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Warmest Greetings To All:

The Fall Feasts have come and gone. And what a beautiful occasion was experienced by all. God richly blessed those who were privileged to attend at either Townsend or Bend. Personally, we felt a very great inspiration. We are motivated to serve more effectively and willingly in the coming months. To serve is rewarding despite the traumas and trials which accompany that service. As Paul aptly expressed it almost two thousand years ago, "all people do not have faith." How we think and react indicates the level of conviction and faith which motivates us. Because of this variant, it is imperative that we manifest considerable tolerance and patience toward others.

The important thing is this: We all must never justify the self. Individually, we must see ourselves against the backdrop of the character and obedience of Christ. With eyes focused on the self -- regarding mastery -- it is impossible to take exception critically with others.

The beauty of this past Feast experience indicates just how greatly we have begun to master the natural critical tendency of the self. For the beauty of that experience we must not forget to thank God. It was He only who gave us the power and ability to suppress the devious traits of the self.

As your ministry, we want to thank you all for the beautiful manner in which you conducted your lives. It made our job so much more rewarding, not to mention augmenting the ease with which it was performed.

CURRENT EVENTS

Significant things are happening in many areas of our lives. Yet, it would be premature to make specific comments at the present time. From many and diverse areas we have been warned that the eighteen months from July, 1983, to and including December, 1984, are critical months during which economic, political, religious, military, social, and educational events of international (world) significance will begin to

unfold. By patiently waiting and observing we cannot fail to realize many important and strategic steps being undertaken to bring to pass the prophesied events of the last days. By forcing prophetic explanations we or anyone else will only obscure the reality of the events transpiring. Why? Because the reality is being subtly reconfigured to conform to preconceived ideas. This is the very nature of deception. Yet the person so deceived does not realize he is being deceived, although he is doing it to himself. The important thing is this: Watch and observe, but do not attempt to interpret.

At the appropriate time, more detail will be provided. For the present, let us encourage you to watch. Do not forget, however, to watch in every area of human endeavor.

TAPE RETURNS

Please keep those tapes coming to us. We are most grateful for the responsiveness of every one. Your cooperation in this program is what makes it a very great success. We expressly thank you for the success which we have experienced so far for over eight years. Sometimes our tapes are used too long. If used beyond their usefulness, their effectiveness is impaired. At some date in the future, we will discuss, evaluate, and implement a plan to remove tapes from circulation after a specified time of usage.

In the meantime, if you receive a defective tape, please do one of the following: 1) If broken beyond repair, simply destroy. 2) If doubtful, return with a note explaining. Sometimes these tapes can be repaired. 3) If blank, send back with a note.

For this help, we personally thank you.

ARTICLES

The healing article was either delivered to you personally at the Feast this year or, for those unable to attend, has now been mailed. By this time, all should have received a copy of it. It is our hope and prayer that you are deriving much benefit from the condensation of vast amounts of material digested before the writing of the article.

Progress is being made rapidly in writing the second part of the article. As soon as completed it will be mailed to you.

Although the basic work on the subject of Israel and the Church will require many months, it is our hope to submit a couple of smaller articles during the interim. One will be the calendar article being

written by Mr. Robert Jacobs after many months of extensive research and study. The second will be on the subject of the Holy Days. The study which you received in the past two issues of the Monthly Letter will be the basis of the article.

PRAYER REQUESTS

[Omitted for confidentiality]

PROGRAMS AND NEEDS

The production of The Song of Moses oratorio here in Eugene was a very great success. The reduced one-half-inch videotape seen at the Feast sites cannot, of course, do justice to the original production. One must remember, the one-half-inch reproduction is designed to be shown on home television sets. There, the reproduction is a creditable manifestation of the actual production.

The audio reproduction is superb. With our ability to work and tailor this part of the reproduction, the final master tape is excellent. From this master tape records are being pressed. One thousand will be produced.

The entire cost of the production was covered by a special gift from a very loyal member. It is the desire of this member to see this oratorio remain alive and be used as a vehicle for community service. It is our desire to honor and respect his wishes.

Because of various situations -- one of which is the musicians union -- we have had to weigh carefully the matter of record distribution. After much discussion here at the office, it is our final feeling that the record should be made available to everyone without setting a specific price. A contribution to the Church to help keep the oratorio alive would be greatly appreciated. Of course, the value of the album will vary according to the value placed on it by the individual buying it. But, we would rather not indicate any set value. We want each person to determine that value for himself. No one will be denied a record as long as the supply lasts. It seems only fair to limit the number given to one per person. All multiple requests will be subject to ministerial evaluation here in Eugene. If more than one copy (each contains a three-record-set album) is being requested, please submit details.

Some will ask about cassette tapes. At the present, we are not able to reproduce stereo tapes. Due to the problem mentioned above, we will not mass-produce cassette tapes. There are too many problems involved in any such secondary activity which we might undertake. For those who truly want a tape and are willing to sustain the cost involved, we will make them available in the future.

CONCLUSION

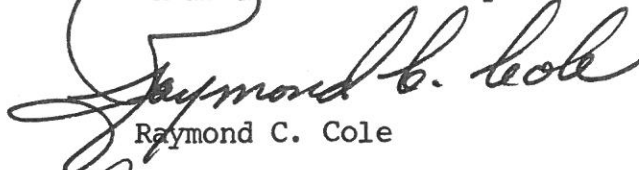
With the Feast of Tabernacles completed, it is good to be back at the desk performing the tasks at hand. We are anxious and excited about the projects which lie ahead of us. With the help of God and your continued prayers, we know much work can be accomplished -- work which will in all probability be of great value in the future.

Please continue to pray for one another. We are living in desperate times. Many are going to suffer at the hands of manipulators. But, even though tried, we can be victorious through faith, conviction, and purpose. And, though small, we can be a mighty fortress against all

the odds of evil and intrigue. Our work is cut out for us. Let us not stagger under our weight of responsibility today. Abraham did not. If we will be his children, we will not fail either.

Our prayers and thoughts always.

In much love and respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the phrase "In much love and respect,".

Raymond C. Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryce G. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the signature of Raymond C. Cole.

Bryce G. Clark

P.S. Regarding Feast of Tabernacles reservations for 1984, if you are not applying for a transfer out of your assigned area, you may make a housing commitment of your choice. However, if desirous of attending the site out of your assigned area, please check with the office in Eugene for approval first. In order to keep a needed balance, every transfer must be approved. There cannot be many approved. Please get your request in early. R.C.C.