



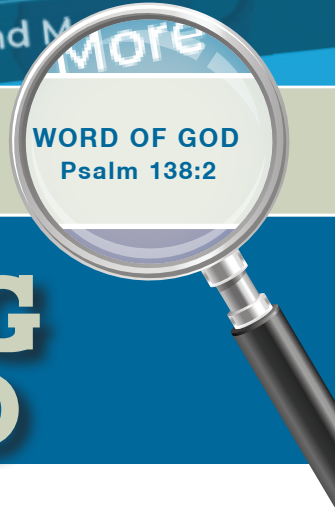
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"For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

WORD OF GOD  
Psalm 138:2



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# MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

## In the Garden of God's Word – Following Up with Shelley Cramm

Almost 10 years ago, we had the chance to meet and talk with Shelley Cramm about her history. The ways God worked in her life were stunning, and her book *NIV God's Word for Gardeners Bible* has continued to grow in popularity. Shelley has remained a beloved partner and friend of the ministry, and we recently had the opportunity to speak with Shelley about where God has brought her since 2015.

In October of 2022, Shelley released her second book, *My Father is the Gardener: Devotions in Botany and Gardening of the Bible*. She referred to it as an artist's revision of the first book, pulling excerpts to create an illustrated devotional. She believed it would help highlight the botanical focus of her work: "Gardening is so visual...so I wanted to include pictures

to catch people's attention." Shelley's book is not only visually appealing but also filled with scriptural truths related to the wonder and beauty of God's creation.

Along with the release of this work, Shelley found a passion for regularly writing on her blog. While she had never envisioned it would become a focus, this new endeavor has allowed her more time to further study the plants of Scripture. Blue Letter Bible has been a constant companion during this time. She regularly links back to the website from her blog articles when she references a Scripture indirectly. Not only that, but she loves utilizing

BLB's lexical concordance ("LexiConc") to study the meaning of plants' names in the original Greek and Hebrew.

Shelley's book, *My Father is the Gardener*



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Shelley Cramm

Shelley has become highly acclaimed in her field, receiving several opportunities to share her passion and calling in the secular sphere. She has had the opportunity to become involved with Garden Communicators International, which holds an annual conference. She and many others


have formed a peer-learning group that focuses on faith and its relation to gardening, meeting twice a month over Zoom. She has also been invited to present her new book at scholastic institutes and even speak on television and radio shows.

As Shelley lives out her passion and ministry, she is amazed at how the Lord has grown it. She is more blessed than anything else by the time she gets to spend with her family. As she looks forward to spending more time with her husband, she says, "Studying the garden has increased my appreciation for and understanding of God's love... Marriage began in the garden. Our marriage is so blessed by all of my work in the garden. What I learn from Scripture continues to bless our relationship." Blue Letter Bible is grateful to have been able to share in this journey with Shelley. God truly has rewarded the work of her hands and we pray he continues to do so. To learn more about Shelley and her works, visit [GardenInDelight.com](http://GardenInDelight.com). 

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### Gospel of John Teaching Series from Pastor Tony Clark

This year, we are excited to provide Pastor Tony Clark's audio series through the Gospel of John. This Gospel is unique in its inclusion of certain accounts, such as Jesus' miracle at the wedding of Cana, His discussion with Nicodemus, and the resurrection of Lazarus. It also

offers several dissertations and sermons from Christ, many of which were given only to the apostles.


You can start listening to this series on BLB or check out all of Pastor Tony Clark's messages from his author page using the links at [blb.org/newsletterlinks](http://blb.org/newsletterlinks). 

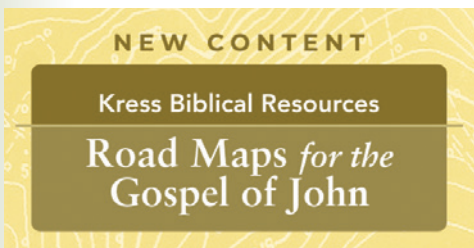


### Several New International Translations Added to BLB Website!

Making God's Word available in as many languages as possible has been a key focus of Christians for centuries and is likewise a key focus of our mission and vision at Blue Letter Bible. We are purposeful in what versions we offer on BLB, desiring to provide our readers with sound translations

that faithfully represent the original languages. For many years, we have offered several public domain Bible versions on the mobile apps that were not available on the website.

We have been working diligently to bring these to the site, and are excited to announce the addition of these eight versions to our website: the Bible in Basic English (BBE), Chinese Traditional Union (CHT), Español Moderno (EM; Spanish), Korean Holy Bible (KOR), Louis Segond (LS; French), German Luther (LUT), Russian Synodal Translation (RST), Sagradas Escrituras (SE; Spanish). To start reading, head to [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org). 



### Kress's New Road Maps for the Gospel of John

We have been blessed by a wonderful partnership with Kress Biblical Resources for several years. Previously, we have offered their Road Maps for the New Testament Epistles and Revelation. Now, we are very excited to provide the *Road Maps for the Gospel of John*. This resource retains the

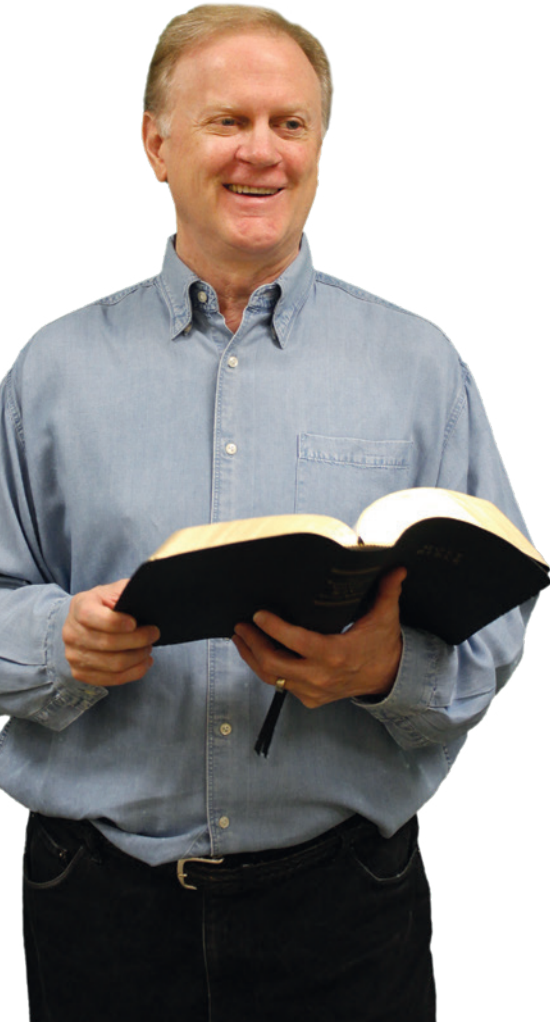
layout from the previous Road Maps, being divided into three main sections: "Overview Outline," "Introductory Matters," and "Detailed Outline."

The Gospel of John is one of the richest collections of the words and life of Christ in Scripture. It contains many unique dialogues with Christ and His disciples that are beautifully deep. This is all working towards the two-fold aim as outlined in the "Introductory Matters": (1) "to call for and cultivate genuine trust in Christ as Son of God and the Source of eternal life" and (2) "to reveal the glory of Jesus Christ as God incarnate and point to Him as the only Source of divine light and life."

To start reading on our site or to browse Kress Biblical Resources' entire catalog of resources, use the links at [blb.org/newsletterlinks](http://blb.org/newsletterlinks). 



# GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE** & **ACTIVE**



## The Limitless Reach of the Gospel

Earlier this year, we released the Smith & Van Dyck (SVD) Arabic translation of the Bible on Blue Letter Bible. At the time, I briefly discussed our desire to provide as many languages as possible on BLB. Here, I would like to explain why that is important to our ministry.

In 1995, Frank Rabinovitch and I felt led to leverage the brand-new World Wide Web to further the gospel. The way we sought to accomplish this can be found in our mission statement: "To equip people with powerful tools to read, study, and rightly divide the written Word of God, the Holy Bible." By God's grace, we have been able to achieve this and provide in-depth study tools and resources for almost three decades. And now, we are beginning to see amazing fruit outside of the USA.

In a world that continues to reject the existence of the Almighty God, we find that Christianity flourishes in certain areas of the

globe. When despair appears to reign, truthful hope breaks through. And as we continue to watch the church grow speedily in areas that are opposed to the worship of God, we are emboldened even more to provide our persecuted brethren the necessary resources to study the Bible. That is why the SVD as well as several other international translations and resources we have recently released are so vital. Our mission field continues to expand, and our library of resources and tools should reflect that. And so, we ask that you pray daily for God to continue providing us with expanded languages and resources to enable the pursuit and study of His Word.

Until the whole world hears,

**Jim Milligan**  
C.E.O. and Co-Founder

## User Testimony

"I think BLB is the Swiss army knife of Bible apps. I share it often with others, but it's not till you show them the functionality of the app that they are always amazed. Best app on the planet."  
— Shirley (AZ)

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