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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Dear Friends of Victory Baptist Press, For more than forty years our goal has been to print the Scriptures and distribute them to as many people as possible. We do this without charge to those who receive them, and literally millions of Bibles and bible portions (John/Romans, Gospels of John, Proverbs, etc.) have been shipped directly to more than fifty countries and from there shipped to further destinations.

On any day of the week that one visits the VBP print shop, there will be a crew of dedicated workers printing and preparing Scriptures to ship to countries around the world. We have no plans of changing the Scripture printing, but we have added an exciting and challenging phase to the ministry referred to as Mordecai's Method.

As of this date, VBP has provided 2.6 million cross cards, described and shown on page six of this newsletter, to every household address in zip codes all across America. This number includes 122 churches mailing to their own communities from their own locations. The United States Census Bureau reports there are 2.57 people per household, which means if the churches which have received the cards have mailed them, and the postman has done his job, then *Mordecai's Method* has been used to put these cross cards with the Gospel of Christ within reach of 6.6 million people in the USA.

For churches interested in putting the Gospel of Christ within reach of every creature in your community, follow these steps. 1. Find *Mordecai's Method* by familiarizing yourself with the book of

Esther. 2. Find out how many zip codes you wish to mail to in your area. 3. Contact Brother Joseph Bertram here at VBP for details about mailing to your community. 4. Victory Baptist Press will provide the cards with your church information included on the card. 5. In order for Brother Bertram to keep a record of the areas covered, contact him with the zip code, the routes covered, and the number of cards mailed the day you do your first mailing. You will then be ready to place an order for your next mailing.

By using the EDDM postal service, the Gospel will go to gated or restricted communities, military bases, high rise apartment buildings, PO boxes and many more places that cannot be reached otherwise.

Unless one is involved in a printing ministry such as VBP, it would be difficult to realize the tremendous expense in printing and shipping or mailing the glorious Gospel of Christ to so many thousands of people in every state in the US and many foreign countries. The question has been asked, "How does VBP make it by operating debt-free and making no charge for the Scriptures that we print?" It is very simple: We pray and ask others to pray, and the result is the good Lord answers the prayer and raises up others to prayerfully and financially support this ministry.

May the good Lord bless your faithful service, and thank you for partnering with VBP in our effort to send the glorious, soul-saving Gospel of Christ to every creature.

A servant, Jim Fellure

Additional Information on the Modecai's Method

The church with the biggest coverage so far has been pastor J.R. Trammell and the Harvest Hill Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas. They have a Saturday morning visitation and then come back to the church and spend the afternoon preparing the EDDM cards for the next mailing. As of this date, they have mailed 519,144 cards, putting the Gospel and information about their church in the homes of nearly 1.5 million people. Brother Trammell reports that the postage for mailing in his area is now 11.6 cents per card, meaning that for less than four cents per person, he can put the wonderful, glorious, soul-saving Gospel of Christ in the home of some unsaved person that Christ loved enough to die for.

Give him a call at 210-842-0537 or email: hhbc@harvesthillbaptist-church.com. He knows the system and will gladly help any person interested in reaching every creature in their community.

Contact Brother Joseph Bertram by email: josephbertram@victorybaptistpress.com. He is in charge and will gladly answer you questions and help get you started sending the Gospel to every creature in your community.

Those who support Victory Baptist Press prayerfully and financially are helping send the glorious Gospel of Christ, in its purest form, around the world



Al & Heidi Bera

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Lord has certainly been good to Victory Baptist Press, and also to me in particular. We have recently finished binding and boxing 5,012 Spanish Bibles that are on their way to Costa Rica at this time where our church, in cooperation with Pastor Brent Logan and the Sweetwater Baptist Church in Ardmore, Alabama, is planning an evangelistic campaign in November. There are approximate-

ly fifty people attending from both churches, and they will spend a week there passing out fliers for a special meeting at the end of the week. Please pray that God will bless this effort with fruit, whether immediately or some time down the road.

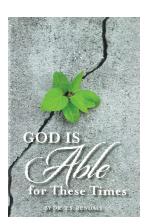
During our last printing we ran short of paper. It is really hard to know how much waste there will be when starting a new load of paper. Normally, I try to allow for there to be a little left over, but we missed it this time, so that means we have a lot of signatures left over from this past run. The good news is that we will have another truckload of paper by the time you read this, and we should be able to even everything out. This will allow us to send about 20,000 Bibles to Don Rich in Peru, as well as to fill some smaller orders, hopefully by the end of this year. The bulk of the next load will go to one of our own missionaries, Bro Gary Schwer, in the heart of the cartel territory in Mexico. From this last load we were able to get a total of 22,470 Spanish Bibles.

In the print shop we had a little set back this last week. A bolt broke on our glue binder which led to a crash that did some major damage. The good news here is that we had spare parts in storage to fix it. I only had to purchase a bearing that got broke in the process. Our machine is old, and previously in good shape. The Lord be praised, it is still old but working well again.

In the meantime, shipments have arrived in other parts of the world. Most recently a shipment of 10,560 John/Romans has arrived in Australia. It seems like that one was a struggle to get out, but it has finally arrived. Also, a shipment of 100,000 John/Romans has arrived in New Zealand. Missionary Josh Szwarga is hoping to get a million John/Romans in order to send one in the mail to each household in New Zealand. Our shipment went along with some others from Bearing Precious Seed in Milford, Ohio. He will probably need at least two more full containers to reach his goal. We are currently working on another 60,000 to send to him while we are waiting on the next truckload of paper. We hope to finish those before returning to making Spanish Bibles.

In personal news, I have officially become a grandparent again. Our son and daughter-in-law have been fostering a little 18-month-old girl, Camila Grace, almost from birth, and now she is formally adopted into the Berg family. Pray that she gets saved at an early age and serves the Lord with all her heart.

God bless, Bro. Albert Berg

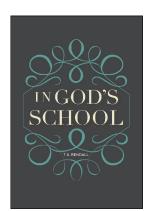


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by Dr. T. S. Rendall 277 pages \$16.95

What does it really mean to say that "God is able," especially in the midst of our own limitations? To answer this question, we must start and end with what God has revealed about Himself. Dr. Rendall has gone to God's Word to find the answer, and he has

shared it with us in this excellent book. This book was written during a time of personal hardship. So, "God is able" is not only a biblical truth; it has become a personal testimony on the heart of the author. It is this he wishes to share with each reader so we too can grasp the truth that as we face the next challenge or fight the next battle, God is able.



In God's School

by Dr. T. S. Rendall 183 pages \$12.95

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before the Father faultless. I would earnestly hope that this volume has the circulation which it deserves and the lessons taught in it become reproduced in the lives of many." An absolute must–read book.

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Mrs. Pam Leake

Whose Banner Do You Display?

Last week my husband and I read, in our morning devotions, the verse in Psalm 60:4 which says, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah." The devotion for the day related to the use, specifically, of military banners throughout the years and the different things they represent. For us as Americans, of course,

our national banner is the American flag, and it should instill pride and patriotism any time we see it displayed. I know for me, personally, it definitely invokes that feeling within. I recall when I was a young child my father and mother would take my brothers and me to watch an annual parade in our city, and as we stood on the sidewalk, I could hear the drums in the distance announcing the approach of a representative group of our military. As they neared where I was standing, I could see the flag lifted high and waving, and even as a youngster, I was moved by the sight, sometimes even to the point of tears, as my heart felt that emotion of patriotism. I must say it still affects me so!

The devotional went on to explain how we each carry a figurative "banner" in our lives; a thought which had not really crossed my mind before. It provoked me to consider what kind of banner I display in my life. There are a number of passages in the Bible that mention a banner, and as I dug a little deeper into the symbolism of banners, I found that a banner stands for identification, a rallying point, a symbol of victory, a declaration of allegiance, a guide

in movement, and as a protector in peace. Wow, I never thought about how impactful a "banner" could be! Yes, a nation's flag can serve to indicate quite a bit about that nation and can be a rallying point for that nation's citizens. But when I read in Exodus 17:15 that Moses built an altar and called it "Jehovah-nissi," which means "the LORD is our banner" and again in Song of Solomon 2:4 that "his banner over me was love" it clarifies just how important the banner of my life is as a Christian. Knowing that God has "given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed . . ." indicates that I must be a living display of the Lord's presence in my life.

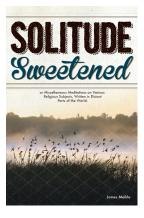
The banner I have been given as a soldier in the Lord's army must be displayed because of the truth, and it must replace any and all other so-called "banners" that indicate anything about me. My identification in this world must be one of a believer that fears the Lord, that holds allegiance to my heavenly King, and that declares His love for me and my victory in Him! He will be my Guide as I move forward in this life, and He is my protector in the battles I may face. I don't have a physical banner or flag that I carry day by day, but my life should be the banner that testifies of the Lord's presence in my life and my obedience to Him — a display that is found in word, deed, and attitude. What a responsibility we have to carry a banner that the Lord approves of and that honestly and rightly represents the One to whom we belong and whom we serve. What kind of banner are you displaying?

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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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."

Pslam 68:11



Solitude Sweetened by James Meikle 270 pages \$15.95

Some books become of little interest when their theme has little or no practical application for the reader. For the Christian, especially the ones who are "... in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" Solitude Sweetened will, with

anticipation of reading the next page, draw your attention from this present evil world and fix your gaze on ". . . a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Mordecai's Method Continued from page 2



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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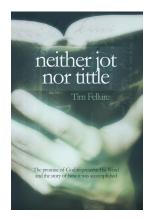
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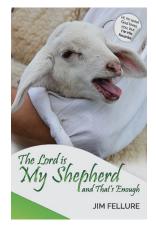
Neither Jot nor Tittle

by Tim Fellure

191 pages \$13.95

Now more than ever, there is a need for fundamentalists to arise and defend the authority and integrity of the Scriptures. The issue must be kept in the forefront, the facts must be presented clearly and forcefully, the heresy of modern versions must be exposed, and the critic must be silenced. The battle for the Bible rages

on. *Neither Jot Nor Tittle* is the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.



The Lord Is My Shepherd, and That's Enough

by Jim Fellure 237 pages \$12.95

Before releasing this book for publication, Brother Fellure spent the greater part of one year researching what other authors had to say about this pearl of the psalms. Many quotes from the best books available are included, making this one of the most thorough devotional commentaries in print today. The

many notes, quotes, and illustrations will be a great help to any Christian who desires to know more about the Good Shepherd.

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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure

A Murderous Rage

1 Samuel 22

The story of Saul is historical and personal: he is presented as the first king of Israel, but his character represents the flesh. Every manifestation of the self-life is played out in his story, and the value in studying the life of Saul is that we see ourselves in his story: we learn as much about our own selves as we do about him.

In this particular chapter of his life, we see a man completely ruled by

the flesh and how far the flesh will take you. He has spent several years pursuing David with murderous intent. And while it is possible Saul could have turned back to God and repented, what he will do in this chapter is a bridge too far. If he has not crossed a red line with God before, he will now.

When David had fled from Saul he had stopped by the Tabernacle to see Ahimelech, the high priest. Ahimelech had given him some basic supplies, not knowing that simple gesture of kindness would be signing his own death warrant. Saul goes into a fit of rage and orders Ahimelech and his entire family killed. It is such a dastardly deed that Saul's soldiers refuse to carry out the orders: only Doeg the Edomite has the blackness of heart to massacre the village, including the women and children.

This is a dark scene and it defies logic but it is the final step in the downward progression of Saul. If we could go back to the beginning of his life, we would never have seen this coming. And we say this was Saul – this would never be me – but the same principle of flesh in his life can rule your life too. Flesh will take you farther than you imagine: it will turn you into something you never thought you could be.

1) Irreverent Behavior

There was a special consecration on the priesthood and their service: the tribe of Levi had been set aside by God and designated as the priestly tribe; they were separated unto the Lord. The service of the Tabernacle was holy, the shewbread was holy, the oil for the lamps was holy, the sacrifices were holy, the priests were holy. And by ordering the murder of this village of priests Saul shows a disrespect for holy things. It did not matter to him that Ahimelech was a man anointed of God, just like it did not matter that David had been anointed of God. It did not register with him that the 85 priests of Nob were holy men. Sacred things were no longer sacred to him.

The flesh is well able to play the religious game, but when religion runs out of usefulness the flesh becomes vulgar and profane. What once was reverent becomes disdainful. It is not just that the

flesh will take you out of church, but that the flesh will cause you to hate the church. When you show an irreverence toward holy things, you are displaying the same behavior Saul displayed.

2) Irrational Behavior

Doeg goes to Nob under the orders of Saul and massacres the entire village, including the women and children, and even the livestock. It is shocking to read of the murderous rage of this man and to know that Saul approves. There is no logic behind it: Saul could not possibly believe all 85 priests had conspired against him. And even if they did, are you going to literally wipe out an entire village for it? No matter how much you hate David, there has to be some sense of sanity left.

And when you surrender yourself to the flesh, it will lead you in paths you never dreamed. That is how there are Christians who have sat in your pew but now sit on a barstool. We watch men leave church and go off into a lifestyle of sin and wonder, "How can they do that?" – They do that because the flesh is corrupt. The flesh doesn't stop at just killing Ahimelech; the flesh will destroy every spiritual influence in your life. And a good pastor and wise parents and concerned spiritual mentors will shake their heads in sadness as you enter into the realm of irrational behavior.

3) Irredeemable Behavior

Once Saul orders the death of Ahimelech, there will be no turning back. He will never be able to undo the hurt he causes. Even if he has a season of repentance, he may be forgiven, but he can't put these families back together. What he is about to do is going to cause irreparable harm and, though he may one day weep bitter tears, he cannot go back to before. This is Hamas-level evil: one man driven by an evil spirit, hatred toward David, and who does not care who he has to hurt to get his way. And there will be no turning back.

And if you insist on living by the flesh, you may not slaughter a village of priests, but you are going to create an irredeemable situation. Every pastor could name a man who got twisted up in his spirit, took his family out of church in a fit of anger and now weeps the bitter tears of having a broken home. You're going to hurt some people that will never heal. You're going to lose some things you will never recover. You're going to destroy some things that will never be restored.

Before you walk into Nob you better check yourself. Can you hear the voice of God in your soul? Can you tell the difference between walking in the Spirit and living by the flesh? If you allow flesh to rule your heart you will become irreverent and critical toward holy things. That irreverence will lead you down an irrational path that reveals you are nothing but a fleshly man, and that path will end in an irredeemable life.