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“The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published it” (Psalm 68:11).

VICTORY BAPTIST PRESS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY

It has been my privilege for the past thirty years to pastor Victory Baptist Church, home of Victory Baptist Press. We have seen the Lord do marvelous things with this ministry, allowing us to reach around the world providing Scriptures for missionaries and national pastors in every state in America, as well as more than forty foreign countries.

I am often given undue credit for the ministry, but the truth is, I did not start VBP, and I certainly could not operate it on my own. Over the years, the Lord has surrounded us with helpers who make the work possible. From day one of my pastorate, my dad, Jim Fellure, has taken the helm of VBP as General Director, and Brother Al Berg has been the main pressman for thirty-seven of the forty-years of VBP's existence. The Lord has also given us two young men dedicated to learning to run presses (along with all the other ins and outs of the print shop) and three young ladies who work in the office with graphic design, layout, and a host of other administrative tasks. Every week, our field representatives travel to churches across America, raising financial support to finance the operations of a full-scale printshop. On a nearly daily basis, volunteers from the church come to volunteer their time in many of the processes it takes to put Bibles together.

Printing is an expensive operation, and it would not be possible without the faithful support and love offerings of hundreds of churches and individuals who give each month. More than presses, paper, and ink, Victory Baptist Press consists of people—people who have dedicated their lives and sacrificed much to send the printed Word around the world.

We are humbled by the many hearts and hands that have joined with ours to provide Bibles or Bible portions free of charge to those who receive them. We give honor to our Lord for giving us this ministry, and look forward to continuing the work until He comes.

Pastor Tim Fellure

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Jim & Mary Fellure

Dear Friends,

All of our supporters are surely aware that from the very beginning VBP has been printing and distributing Scriptures in one form or another without charge to those who receive them. However, three years ago we added **Mordecai's Method** as another way of reaching hundreds of thousands of people with the Gospel, and the outreach has been far better than we expected. As of this date, there

has been a clear presentation of the Gospel of Christ sent to well over two-million household addresses in more than one hundred different communities. Pastor J. R. Trammel and the Harvest Hill

Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, have set a good example of what can be done by dedicating themselves to doing their best to get the Gospel into every home in Bexar county. They are now a little over halfway toward meeting their goal, with more than four hundred thousand gospel presentations mailed. Some communities we have mailed to have less than 1,500 households, but large or small, the Great Commission is to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Please pray that the good Lord will continue blessing this added part of the ministry, and that through these mailouts, many souls will come to genuine repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

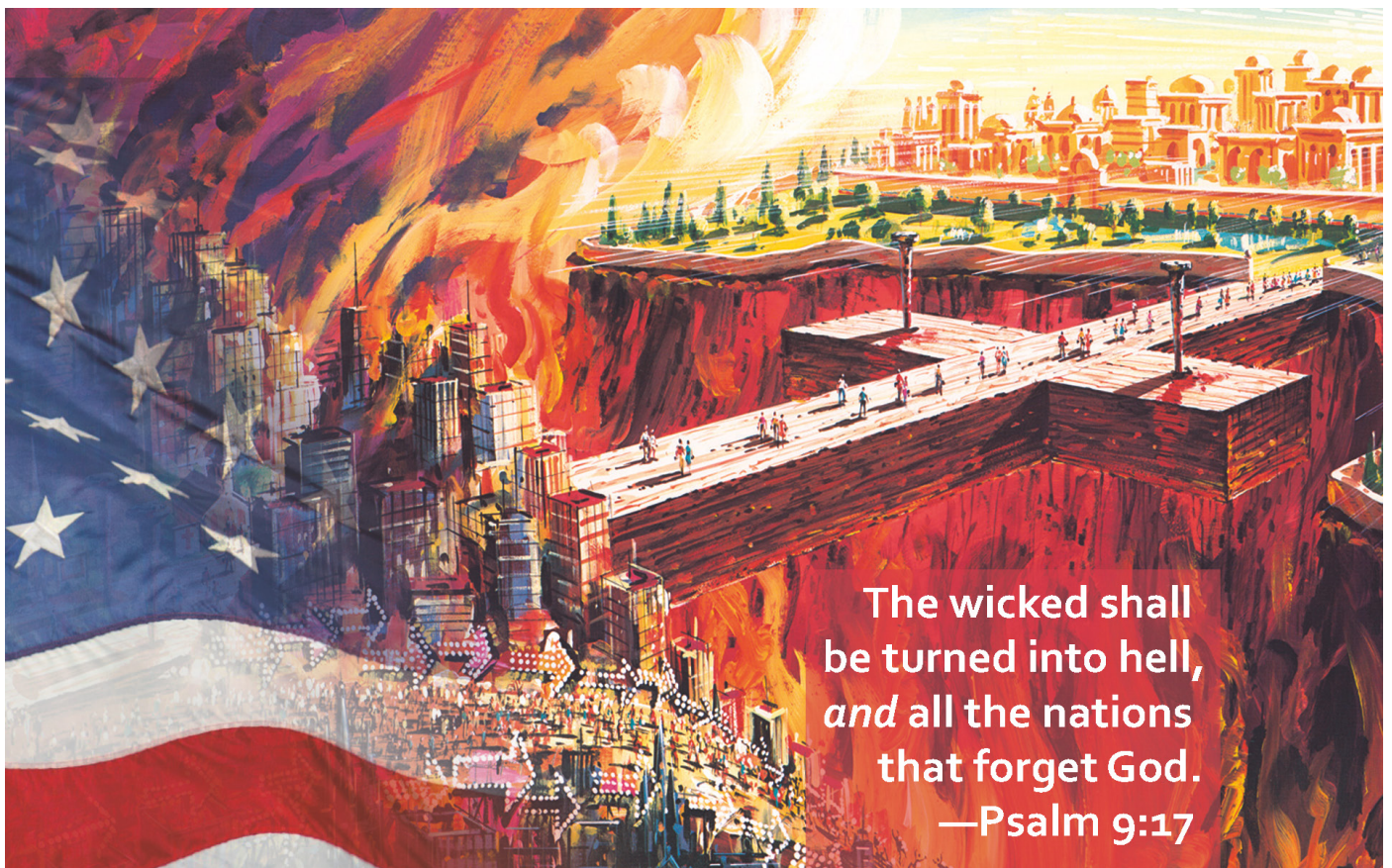
Jim Fellure

What Is Mordecai's Method?

Mordecai's Method, as told in the book of Esther, used the Persian empire postal system to mail a letter of life to every province, reversing the letter of death sent out by Haman, which had ordered the death of every Jew. Using that same method by sending the card with the cross through the United States postal system's Every Door Direct Mail service, we can get the Gospel into every household in any community in America, including gated or restricted areas, military bases, post office boxes, etc.—places we could not get to any other way.

Between the nine verses of Scripture on the card, and the QR code linked to a gospel video (which gives a clear presentation of the Gospel and encourages the listener to receive Christ and be saved forever), we believe many will turn from sin to the Saviour.

If your church would like to send these cards to your city, go to <https://victorybaptistpress.com/mordecais-method/>



The wicked shall
be turned into hell,
and all the nations
that forget God.
—Psalm 9:17

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Now that 2023 is in the books, we look forward to what the Lord has in store for 2024. If you do not take into consideration the promises of the Word of God, as far as the national and world news is concerned, things look pretty bleak at the moment. In my daily Bible reading, I am amazed at how good God is to the nation of Israel. That should not be a surprise though, because many of God's promises are

not based on our goodness, but on His faithfulness. The Bible says that God's Word is magnified above His name. If you think about it, anybody's name is only as good as their word. If you cannot keep your word, you will not have a very good name. God has always kept His word, so His name is greater than any other name.

As far as getting God's Word with His promises, this is what the Lord has allowed Victory Baptist Press to do in 2023. We shipped out 123,310 English John/Romans and have a little over 10,000 on a pallet ready to ship to Australia. We also shipped 2,268 English Bibles. In December of last year, we received another truckload of paper that we plan to print into approximately 22,000 English Bibles, most of which are already spoken for. We shipped 2,280 Spanish John/Romans, but we have in stock a little over 41,000

that are not presently designated. We were also able to ship 24,678 Spanish Bibles, and there are none of them left in stock. We hope to print more later this year. Then we had a small handful (15) of Cebuano Bibles we were able to give to someone.

At this time, some of you are still in the grips of winter, while down here in the South, planting has already started and trees are beginning to bud. Then again, those in the southern hemisphere are in their summer season. The point of this is not to rub it in for those still shoveling snow, but to remind you that God promised Noah after the flood that there would continue to be summer and winter for all of time. You may be in a winter season in your spiritual life, but just hang on—better times are coming for those who believe in the name of Jesus Christ; maybe in this life, but for sure in the next! And if you are in the summer of your life, and things are going great, praise the Lord! But I remember the words of my first pastor when asking prayer for those hurting physically or spiritually. He would say we should remember those people, because storm clouds would be coming to your house someday, and you would need someone to pray for you. I do not know what 2024 holds, but we hope to do more than ever at Victory Baptist Press. This uncertain world needs more than ever the certain Word of God. Please pray that God will allow us to do more!

God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:13–14

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:26

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 21:8

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:16–18



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Benefits & Blessings

**Mrs. Pam Leake****The Unfinished Story**

The Lord has given me the great privilege to develop a friendship with a dear lady—now a sister in Christ!—who was saved at our church last fall. The transformation was obvious as I watched her become faithful to all the services, and as her whole demeanor changed, it revealed a quickened spirit in her. Her life was full of heartache and despair over a loved one who was in difficult

circumstances as a result of being in the wrong place at the wrong time and with the wrong companions. As a newborn Christian, her faith was small, and she was convinced nothing good would come to pass for her loved one. But her story had just begun!

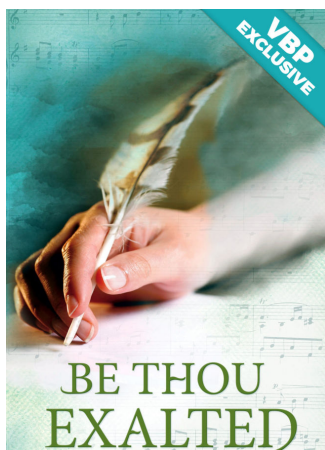
As this sister has grown in the Lord, and I have had the opportunity to pray with her and encourage her to trust that the Lord is still working and He's not finished yet, I have experienced a lift in my own heart, just from being used to help someone else. The Author and Finisher of our faith is writing both of our stories! Because God is love, He puts a love in our hearts for others, for a purpose we may not immediately realize; but as the story of our life on earth is being written, it gradually becomes clearer and clearer. The narrative of each of our lives is being written day by day, and the closer we get to our eternal destination, the closer we are to the conclusion of that story. But it's not finished yet, and the Lord is adding wonderful chapters to my Christian sister's life story as each week passes by. It's quite an awesome thought to ponder, that the One

who spoke the world into creation is the very One who demonstrated the greatest love ever known to a world of lost sinners, and He is the Author who is writing the story of our lives. Even more miraculous is the fact that He knew my story before I was ever born! For the believer in Christ, his or her story actually begins at the moment of rebirth. The sins of the past are gone, to be remembered no more as far as the Father is concerned. We begin with a clean slate, and with the love of God imparted to us, to be used for His glory. The storyline however can be affected by each individual, depending upon their obedience or disobedience to the leading of the Spirit. With every day we are given, we have the opportunity to impact the "last chapter of the book." That should challenge us to live well so that we finish well, since we don't know when that last chapter will be written.

My story began in December of 1981, when the Saviour made clear to me my lost condition, and I repented of my sins and accepted His gift of eternal life. Since then, I've experienced His unfathomable love expressed in many different ways, and in the moments of reflection over my life since then, I can see more clearly as His hand has written my story of growth, failures, and triumph. I'm not complete, I'm not perfect, and I'm still in the "rough draft" stages. The length of the life story of Pam Leake is not yet known, but if I wake up tomorrow, I'll know it's not finished yet!

Note: Pam Leake served alongside her husband, Ed Leake, in the pastoral ministry for over thirty-four years. They make their home in Charlottesville, Virginia, and continue to serve the Lord as He opens doors of opportunity.

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**Be Thou Exalted**

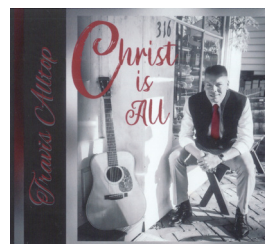
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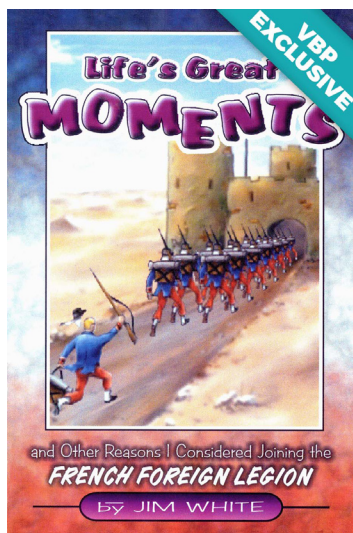
life was that she considered her blindness her greatest asset for it allowed her to "see" things in ways that a "seeing" person never could, and thus, it drew her close to her Lord.

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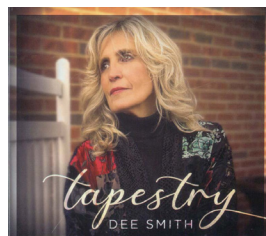
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The Pastor's Page



Tim Fellure

It Is Enough

Proverbs 30:15-16

Every year, it is my privilege to preach a number of family conferences or couples' retreats. I enjoy preaching on the home because having a close-knit family where we love one another and serve God together is a passion of mine. I recently shared the following thought at a couples' conference in New York. In Proverbs 30:15-16, Solomon named four things which

are never satisfied and can never say "It is enough." Four things that share an insatiable desire for more. There is no pleasure in having something in your life that is never satisfied. In relationships, people who never have enough are no joy to be around: the wife who is never satisfied with her home; the husband who is never satisfied with his career; the child who is never satisfied with what he/she has.

Some people cannot be satisfied because their expectations are beyond reason, but there are other people who can be satisfied even when all their expectations are not met. You may not do everything I expected of you, but you did enough, and I don't need you to do any more. The Apostle Paul said he had to learn contentment (Philippians 4:11), meaning he had not always known it. He was not always a contented soul, but he had to learn how to be. And in our relationships, we have to learn how to be content with one another. We share concerns and needs and grow together, but at the end of the day, we have to be able to say, "It is enough."

Your Presence Is Enough! (Genesis 45)

For twenty-two years, Jacob had lived with the belief that his son, Joseph, had been killed by wild beasts—twenty-two years of regret and sadness, longing for a son he believed he would never see again. So imagine the shock when his sons returned from Egypt to tell him Joseph was alive and second-in-command in Egypt. It was too good to be true, and only when he saw the wagons loaded with provisions did he finally allow his heart to hope again. "And Israel said, *It is enough*; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die" (Genesis 45:28).

Now that he knew Joseph was alive, all he wanted was just to see him once more. It is amazing that in all the narrative of Genesis, Jacob never asked one question about the past. He may have outside the Scriptures, but nowhere in the Bible does he ask what happened. Nowhere does he address the sins of his sons. Nowhere does he punish them, take anything away, or disown them for lying to him. He didn't tear his family up over something that had happened twenty-two years earlier. It would be enough just to be together again.

Here's what Jacob learned: it is more important to have his family than to have a perfect family. This is the irony of divorce—in that a man can't stand his wife because she is never good enough; so they get a divorce, and he discovers he would rather live with an imperfect wife than live alone. It is better to sit together in silence than to sit alone. Can you be satisfied enough with your spouse to say, "It is enough just to have you present? You're still here with me, and we can work out whatever differences we have; but even if we don't, at least we're together."

Your Punishment Is Enough! (2 Samuel 24)

David had sinned in numbering the people, and God had given David the option of choosing his punishment: three years of famine, three months of military defeat, or three days of pestilence. David didn't like any of those options and chose to fall on the mercy of God—God will punish him and the nation, but it will be up to God as to the method and extent of the punishment. On day one, God sent a pestilence upon Israel that killed 70,000 men. Then on day two, an angel was dispatched to Jerusalem to stretch his hand over it and destroy it. But God delights in mercy and stopped the angel, saying, "It is enough: stay now thine hand." He could punish more, but He didn't want His people to suffer more.

Sometimes a family member wrongs us and it requires some amount of repentance and perhaps even recompense. Perhaps it is the punishment of a child, or it is the spouse who comes and says "I'm sorry. What can I do to make this right?" Can you be like God and say, "It is enough—I don't need you to suffer anymore. Whatever has happened up to this point is enough." What this touches on is the fact that we often take things too far. You can make your silence too long; you can sulk for too long; you can keep your anger for too long; you can scold for too long; you can punish for too long; you can ground a child for too long. Child discipline should be swift, appropriate, and done. Don't keep bringing up past offenses as a club to beat over that child's head. Your heavenly Father doesn't do that, so why should you? Sometimes a husband is more of a bully than a partner and gets some kind of sadistic joy in keeping his wife beat down verbally and emotionally. Somehow it makes him feel more of a man by making her feel less of a woman. Or a wife holds her husband's failures of ten years ago over his head to remind him she will never forget. Why can't you be like God and say, "You were wrong and you have paid a price, but I don't want you to suffer anymore. It is done. It will never be brought up again. It is enough?"

Your Performance Is Enough! (Matthew 10:24-25)

As the Lord prepares His disciples to go into the villages of Israel to preach, He warns them they will be persecuted and falsely accused just like He has been. They can expect to receive the same treatment He has received. "The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord." It is enough that the disciple be as his master, but you don't expect the servant to be more than his master..... **continued next page**

The disciples were striving to be like Him, but none thought they would ever be greater than Him. And Jesus said if the servant can just be like the Master—not greater, but just be like Him—then “It is enough.” He never expected them to perform at a higher level than Himself, and He was content with their spiritual performance, even though they never exceeded His level.

Is someone’s performance ever enough for you? Before you express dissatisfaction with your child’s performance, ask yourself if you are demanding more of them than you demand of yourself. Will you be content if your children turn out to be the exact same kind of Christian you are? If I want my children to be more, then I must be more, because I cannot say the child should be more than the parent. If I think my wife should be a better Christian, then perhaps I should make sure my own walk with God is where it should be before I ask more of her. May I never rebuke someone for a small fault they have while ignoring my own glaring faults.

Your Prayers Are Enough! (Mark 14:32-41)

Three times the Lord had asked Peter, James, and John to pray for Him as He retreated deeper in the garden to intercede with the Father. The third time He comes back to find them sleeping and, in gentle terms, says, “Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.” In the darkest hour, He has asked three men to stand with Him and pray, and they have failed. They failed, but it was not because they did not care. None of them said, “This is not my concern. I have other things to do. I don’t want to be involved.” They wanted to help, but they were each clothed with flesh. Peter cared enough to swing a sword—albeit ill-advisably—but they stayed

awake as long as their flesh would allow. And instead of rebuking them and telling them He never wanted to see them again, Jesus said, “It is enough.”

He had prayed three times for the Father to remove the cup from Him, but He knew this was the mission for which He had been sent. His disciples had come this far with Him, but they could not go any farther. He would have to do it alone. He is now telling them, “You have done all you can, but you can’t take this cross from me. You tried to stay awake and pray for me; you tried to be there for me, but it is enough.” He didn’t get angry at the three; He didn’t scold them, He didn’t reject them; He didn’t say, “I don’t want anything else to do with you.” Very graciously, He said, “You have done enough.” Perhaps He was disappointed they could not have stayed awake and prayed for one hour, but He was satisfied with what they had done

When we go through trials, we look to those closest to us to help us. In the past couple of months, I have had my mother diagnosed with cancer, my daughter has had a stillborn child, and my daughter-in-law has had a miscarriage. We have had such an outpouring of support, but no one can fix what we have gone through. They would have done more, but there was nothing more to do. They prayed, and that was enough.

Can you look at your spouse and say, “It is enough. You don’t have to do anything else to make me happy. I have you and that is enough. I know you were wrong, and I could use this to beat you down, but I don’t want to see you suffering from guilt, so it is enough. I know you want to do more, and I know you want to help me, but this is a trial I have to bear, and for everything you have already done, it is enough”?

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