

Editor's Notes



Jim & 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

SPECIAL MEETING May 21, 2021

The Harvest Hill Baptist Church
7619 Crestway Road, San Antonio, Texas

King James Preachers' Fellowship with the emphasis on reaching America with the gospel.

- Services begin at 1 p.m. with preachers called from the floor.
- VBP Director Jim Fellure will present Mordecai's Method, showing how any Bible-believing Baptist church can put the gospel of Christ in every home in their community, including gated communities, restricted neighborhoods, military bases, etc.
- Special music by Jacob and Anna Fellure
- Supper served at approximately 5 p.m.
- Evening service after supper, with guest speaker Bevins Welder

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