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## THINK ABOUT IT

# Vanity of Vanities

By Judy Rozell

These are the words of a preacher.  
The son of David, Solomon by name.  
According to all his research,  
Vanity is the whole world's game.

What profits a man to labor,  
And build upon earthly treasure?  
When forever after his death,  
New generations seek their own pleasure.

For it resembles the sun and the wind,  
Each day the sun rises and sets.  
The wind blows south, then turns back north,  
That's all the assurance it gets.

Turn your eyes toward the seas,  
The fill with the running flows.  
Before oceans can hold no more water;  
Back to the streams it goes.

We labor all filled with frustration,  
No words do we have to express.  
Our eyes cannot scope the magnitude;  
Nor can we hear how great our Lord blessed.

The conclusion he says of the matter,  
Is to hold to commandments so true.  
For the whole duty of man  
Means to fear God and serve Him too.

Upon death we stand at the judgment;  
And there no secrets we keep.  
Revealed are the things that are good,  
And too late over evil to weep.

*This poem was written from Ecclesiastes chapter one, verses one through eight and the last two verses of the book; chapter twelve. Judy Rozell is a Bible teacher and writer. She has been the author of this column since 1987.*

## FAITH LIFE

# Faith of the New Testament

By Dr. Jim D. Standridge

Jesus said it plainly in Matthew 5:17, "I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill the law and the prophets." By the law and the prophets, He meant the Old Testament as a

to love God with all one's being and thy neighbor as thyself (Mark 12:30, 31). Jesus ushers in a new order: the grace of God versus the law of God. The law shows us the moral character of a Holy God; but



## FROM THE LIBRARY

# Books provide help with canning and preserving, and variety of hobbies

Written by Michelle Beckes  
Skiatook Library

Summer is winding down and Labor Day is just around the corner.

With the abundant rains we have had this year comes extra mowing and extra veggies and fruit. We want to offer help with finding ways to deal with the plethora of vegetables and fruit by suggesting that you stop by, or log on, and order some books on canning and preserving. There has been a resurgence in these hobbies which means we have brand new books to help you out. If they aren't here on our shelves we can order them in from another library branch and have them brought here for easier retrieval and less driving time.

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By the law and the prophets, He meant the Old Testament as a whole. The sin of murder, Jesus says, is not the overt act of killing a person, that is the fruit of the sin. The sin was when you harbored the hatred in your heart. You did not just have the thought, but you gave it a room, made it your companion. There is the sin. It is the hatred that prompts the killing. It is the same with adultery; the act of it is the fruit of allowing the lust to dwell in our hearts.

Jesus sums it up for them by saying that unless their righteousness should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, that they would in no wise get into the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20). Their righteousness must not be external, formal, legalistic, but rather it must first be an inner and spiritual work of the grace of God's Holy Spirit filling the inner man.

Jesus said that the sum of the law is



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God. The law shows us the moral character of a Holy God; but the grace of God gives us the power to be it.

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:2-4

The law of the Spirit is the new birth. It frees me from being ruled by the flesh. As I hear God I have His heart and feelings about relationships, acts, and deeds. It is the love of Christ constraining me to be righteous in my relationships.

May the Holy Spirit quicken us to these truths.

Dr. Standridge is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church.

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