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LETTER

SUMMARY OF SERMONETTE

By Mr. Hughes

Today's religious world is a babylon of confusion regarding the meaning of scripture. The modern liberal "higher critics" don't believe the Bible to be inspired and interpret it accordingly. The conservative fundamentalists, on the other hand, believe the Bible inspired but interpret its meaning by a series of intellectual sounding Satanically devised principles -- "laws of Hermeneutics", "theories of progressive revelation", etc.

The net result is that neither of these two groups has any real confidence in the Bible. Ministers pass their lack of confidence down to their congregations, the result being a pronounced feeling of overall insecurity leading, in many cases, to psychiatric treatment for both.

We can be thankful that God has made a means available of supplying His church with the true understanding of Scripture -- without doubts and questions. This means is revealed in Romans 10:13-16. God provides the Church with His truly called ministers to teach the TRUTH directly from the Bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit in revealing the real meaning of the Bible by comparing scripture with scripture instead of comparing with the formulae of men.

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By Mr. Waterhouse

The SECOND BOOK of Psalms reveals much about the time just before, leading up to and the RETURN of Jesus Christ to establish World Government, pictured by the FEAST OF TRUMPETS. A time when both Spiritual Israel -- the church -- and physical Israel are crying out to God for His intervention in world affairs to save mankind from total destruction. David was used of God to typify both the church and Israel. After the trials and tribulations of this life force us to God in prayer and Bible study and bring forth praises as we see Him intervene to deliver us from our many troubles -- portrayed in the first book -- we come to where we more eagerly hunger and thirst after God's intervention in world affairs not only to change our vile bodies and deliver Israel out of captivity but also to bring righteous rule to all the heathen. Psalm 42:1-3 reveal how Christ's intervention will be looked forward to at a time when God's people -- spiritually and nationally -- are under or have just gone through persecution. When David was persecuted and ridiculed by his enemies who asked him where the God was in whom he trusted, he remembered what he had learned of God's plan and took courage. He had learned when he "kept holyday" -- the Feast of Trumpets which pictures the second coming of Christ -- that after 6000 years of man's rule God is going to intervene to establish His Government (Ps. 42:3-4). By calling to mind God's plan being worked out here below, David took courage, hoped in God and knew he would yet praise Christ for "his presence is salvation" (verse 5, margin). Through keeping God's Holydays, David had come to understand that God is working out a seven-thousand-year plan on this earth in reproducing Himself and that Christ is not scheduled to intervene until after 6000 years of human rule. His intervention at the beginning of the seventh one-thousand-year period is going to be such a momentous event that we are commanded to keep the Feast of Trumpets -- which falls on the 1st day of the seventh month -- with praises and great rejoicing (verse 4; Neh. 8:2, 9-12). David could rejoice after recalling God's plan, knowing that God "will command his lovingkindness in the daytime" (verse 8) -- the DAYTIME is going to be ushered in by Jesus Christ at His Second Coming! Christ is pictured symbolically as the "day star" which is to bring about the dawning of the day (II Pet. 1:19) -- the time when God will illuminate the entire world with His Truth! He is to enlighten the entire world as the sun lightens it in the daytime (Ps. 19:4-6; Ps. 84:11; Mal. 4:2 and Lk. 1:78, margin).

Then people will not be stumbling around in a world of spiritual darkness. Once the DAY is ushered in, we will be in Christ's presence. But until then the world is still in the NIGHT -- spiritual darkness -- and "his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life" (verse 8). God had opened David's understanding to the fact that in creating the night first, He was establishing a physical type to portray His over-all plan -- that in giving mankind the freedom of governing himself, a 6000-year period of spiritual darkness would prevail in the earth. This darkness is caused by an absence of the LIGHT of God's Word and Law. When Christ is here enforcing God's laws and teaching His Truth, the spiritual darkness is going to be expelled. Isaiah understood this and stated that "in the NIGHT" we would have to really seek God to remain faithful in a wicked world, looking forward to the time when God's judgments are in the earth and the inhabitants thereof are learning righteousness (Isa. 26:9). Isaiah knew this night period would last until Christ's Second Coming to fight and put down wicked rulers, deliver the Israelites out of captivity and establish peace in the earth (Isa. 26:12-15). The Apostle Paul knew that the NIGHT is far spent and the DAY is at hand (Rom. 13:12) -- he knew Christ would intervene in world affairs to usher in the DAY. David, as all of God's faithful servants, came to accept God's plan -- he knew God would not alter it for anyone -- trusted God to preserve him during the evil days and looked forward to Christ's return when he could fully praise Him (verses 10-11). In Psalm 43 David pleads with God to keep him faithful so that after Christ has intervened in world affairs, set up a Kingdom, he can be in God's "holy hill" praising Him. Christ is returning to drive out the heathen from the promised land, restore Israel and be their King (Ps. 44:1-4). Through them, Christ will bring about obedience in all Gentile nations (verse 5; Isa. 60:12). A flash-back to show why Israel is going into captivity before Christ returns to deliver them is set forth in Ps. 44:9-25. This will bring about a repentant attitude in Israel -- they will cry out to God for help and deliverance (verse 26; Hos. 5:14-15). Through The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, they will have heard why they were sent into captivity. And that if they repent and desire to fulfill the marriage agreement our forefathers made at Mount Sinai, Christ will once again take Israel as a wife unto Himself. Christ is coming to sit on the throne of David forever (Ps. 45:6). Israel, by this time, will have learned to love righteousness and hate wickedness (verse 7). Since she will learn to desire the things Christ loves, He will desire her beauty and accept her as His wife (Ps. 45:11-17; Jer. 31:32; Eze. 16:32, 60; Hos. 2:5-7, 16-23). Christ is coming back to be in the midst of Israel (Ps. 46:5). "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth" is proof this is speaking of a time following Christ's second coming (Ps. 46:9). The Israelites in captivity and the church in a place of safety will both rejoice at Christ's coming, knowing He is to set up world government and rule the nations in righteousness (Ps. 47; Isa. 42:10-13; Isa. 2:1-4). He is to return with a shout, with the trumpet of God -- symbolized by the FEAST OF TRUMPETS (Ps. 47:5; Jer. 25:30-33; Isa. 27:12-13; I Ths. 4:16; I Cor. 15:52). Too bad Israel doesn't understand these wonderful truths today. In spite of the warnings they continually hear over The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, they don't conceive of an enemy attack and that their houses and goods are not going to remain forever (Ps. 49:10-13). God promises us -- the upright -- that we shall rule over them IN THE MORNING after Christ has ushered in the day (Ps. 49:14). This is because we are NOW learning to offer right sacrifices to God (Ps. 50:5) -- learning to offer ourselves up as living sacrifices, praying fervently and trembling at God's Word (Rom. 12:1-2; I Pet. 2:5; Ps. 51:17 and Isa. 66:2). Israel is still offering up sacrifices to Baal (Hos. 2:8; Jer. 2:8). They are doing this because they hate instruction and cast God's Word behind them (Ps. 50:17). In that God has let them keep Baal's festivals -- Sun-day, Christmas, Easter, etc. -- because He has decreed a hand's off policy until Christ returns, they feel He approves of their ways (Ps. 50:21 and Jer. 7:8-12). They fail to realize God is not always going to keep silent BUT is to let them go into captivity because they have worshipped Baal and trusted in allies (Ps. 50:22). They should realize God is pleased only if praise is offered to Him -- His way -- and one's CONDUCT has been made aright or changed to conform to Christ's, then one will be on his way toward salvation

(verse 23). Psalm 51 is an explanation of the kind of sacrifices God is pleased with -- the ones Israel should be offering up instead of sacrifices to Baal! David realized that he could do nothing of himself but had to trust God to make him upright -- he knew it was just a matter of yielding to God as a PIECE OF PLIABLE AND PLASTIC CLAY. Then God would create a clean heart in him and give him a "spirit of willing and unforced obedience" (Ps. 51:12, Companion Bible). When the Israelites learn to offer up such sacrifices, God will be pleased with them (Ps. 51:17-19). Israel is still trying to establish their own righteousness through missionaries, homes for unwed mothers, soup lines, movements, reforms, etc. instead of letting God's Word show them what is true holiness and righteousness (Rom. 10:1-3; Ps. 119:172; Isa. 26:9). They are still putting their trust in man and in the movements of men (Ps. 52:7; Jer. 17:5-6). By departing from God's word, they have come to believe in evolution and every false concept, denying God and BECOMING FOOLISH (Ps. 53:1-5). However, they are hearing the TRUTH over The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast but won't really believe it is the Truth and obey until they have gone into captivity, experiencing the very things they were told (Eze. 33:30-33). They will have heard that God is going to send them into captivity because of their sins (Jer. 30:14-15; Hos. 5:14-15) BUT ALSO that Christ is coming back to deliver them out of captivity (Jer. 30:16-17, 8-10; Hos. 6:1-3). Then millions of Israelites -- Australians, Americans and British -- will rejoice and offer praises to God for all the lessons they have learned and for the goodness of His mercy (Ps. 53:6). By then, Israel will be willing to FREELY SACRIFICE -- as David learned to do -- and PRAISE God for delivering them out of captivity and restoring them to the promised land (Ps. 54:6-7). The final Psalm in this second book (72) reveals the righteous rule of Christ which -- AT THAT TIME -- will be eagerly sought by Israel and eventually extended to all the earth. This is the righteous rule we should be looking forward to and praying that it be set up as soon as possible after God's Gospel has been proclaimed to the entire world. Israel will recall the Gospel message -- NOW being heard over The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast -- while in captivity. They will turn their faces toward Jerusalem and really cry out for Christ to intervene in world affairs and rule over them in righteousness (Jer. 50:4-5; Jer. 31:6-14; Isa. 33:17, 20-22).

BAPTIZING TOUR

T'was the night before leaving,
And all through the hall,
A wide smile was beaming,
On faces of all.

This was the picture in Sydney, Australia on the night of June 7, 1961. The meeting was the weekly Bible study of the Sydney congregation.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Faulkner were with us once again. Due to the many letters our office has received from people here in the Sydney area requesting to be visited, Mr. Hammer and Mr. Faulkner have been busily visiting for a solid two weeks including weekends. We all missed having them with us for services and know they also missed being there.

The smile of joy was on everyone's face when they saw the two "strangers" with us in Bible study. Mr. Hammer greeted the brethren once again and told us how much they did miss meeting with us. Since this was the night before ... Mr. Hammer and Mr. Faulkner excused themselves from the Bible study, said their good-by's because ... they had much preparation to do. Preparation for what?? THE FIRST BAPTIZING TOUR SOUTH OF SYDNEY!!! Isn't that a reason for smiles, joy and laughter? We in the Sydney Church will miss them of course, but we know many people will be profited by this trip.

The tour will go through southern New South Wales and across Victoria (to the Kangaroos and desert) and back to Melbourne where they will meet several people who want to discuss baptism.

After several days of visiting and discussing baptism, Mr. Hammer and Mr. Faulkner will start searching for a hall for the Church soon to be established in

Melbourne. When they have found a suitable hall, Mr. Waterhouse will fly down to see it, then the three of them will visit Wilke & Company in Melbourne where The PLAIN TRUTH is printed for Australia. With all the business settled, they will drive back to Sydney after just starting a part of God's Work NEW to Australia, but we know it is well on it's way; there is no end to God's greatness and love He is bestowing on His people in Australia.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Faulkner send their best wishes to all the brethren and thank you for your prayers in their behalf.

They have covered approximately 1200 miles, counseled with twelve people and baptized four.

The weather has been fine but very cold. The Volkswagen is performing reliably and they are having a very nice trip.

They will be in Melbourne Thursday the 15th and have appointments Friday afternoon and Sabbath.

So far, the percentage of those baptized has been about 25%. Most aren't listening to the broadcast regularly but perhaps will be more zealous after a visit.

STATISTICS

We should be very encouraged with the growth God is giving His Church in Sydney. Last Sabbath there were 87 in attendance. Had Mr. Hammer and Mr. Faulkner been with us, we would have been pushing the 90 mark. It should not be long before there are more than 90 in regular attendance. Especially should this be true after Mr. & Mrs. Simpkins arrive from Pasadena and in view of the fact that Mr. & Mrs. Lightbody with their two children are scheduled to arrive from Cunnamulla on about the 19th or 20th of this month. It will be so good to have Mr. & Mrs. Lightbody with us. All of us have come to love them very much by having them with us for the past three festivals.

The Bible Study continues to grow and manifest that "first love" toward God and His Truth -- an attitude we should strive to maintain (Rev. 2:4) -- as we all strive to be "a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). There were 76 present for the Bible study last week. No Bible study was held this week in that no meeting is held on the SECOND Wednesday of each month -- there is one on every Wednesday with this one exception.

NEW PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

We want to especially say "WELCOME" to all of those who have joined us since the Passover. It is very encouraging to meet people whom God has brought to a realization of how evil this present world is and of the hope that lies before us when The WORLD TOMORROW is ushered in by the return of Jesus Christ to reign as King over this entire earth. And it is gratifying to know they have come to realize Christ is disseminating vital and profitable TRUTH through His servants in the Sabbath services and during the weekly Bible studies. We want to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Smith, Mr. Robert Quinsey, Miss Christine Quinsey, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hardy, Mr. John Venner, Mrs. Daisy Teer and Mrs. Martha Koster-Salalle. Let us all strive to personally meet these people who are striving to live by God's Truth and express how happy we are to have them with us.

GOD SUPPLIES OUR NEEDS

Due to the demand on Mr. Waterhouse's time in coping with his increased responsibilities in Australia, God has opened up a flat into which he is to move Sunday in the most miraculous manner. His lease at 45 Coolaroo Road is up June 19th -- the lease of this new flat is to take effect June 19th! About three weeks ago the next-door neighbor of Mr. & Mrs. Hughes decided to lease her finely furnished flat due to the present credit squeeze -- she had been wanting to sell (remember it was because of a certain strike in Sydney that God forced us to Melbourne for a printing concern which could print The PLAIN TRUTH -- as a

result Wilke & Company, the only ones who could have coped with the increased size to 40 pages, opened to us). The lady hesitated to rent to anyone for fear her furniture and flat would not be properly taken care of. But in that she has been so impressed with Mr. & Mrs. Hughes, she was willing to consider one of their friends as a prospective renter. I visited her, and after my visit she decided to lease the flat to me -- a decision forced on her by sickness in her family. She is forced to leave for Tasmania immediately to care for her ill mother who has been cared for by a sister who has recently become ill herself. Because of the credit squeeze and these other circumstances, God has opened up a most ideal flat at just the RIGHT TIME -- the lease becomes effective just when the other one expires!!! Reminds us of Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace -- the throne of God's unmerited favor...that we may receive mercy (for our failures) and find grace to help in good time for every need -- appropriate help and WELL-TIMED help, COMING JUST WHEN WE NEED IT" (The Amplified New Testament). Sometimes God sees that other lessons are to be learned, so He may let us learn lessons of faith and patience in waiting for Him to open up things which are needed. But when it is necessary to save the time of one of His servants for more important duties in His Work, God can open up accommodations like this in such an easy and TIME-SAVING manner. Let us continually look to and TRUST IN our Heavenly Father.

ANOTHER LABORER TO SOON BE ON THE OFFICE STAFF -- Mr. Kevin Lulham! Recent developments in the work have shown that Mr. Hefner is in need of a man to work FULL TIME in his department. After careful consideration of all the church members, it became apparent that Mr. Lulham has received just the right training and experience in the past to qualify for the position. Let us praise God that He has seen the needs which would arise in His Work and has been steadily grooming individuals to fill them.

SPOKESMAN CLUB

Well, what did you think of it? Fabulous! Amazingly Good!! Surprisingly Good! These were just some of the comments made about the first active meeting of the Sydney Church Spokesman Club. These were the comments about the speeches and the whole proceedings of the evening.

The Over-All evaluator stated that the Club was blessed with more talent than most Clubs he knew and raised up during his ministry. Indeed, all the officers agreed and were happy to witness it in action during the evening.

Mr. Leonid Kaagjarv was the first to speak and gave a brief account of his life. All five speakers spoke on "This Is My Life," allowing the members to get to know them better.

Mr. Don Abraham won the Best Speaker's award for the evening, and Mr. Georg Karlov the best evaluator. Mr. Tupper was judged as giving the best Table Topics comment of the evening.

The next time you see them, I am sure all 26 members present will agree the first complete meeting was a great success and filled with hope and encouragement for the future, under the guidance and strength of Jesus Christ.

The President, Mr. Gene Hughes, acted as Toastmaster and the Secretary, Mr. Longuskie, was the Topicsmaster for the evening.

Refreshments were served by the Sargent at Arms and the Treasurer, Mr. Don Abraham and Mr. Kevin Lulham.

FLASH -- ENVOYS HAVE ARRIVED

The 1961 ENVOYS have just arrived. They are fantastic! So beautiful and expressive of TRUE CHARACTER -- truly God is enabling us to RECAPTURE TRUE VALUES! Just how improvement can come next year is hard to perceive BUT IT WILL COME! Copies are to be posted today to all outside the Sydney area. Others will be passed out after the Sabbath service. Know all of you will be anxiously awaiting your copy. Or, if you haven't ordered your copy, BE SURE AND DO SO IMMEDIATELY!

