either stamp or apply a sticker with their own information on them if they so desire. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Please continue to pray for us in the daily operations of the

print shop. Some days go really well; others, not so much. I am writing this on a Friday, and this week has gone great, but the week before was one of those not-so-good weeks, with one day in particular. Sometimes it is a particular thing that is just hard to figure out. On that day, all kinds of things went wrong. I told my young helper, Daniel, to remember everything that went wrong that day so he would know how to fix it in the future! The old saying, "Smooth sailing does not a sailor make" applies here. God has been so good to help us through many difficulties over the years. Looking back does build confidence for the future.

On a devotional note, I was reading Deuteronomy 1 and 2 the other day. There Moses is recalling the recent history of Israel's wandering through the wilderness. As he recalls the spies' report of the land, one of the things they were afraid of were the giants that resided in the land. It caused them to wander for forty years, until their generation passed away. In chapter two, Moses is recalling some of their dealings with the Moabites, Edomites, and Ammonites. They were not to possess any of their land, because God had given it to them, but I noticed they all had giants to deal with, too, and they overtook them. Now, these were godless nations, but the fact is, these godless nations overcame the giants—why could not the children of Israel do the same, especially with God's help? I am reminded of a childhood friend whose father used to be a drunk. Somehow he realized his life was headed for destruction and managed to pull himself out of that cursed life, but he was not a Christian, and as far as I know he never became one. There are undoubtedly many other like stories, and my question is this—If people can pull themselves out of some types of bondage, why cannot Christians prevail as well? I know with God's help we can prevail in the Christian walk. Pray that God will help us to do it.

May God bless you,  
Bro. Albert Berg



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*"Remember Whose you are and Whom you serve. Provoke yourself by recollection, and your affection for God will increase tenfold; your imagination will not be starved any longer, but will be quick and enthusiastic, and your hope will be inexpressibly bright."*

—Oswald Chambers

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## Benefits &amp; Blessings

**Mrs. Pam Leake****The Benefits of Remembering**

Over the last year, I have experienced some physical and emotional hurdles that, at the time, seemed difficult to overcome. As God has helped me through them, however, I have not only learned more about myself, but also about how very faithful and loving my heavenly Father truly is. I find myself thinking back over the years since becoming a Christian, and I remember God's goodness and how He has never let me down. He has always

sustained me and given me the strength to go through dark valleys, though sometimes I felt so overwhelmed that I wanted to give up.

As I was reading my Bible one morning last week, I noticed some words that kept recurring in the verses: "remember" and "beware lest thou forget." In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses rehearses in the ears of the people all that the Lord had done for them in their exodus from Egypt and how He had provided for them and sustained them and given victories in battle as He led them to the Promised Land. Along with the exhortation to remember, there was also a warning not to forget, because there would be consequences.

The Holy Spirit reminded me as I read and pondered the Scriptures that I needed to remember some things. I needed to remember that though the tough times have come, along with the inevitable heartaches, there has never been a time the Lord did not help me through them and administer His very special healing through His tender mercies. As I took some time to truly "remember" His goodness, I was provoked in my spirit to once again give Him thanks and praise for being true to His loving nature and true to His promises to me. He reminded me that He is ever-present with me and will never forsake me.

There are many benefits of remembering the specific workings of the Lord in one's life. First of all, it makes the Lord your focus

rather than yourself as you recall His involvement in your life. It also helps to cultivate an attitude of gratitude toward Him for what He has done. It calls to mind the manifold blessings you have enjoyed over the years of being His child, which helps your faith and trust in Him to grow. Remembering that every good and every perfect gift comes from our Father above provokes us to give glory to Him and to give verbal testimony of His kindness and bountiful goodness. Remembering also serves to keep us humble as we realize how undeserving of any of His blessings we are, but He pours them out on us anyway! He has proven that He will never forsake us, regardless of what difficulties we might face.

As Moses warned the Hebrew people to "beware lest thou forget," so we should also heed the warning that if we fail to remember the benefits and blessings of God, we will have our focus drawn away from Him and toward the world, the flesh, and the devil. It will weaken our spiritual state and affect our determination to remain faithful to follow Him and serve Him, regardless of the difficulties that arise.

When you find yourself caught up in your own pain and disappointment, seemingly unable to get past it, just take some time to reflect on the goodness of the Lord in your life, and remember His blessings and how He intervened in situations in ways that benefited you. Praise Him and thank Him specifically for how He has worked in your life, and you'll find that the trials get easier and the burdens lighter!

*"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the works of thy hands" (Psalm 143:5).*

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:5).*

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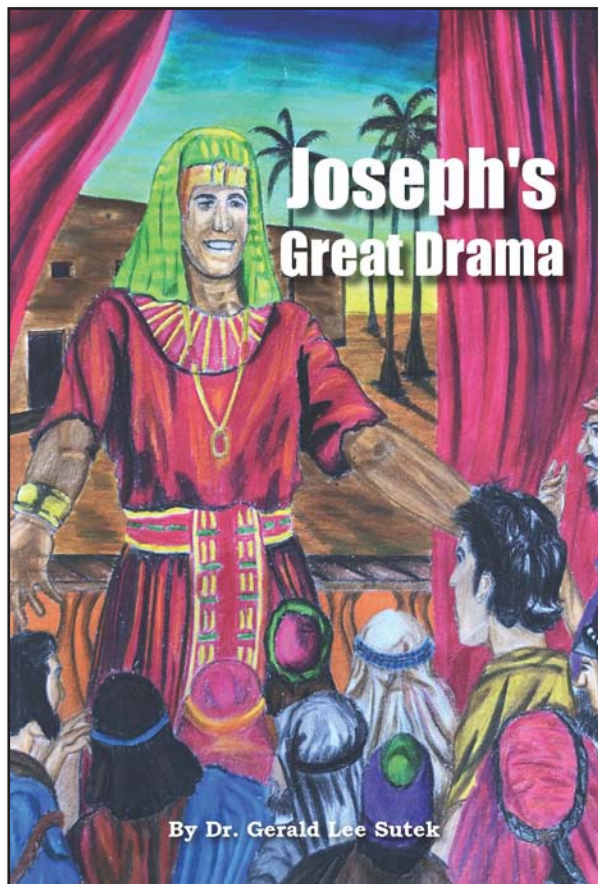
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## Annual Emerald Coast Jubilee Dates Have Changed!

**Emerald Coast Jubilee—January 17–21, 2022**

Victory Baptist Church has always held the Emerald Coast Jubilee during the first full week of January. The dates for next year have been changed to the third full week. Please mark the dates and plan to be with us for a wonderful time together.

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by Dr. Gerald Lee Sutek

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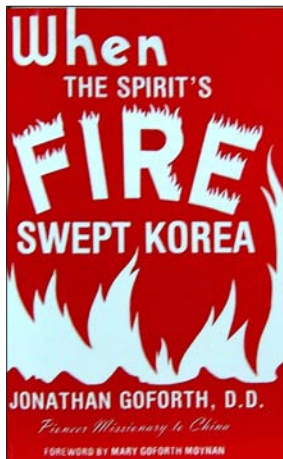
## **Bro. Jim Fellure recommends *Joseph's Great Drama*, by Dr. Gerald Sutek**

As I read the manuscript of *Joseph's Great Drama—Joseph, Jesus, and the Jews*, I could not help but marvel at how well Dr. Sutek brought every part and player to life in minute detail in his imagination and yet never lost the continuity of the entire plot or the absolute accuracy of his Bible interpretation.

I remember being told once that an author should only target one audience. If that is true, then Solomon surely failed with the book of Proverbs, and like Solomon, Dr. Sutek also broke that ridiculous rule by portraying so many different characters. In fact don't be surprised to find a description of yourself—warts and all—in its pages. Another bit of advice for authors that came my way was, "If you don't have anything to say, don't say it!" and "An intelligent person is not always someone who knows a lot. An intelligent person is someone who can tell you what they know." Well, Brother Sutek knew his subject, had a lot to say, and said it! As I read the book, I could only wish I had owned a copy of this tremendous study as a reference when I preached through the life of Joseph forty years ago.

For me to continue writing, trying to come up with the words that would enhance the contents of this book in an attempt to attract more readers, would, in the words of one preacher, be as futile as trying to enhance the brightness of the noonday sun with a flashlight or add beauty to a blushing red rose with a kindergartner's crayon. My suggestion would be to read about the first ten pages; after that, if you have any interest in Bible truth, you will be drawn from page to page all the way to the end. I highly recommend this great book.

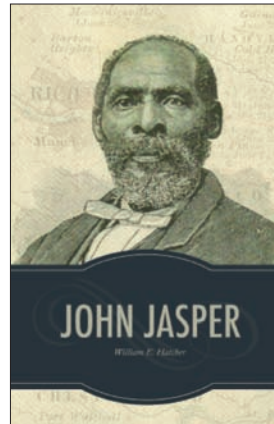
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## The Pastor's Page



Tim Fellure

Say It Again  
Psalm 53

The inscription to this psalm does not give us any historical background, but I believe there is a clue in the first verse to help us. The word "*fool*" is from the Hebrew word *nabal*, and there is a man in the Old Testament who actually carried that name. In 1 Samuel 25 we are introduced to a man named Nabal, described as

"churlish and evil in his doings" (1 Samuel 25:3). Whether his parents named him this at birth or it became a nickname because of his behavior, Nabal certainly lived up to his name. He was foolish because he had a good wife he mistreated. He was foolish because he insulted David, who had been helping his shepherds with their flocks. He fits the description of the man described in Psalm 53, so it could be that David had his experiences with Nabal in mind when he wrote this psalm.

The second feature about this psalm, and most obvious, is that it is almost identical to Psalm 14. I have titled it "Say It Again" because that is exactly what David does. Read the two psalms back to back, and you will see they are the exact same psalms with minor word variations. So we have to ask why would the compiler of the psalms include the same psalm twice. If we discovered "Amazing Grace" was in our hymnal twice we would all know it was a mistake, but we know it is not a mistake in the Bible. Perhaps we could say there are some things which never change, and one of them is the foolishness of mankind. This is an interesting psalm to me for two great lessons that can be taught from it.

## A Lesson about Infidels

The subject is, obviously, fools as indicated by the first verse. The **declaration** of the fool (v. 1) is that there is no God. He lives as if there is no God, so he acts on his convictions. His conviction is moral, not intellectual, because it is something that comes from his heart. He says there is no God because he will not have God over him. He is angry at the God whose existence he denies, and he hates the God whom he has decided does not exist. Two things can always be said of an atheist: one, he says there is no God; and, two, he hates Him.

The **depravity** of the fool (vv. 1–3) is that they are corrupt, doers of abominable iniquities, and altogether filthy. The fruit of atheism is always rotten conduct. The **dread** of fools (v. 5) is seen in the fear deep in their hearts when they have said there is nothing to fear. How many wicked men have lived as if they had no fear of death, only to suddenly change their mind on their death bed? The wicked live as if there is no judgment, but often lose that confidence

when facing impending judgment. The **deliverance** from fools (v. 6) is seen in the prayer for God to restore the righteous.

## A Lesson about Inspiration

There are actually two types of foolishness exposed in Psalm 53 (and Psalm 14). There is the foolishness of denying God and the foolishness of correcting Scripture. Let me explain! If you will notice there are two words italicized in Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1—"*there is*." Many believe the italicized words were added by translators and are not in the original manuscripts; thus, they can be taken out without doing any harm to the text. In fact, many commentators begin their exposition of both psalms by telling us "*there is*" does not belong in the text leaving the verse to read, "*The fool hath said in his heart, No God.*" They opine that the true meaning of the verse is that a fool will say "*no*" to God. The fool is not denying God's existence; only denying his authority. But that is not what the text says.

Now, I will grant that a person who says "*no*" to God is a fool, but that is a secondary application to the statement. I have no qualms with making a devotional application to the psalm, but we must not do so at the expense of changing the text. Saying "*no*" to God is not the same as saying God is not. I do not know Hebrew grammar, but I know enough English grammar to know that taking the italics out of the verse renders it grammatically incorrect.

So, do the italicized words "*there is*" belong in the text? I did a little research and found the phrase "*there is*" appears 394 times in the King James Bible and many of them are in italics. I then found the phrase "*there is no God*" 12 times in the Bible and the words "*there is*" are always in italics. However, five of those instances (Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:5, 14, 21) are God speaking Himself, so if you insist that Psalm 53:1 is the fool saying no to God, then we have God saying no to Himself in Isaiah. That simply doesn't make sense! Finally, you can always trust the Bible to defend itself against such cheap attacks against its every-word inspiration. Read Psalm 14 and 53 again and notice there is a second italicized "*there is*" in the chapters—"*there is none that doeth good*" (Psalm 14:1, 3; 53:1, 3). That statement is quoted by the Apostle Paul in Romans 3:12. Without looking at the verse and "*understanding*" that italicized words were added by translators and were not part of the original manuscripts, and knowing Paul came way before the translators of your King James Bible, would you guess he included the italicized words or not? Of course, he would not include them if they were not yet added by the translators. But he does add them, and they are not italicized in Romans 3:12. After one hundred commentators tell you those words do not belong in the text, the Bible itself quotes those very words in Paul's epistle. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write those two little words—because the Holy Spirit inspired David to write them too. It is foolish to deny the existence of God, and it is foolish to doubt the inspiration of every word in your King James Bible.