

# SYDNEY

## News

# LETTER

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### SUMMARY OF SERMONETTE

By Mr. Hughes

#### TRINITY -- DOCTRINE OR FABLE?

The doctrine of the trinity, one of the most basic doctrines of "Christianity," did not exist until formulated by the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. -- the culmination of several years vain speculation by the philosophizing "fathers" of the Catholic Church. Although the Council of Nicea's decision partially settled the strife and dissention then prevalent, the trinity doctrine was not fully accepted until the time of Augustine -- 100 years later.

It seems strange indeed that, such a basic doctrine was not understood by the apostles. Why should it have to be devised some 300 years later?

All proponents of the trinity confess that it isn't to be found formally defined anywhere in the Bible, but that it has to be read into various isolated Scriptures. The two chief examples are I John 5:7-8 and Matthew 28:19. The so-called trinity portion of I John 5:7-8 is not to be found in any manuscript older than 1500 A.D. All competent scholars agree that it is a spurious edition and is found in only three of the total 122 Greek manuscripts containing I John. The proper rendering of this text should read: (from V. 6) "This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the spirit that bears witness, because the spirit is truth. (V. 7) For there are three that bear record and these three are one, (V. 8) the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

In Matthew 28:19, Christ commissions the disciples to go out baptizing all nations INTO (the proper translation of the Greek preposition eis) the name or power and authority of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Instead of proving some kind of trinity, this verse shows that upon baptism one is spiritually begotten and put into the authority of God and Jesus Christ, made partakers of their attributes as a member of the body of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, manifesting the fruits of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is not some third "co-equal and co-eternal" member of the Godhead, but is the agency through which God and Jesus Christ work -- not a divine person or being. God is omnipresent through His Spirit (Ps. 139:7-8). The Spirit is poured out as a fluid (Joel 2:28). If the Holy Spirit is a personality instead of an agency, then Christ is not the Son of the Father but the Holy Spirit (Mat. 1:18).

If the Holy Spirit were a third person in the Godhead then we should expect to find him referred to wherever the throne of God is mentioned. We find God and Jesus Christ mentioned together but never with the Holy Spirit as a trinity. Notice II John 3, Ephesians 1:1-2, and Revelation 21:22.

Satan has inspired this lie and brought about its wide acceptance because it denies the very plan of God. God is in the process of creating spiritual members of His family on His level, Jesus Christ being the firstborn of many brethren (Rom. 8:29, Col. 2:15, 18).

There is no room for brethren in a trinity.

### SUMMARY OF SERMON

By Mr. Waterhouse

## THIRD BOOK OF PSALMS

The Bible is primarily a book of history of and prophecy for the nation Israel. Christians are merely forefunders and a type of what shall come about in all Israel. God has only commenced to change a SMALL part of Israel thus far but all Israel shall be saved (Rom. 11:25-26). When Israel finally repents and seeks Christ at His Second Coming, they will have a change of heart -- no longer a carnal-minded nation but a spiritual-minded one (Jer. 9:26; 24:7; 29:13-14; 31:31-34; Eze. 20:39-42; 36:24-28; Heb. 8:8-11). God has been changing only a small part of Israel -- the Church -- during this time of spiritual deception. The Church is small but is God's nation -- SPIRITUAL ISRAEL -- performing His will and qualifying to teach ALL Israel after Christ's return (Lk. 12:32; I Cor. 1:26; Mat. 21:43; Rom. 9:4-8; Acts 2:38-39; I Pet. 2:5, 9; Gal. 6:16). Christians are to experience in type the very lessons which Israel is to learn. So in going through Psalms, we want to concentrate of PHYSICAL ISRAEL essentially. The THIRD BOOK of Psalms is picturing PHYSICAL ISRAEL in Christ's presence after His return and the lessons learned as they reflect on their past experiences. Psalms 73 through 89 compose the third book. Psalm 73:1 pictures the time after Israel has been cleaned up and reflecting on past history to finally understand how good God has been to them in letting them go through such experiences to teach them vital lessons (Eze. 36:24-27; Eze. 20:43-44). They will come to understand how many times they would have perished as a people had not God intervened and saved them from the heathen about them -- World Wars I & II, giving them most strategic areas of world and always causing Israel to get the breaks (verse 2). Finally God will let them go into captivity, out of which none would come if Christ doesn't intervene in world affairs (Mat. 24:22). Israel's big stumblingblock has been that of lusting after the wealth, society and religions of the heathen about them. The reason Israel rejected God from reigning over them is because they lusted after the ways of the heathen about them (I Sam. 8:5-7, 9-11, 19-22). This has continued to this day. Thus, modern-day Israel is "envious at the foolish" when they see them with big military installations, guided missiles, nuclear power and satellites (verse 3). The atheistic communists are not having trouble in the world like Israel; therefore, they do speak loftily and boast about conquering the heavens (verses 5-15). When Israel thinks about the advances of Gentile nations about them and the way they are winning other nations, it is painful -- it is bringing on a lot of frustration! (verse 16). It will not be until Israel is delivered out of a national captivity and back in Palestine that they will understand how foolish it is to spend so much on military movements to conquer the world and endeavor to conquer space before man has even learned to conquer and control his own lustful desires -- when Israel reflects on 6000 years of human history, they will start understanding this (verse 17). They will come to see how utterly foolish and stupid they were to have trusted in riches and their "lovers" -- the Gentiles -- about them (v. 22; Hos. 2:5-17; Jer. 30:14). Israelites will finally come to understand that the material wealth God gave us AS A RESULT OF ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE was mis-used and became "THE STUMBLINGBLOCK OF THEIR INIQUITY" (Eze. 7:19). They will come to see the utter foolishness of all of our defence spending, foreign aid, "peace" parleys and treaties, missionaries, etc., put their hands on their thighs and say, "why were we so foolish as to think we could change the Russians or Germans or gain the peace through the ways we have experienced" (Jer. 31:19). After two world wars, Israel should have realized you can't change the Gentiles -- had they let God's Word be their guide, this would have been understood (Jer. 13:22-27). After a national captivity and deliverance, Israelites will learn to trust God instead of their "lovers" and material devices (Hos. 5:14-15; 6:1-3; Ps. 73:26-28). Psalm 74 is a flash-back to show how Israel will cry out to God in captivity, crying out for deliverance (verses 1-2). The enemy will treat them cruelly and will not permit them to have religious services (verses 4, 8). God's work through this church will have been cut off just before the captivity -- there will be a famine of hearing the Truth of God (Amos 8:11). They will try desperately to recall what was covered in The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast -- they will have seen everything outlined come to pass up to the captivity, but will want to recall how long God's servants said the captivity would last (verses 9-10). They will finally KNOW -- because they have heard it on The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast (Hos. 5:9; 6:5; 7:12; 9:8; 12:10) -- that they went into captivity because of their sins and that they are God's chosen people, Israel (Isa. 63:17-19). They will recall what they read in the booklets -- "Why Were You Born?" and "1975 in Prophecy," etc. -- and come to understand there is a purpose being worked

out here below (Hos. 8:12; Isa. 46:9-10; Amos 3:7; Acts 17:26). They will seek Christ to return as King to rule over them (verse 12) -- they will want Christ to make a NEW COVENANT with them (verse 20; Jer. 31:8-9, 31-34). Israel will finally learn not to trust in the wicked nations about them for "promotion" in the world (Ps. 75:3-6) but rather in God Who is working out a great purpose here below (verse 7). When such a lesson is learned, they will sing praises and seek righteousness (verses 9-10). When Israel seeks Christ in such a manner, He will return to dwell among them (Mat. 23:37-40; Ps. 76:1). From "Salem" or Jerusalem -- the city of PEACE -- will Christ govern the world (verse 2; Jer. 3:17). At Jerusalem, Christ will put down the kings which will have cruelly ruled over Israel (verse 3; Zech. 14:1-4; Rev. 17:12-14; Isa. 26:12-15). Christ will put down the "stouthearted" -- the United States of Europe, headed by Germany -- at His return (verse 5; Isa. 29:20; Eze. 7:24; Deut. 28:49-50; Isa. 10:5-6, 20, 24-27). Christ will intervene in world affairs to put down the armies of the United States of Europe and ALL NATIONS which involve themselves with Jerusalem and the land of Palestine (Zech. 12:3; Jer. 25:29-33; Isa. 66:13-16). After Christ punishes all nations, they will come up to Him and offer presents (verses 6-12; Isa. 66:10-12, 18-21). In captivity, Israel will "make diligent search" -- recalling what they heard on The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast -- to finally come to see God's will, repent, and seek God with their whole heart that He might send Christ back to save them (Ps. 77:2, 6-7) -- He will redeem Jacob and Joseph (v. 15). Christ will thunder in heaven, give a shout, shake this earth terribly and return to deliver His people (verse 18; Jer. 25:30; Isa. 42:13; Isa. 27:12-13; I Ths. 4:16; I Cor. 15:52) -- the reason why the Feast of TRUMPETS symbolizes the Second Coming of Christ. Then He will lead Israel out of the North Country and OUT OF ALL NATIONS to the land of Palestine, just as Moses was used in the first Exodus -- typical of Jesus Christ as the GREAT SHEPHERD (verse 20; Isa. 52:12; Jer. 16:15-16; Jer. 23:7-8; Jer. 31:1-9, 31-34). This can never transpire until Israel learns to trust God instead of the Gentiles -- their "lovers" -- about them. But before Christ comes, Israel will have been stripped of her "lovers," learned not to trust in them (Jer. 30:14-17; Hos. 2:7; Jer. 31:32; Eze. 16:32, 38-42) but in God Who will bless, protect and build them up and fight their battles. Consequently, the history of Israel is outlined in Psalm 78 as a lesson to the remnant of Israel -- the last generation which will be delivered out of captivity -- that they must come to trust Christ -- not limit Him in anyway -- and turn from the nations about them BEFORE they can properly serve as a wife to Christ through whom He deals with all nations throughout the millennium. Psalm 78:1 shows Israel will finally -- AT LAST -- seek God's law and His Word. Israel will do this when there is nothing else left to do -- will be a conquered people, forsaken by all of her allies. They will finally understand that our present customs came from the Heathen and not God -- that our forefathers forsook God and went after the pagans (Jer. 7:23-26) until today the TRUTH God once committed to Israel has perished (Jer. 7:28). When they finally turn from the stubborn and rebellious ways of our fathers (Ps. 78:8; Jer. 16:10-13), remember the many times God has delivered us down through the ages (verses 11-12), repent of the form and ceremony in our religious practices today (verses 36-37; Isa. 29:13; Mat. 15:9; II Tim. 3:5; II Tim. 4:1-4), and NOT LIMIT GOD by saying, "surely we have to take advantage of medical science to save us from ill health, build up our defence installations, go to war if attacked OR ELSE WE WILL PERISH" (verses 41-43) and come to understand the Israelites were always sent into captivity because of disobedience to God's laws and FULLY REPENT after the tribulation by obeying God and TRUSTING IN HIM FOR PROTECTION AND FOR ALL OF THEIR NEEDS, THEN Christ will intervene, RESURRECT David to be KING over Israel and pass down to them the sure mercies of David (Jer. 30:8-9; Eze. 34:23-25; Isa. 55:1-3). The BIG LESSON which Israel has never learned, as yet, is that of NOT TRUSTING IN ALLIES and wanting to be like the nations about them -- Psalm 79 shows the suffering that must be imposed on Israel by the heathen before they finally learn this lesson. In captivity, they will repent of sins committed by practicing the traditions of our fathers which they copied from the PAGANS about them (Jer. 16:10-13; I Pet. 1:18; Eze. 5:6-7; Jer. 16:19-21). THEY WILL START RECALLING WHAT THEY HEARD IN THE WORLD TOMORROW BROADCAST after they are in captivity (Eze. 33:33). They will realize they are God's chosen people, Israel, and fervently cry out to God while in captivity to return and save them (Ps. 80:1-4); verse 8 shows they will admit they are Israel (Isa. 5:1-7); that God brought on a captivity and sent them into the land of the heathen with leaders who act and think like wild animals (verses 12-13) -- in such a condition, they will learn how to really seek God (v.14).

Psalm 81 shows joy will come after they admit God's Holy Days are still in effect and were given to reveal the PLAN OF GOD -- the Feast of Trumpets occurring at the time of the new moon on the first day of the seventh month and picturing THE RETURN OF CHRIST -- and they are eager to keep them (Ps. 81:1-4). Many of them will, no doubt, remember what they read in the booklet, "Pagan Holidays or God's Holydays -- Which?," and repent of their past disobedience. It will take the tribulation to finally bring Israel to her senses so the people will repent (v. 7). Psalm 82 reveals that we are to eventually become SONS OF GOD! Probably they will remember the broadcasts and, especially, the booklet, "Why Were You Born?" Psalm 83 is a flash-back to reveal the combine of nations God will use to take Israel captive and teach them these vital lessons. The "confederate" -- United States of Europe and those which will ally with them -- destined to take Israel captive is composed of the following nations: Edom, Turkey; Ishmaelites, Saudi Arabia; Gebal, Lebanon; Ammon, Jordan and Iraq; Philistines, Gaza Strip; Tyre, modern-day Rome (remember the Tyrrhenian mountains in Italy were named after ancient Tyre); AND ASSUR -- modern-day Germany which will head a ten-nation combine in Europe. The military leaders of these nations are going to be put to death by Christ at His coming just as Oreb and Zeeb were put to death (v. 11; Judges 7:25; Rev. 17:14; Isa. 26:12-14). Then the heathen will come to know that Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven and earth (verse 18). Psalm 84 reveals how much better it will be under God's rule than it had ever been during this 6000 years of darkness under man's rule. Psalm 85 shows that after they come to desire God's way above all others, Christ will deliver them out of captivity (verse 1); He will forgive them of all their sins (verse 2; Eze. 36:23-27; Jer. 31:34; 33:6-9) BECAUSE they will want to walk in righteousness. (Ps. 119:172, verses 10-13). Psalm 86 reveals what their attitude must be in order to walk in righteousness. They must seek God to preserve them (verse 2); ask God to forgive them (verse 5); admit they don't know God's ways by nature and ask Him to teach them (verse 11; Jer. 10:23-24; Jer. 29:13-14; Eze. 18:31) and extend mercy to them through Jesus Christ (verse 16). With such an attitude, Psalm 87 shows Christ will want to come and dwell among them in the midst of Jerusalem. This Psalm foretells the great privilege one will have to be living in the city of Jerusalem itself -- most of you should realize it will be primarily in this city that our children will dwell, if taught correctly, as the physical leaders of the Israelites at the same time WE, if we overcome and endure to the end, are dwelling there as spirit beings under Christ. Jerusalem will be the very HEADQUARTERS OF THE EARTH at that time. Verse 7 reveals all the Truth and power of God's Holy Spirit will emanate from Christ's throne in Jerusalem -- "springs" or water is symbolic of God's Word and the Holy Spirit (Isa. 55:1-2; Jer. 2:13; Jn. 7:37-39; Eph. 5:26). In Psalm 88 it is shown that we won't fully rely on God until we have quit placing our confidence and trust in man and the things which he has made -- to do so brings on curses and troubles (Jer. 17:5-6). Israel has never learned to put absolute trust in God instead of her allies -- but she soon will! God will put her lovers far from her (verse 8; Jer. 30:14). He will have to do this through great affliction, the great tribulation (verse 9; Hos. 5:14-15). Yes, God will put Israel's lovers and friends -- they think of them as such -- far from them (verse 18). When all lovers and friends are put far from Israel and they are in captivity they will recall the broadcasts and remember God has sworn to David that Christ will eventually sit on his throne and rule over the House of Jacob forever (Lk. 1:31-33). They will finally believe that God is, that He is faithful to His Word, that everything prophesied through His Church has come to pass and, therefore, they will be confident Christ will return to deliver Israel out of captivity and restore health to them and bless them with all the blessings from heaven (Jer. 30:17; Jer. 31:11-14). They will want Christ to make the New Covenant with them and reign over them forever, reigning on the throne of David (Jer. 50:5). This is why the immutability of the promise God made to David that His throne would last forever is set forth in Psalm 89, the last Psalm in this Third Book which pictures Israel restored to the land of Palestine under the rule of Christ as He sits on this throne. Yes, it is through this Work that these TRUTHS are being made known to the world. Eventually Israel will come to see that Christ was working through us and come to us, asking that we teach them the way more perfectly (Jn. 17:23; Rev. 3:7-9, 12). LET US REJOICE IN THE WORK GOD HAS GIVEN US TO DO AND REMAIN HUMBLE SO HE CAN CONTINUE TO USE US. There is yet much to be accomplished before the Good News of The World Tomorrow has gone out sufficiently to all nations.

### MORE LABORERS

Brethren, how many of you are praying fervently that God sends forth more laborers as instructed by Jesus Christ in Matthew 9:37-38? Do we feel the tremendous responsibility we have of getting the GOOD NEWS of God's soon-coming Kingdom proclaimed to this WHOLE world in the few remaining years before us? The task ahead of us is terrific! The greatest commission ever committed to human beings! But Jesus Christ, the HEAD of this Church, is able to accomplish through us what God has decreed shall be fulfilled PROVIDED WE DO OUR PART -- otherwise He will have to raise up others who will shoulder the responsibility!! But I am encouraged that most of you are striving to yield yourselves as living sacrifices to Almighty God, the Master Potter. Evidence of this is revealed through the fact that Jesus Christ has sent forth TWO MORE LABORERS -- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Simpkins -- to labor in this large harvest in Australia. Let us rejoice in this!! Let us not fail to thank God for the way He continues to bless us as we strive to carry out His Work. And remember that many more qualified laborers must be added to the staff if this continent is ministered to as God intends.

Mr. Simpkins and his wife, Bernice, arrived in Sydney Wednesday morning at 8:20 a.m., June 21st. Just in time for Mr. Simpkins to relate to the Bible study GOOD NEWS of the activities at Headquarters -- truly Proverbs 25:25, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country," was made more meaningful to all of us!

They are now settled in -- have a nice flat and are now busily assuming responsibilities in the church and office. Know those of you who have not been here to meet them will anxiously await such an opportunity during the Feast of Tabernacles.

### FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Very soon now, we are going to check further into keeping the Feast of Tabernacles THIS YEAR at Katoomba. It appears God would have us take advantage of the many opportunities available in that area -- not only are there ample accommodations and auditorium facilities but there are also many physical activities available for us to enjoy in the afternoons when services are not being conducted. There will be golf, horseback riding, hiking, skating, excursions to various mountains and scenic areas, etc., etc. Provided this opens to us this year, I know all of us will see how much more enjoyable the Feast of Tabernacles can be. Some of you probably wonder how it could be better than last year. But remember God's way offers continual improvement -- NEVER a dull moment as we recapture more spiritual and physical values and put them to practice in our lives. We hope to report something definite about this in the very near future.

### CHURCH GROWS

We may all be very surprised with the number who attend the Feast of Tabernacles this year -- it may be much larger than we have anticipated. The brethren who attended the first church service in Sydney -- 19, including children -- are amazed at the size to which the church has grown in just seventeen months! There were 90 in attendance last Sabbath. And we have only begun to grow. It should not be long until the century mark is reached and then we will be striving to build the church to where 200 are in attendance and to the opening up of other churches throughout Australia.

### NEW CHURCH IN MELBOURNE

Mr. Hammer was very pleased with Melbourne and is very enthusiastic about returning to establish the church there. A fine hall has already been located, he has acquired a flat, and expects to be returning to Melbourne by July 5th. Especially will the Melbourne brethren be rejoicing in this news -- the church should be established by the middle of next month!

### SPOKESMAN CLUB

Again, the members of the Spokesman's Club had the privilege and the joy of hearing the life history of five more of its members giving their first speech. It was

the second official meeting of the Club and a very enthusiastic one at that. There could never have been a more lively New Business session. The new business centered primarily around the planning of the Club-sponsored Church dance.

The table topics session went the full twenty minutes and nearly everyone gave a quick quip in reply to the stimulating topics suggested by the Tabletopics Master.

Shortly, the Club entered that portion of the evening devoted to speeches. The Club was delighted with the choice and sight of the award trophies, gleaming in their polished newness, awarded to the best choice as to speaker, evaluator, and most improved speaker.

The best table topics spokesman was Mr. Harley Porter; the best evaluator was Karl Karlov Jnr., and the best speaker was Mr. Van der Wende.

Mr. Kaagjarv was the Tabletopics Master and Mr. Don Abraham also ably handled the introduction of the speakers as the Toastmaster for the evening.

The Over-all Evaluator was still very enthusiastic over the ability and talent and possibilities of the Club. Everyone was present.

### ENVOYS

Hope all of you received your ENVOYS? Several have sent us very favorable comments about how much they have enjoyed them. It is rather amazing that a year book of such quality could be produced by God's College which has been functioning for only fourteen years and which has grown from four students to its present size of over 250 students. If any of you have not as yet ordered this "treasure house of knowledge" about God's College and Headquarters in Pasadena plus a lot of information about God's Work throughout the world -- more than four pages are devoted to the Australian Work and Church -- then place an order with us immediately, a copy will be sent to you as soon as another shipment arrives from the U.S. We have completely exhausted our present supply and have placed an order for additional copies.

### NEW FLAT FOR MR. WATERHOUSE

Mr. Waterhouse is comfortably settled in his new flat and liking it fine. For those of you who may have to make emergency telephone calls due to sickness or serious problems -- outside of office hours -- you can contact him at his new residence. The address is: Flat 5, "Lyndhurst" 2a Noble Street, MOSMAN, N.S.W. The telephone is listed under the name of S. R. Williams and the number is: Sydney, 96-4902.

### A "GOODIE"

A wholesome and appetizing substitute, or really a sweet in itself, can be quickly made from simple and natural foods. One which children and adults alike will like or can soon learn to enjoy. Really, one can desire to eat it any time of the day -- for supper sweet or for breakfast meal; at anytime in place of a sweet or heavy pudding, etc.

It is nutritious in that its analysis as to food value is very near to that found in human milk. Consequently, it is very good for small children.

Ingredients: a ripe apple, juice of lemon, a good tablespoonful of raw or at least fresh milk, oat meal or whole grained wheat or mixture of the whole grain cereals as wheat, oats, barley, rye, millet, etc., and a few (unroasted preferably) nuts as almonds, Brazil, or hazel nuts, etc.

First, curdle the tablespoonful of milk with lemon juice in a small dish or cereal bowl or sweet dish, until it is thickened. Quickly grate the apple into the soured milk, and include the apple seeds or pips. Use a medium grate preferable to grate it. Now add a teaspoon or two of some cooked cereal as oatmeal or whole wheat according to taste of the mixture. Mix and top with a few nuts.

It should need no sweetening or sugar. A little honey may be used to begin with, for those addicted to the taste of sugar, honey, and syrups.

Variations may be made by using any suitable fruit as pears, peaches or any berry in season which are either grated or mashed.