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Announcement Letter May 1988

Dear Brethren:

Warmest greetings to all. We do sincerely pray and trust that all are well, greatly blessed of God, and that the abundant life prevails.

Satan is a masterful enemy. He is ever vigilant. Nothing would create greater satisfaction for him, and at the same time greater internal stress for the people of God, than the simple unfounded distrust and disrespect for those whom God chose as His servants. Personal beliefs and convictions notwithstanding. Moses was alternately accepted and rejected. It depended strictly upon the changing opinion of the people. Yet, in name, no one today challenges the basic fact he was the chosen servant of God. In like manner, Jesus Christ was comparably rejected. Lies were generated out of whole cloth. They were passed from one to another as gospel truth. He was attacked personally. The very doctrine which He taught was questioned and evaluated from an individualistic, personal perspective—despite the fact He emphatically proclaimed that God had given Him the very words He preached and taught.

The apostles, including Paul, encountered the same dichotomy, contention, wrath, hate, and even selfishness experienced by their Mentor. Almost the whole of their sacred writings are saturated with these internal strifes—for nearly all contention and reluctance emanates from those who presume to be the called and chosen of God.

Brethren, should we expect the "successful" endeavors of Satan to be changed in our day? Remember, the Biblical recording—the Bible—of those conditions is for our benefit upon whom the ends of the "age" are come.

How do we avoid the cunning wiles of Satan? By remembering to acquire and live the fruits of the Spirit. And this is principally achieved by not holding in esteem the works of the flesh.

Current Events

Based on the present direction of the presidential campaigns, look for a very healthy economic response from now until after the election. Now is the time to gain maximum solvency. Above all, try to keep from any major indebtedness. In this regard I do not necessarily refer to a house. Oftentimes you are better off owning than renting, even if there is a substantial mortgage. Just be very careful about the long-range terms involved in the sales contract.

During this time of artificial "boom," attempt to hedge—in every way possible—against dramatic economic changes which are sure to come at some very near future time, and prepare for major dislocations which are inevitable due to economic crises.

Sufficient said for the wise—those who will heed. Specifics cannot be given. No one at our level of society knows or understands them.

Articles

The article *The Migrations of Israel—History and Purpose* will be ready for printing and distribution, God willing, in a matter of a few weeks. It has taken much time to research, write, and make the final production preparations. We hope you will find it interesting, informative, and worth the wait.

In the near future, an article on Babylon, strictly from the Biblical perspective, will be written. In some cases it will be sent instead of the larger work completed a few years ago.

New Interest

Please remember the needs in South Africa. It is my hope to evaluate and determine what God wants done. Your prayers will mean much—for the people there and the safety of the voyage.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Feasts: Holy Days

Pentecost (Monday, May 23, 1988):

1. Mr. Cole will be in Switzerland again this year—en route home from his South African stay. Mr. Aviolat will make all pertinent arrangements there.
2. Eugene/Portland: Mr. Bryce Clark will be here. All announcements will be made and arrangements finalized locally.
3. Mr. George Leeman: Knoxville, Tennessee. He, in conjunction with Mr. Bill McCammon, will make all necessary arrangements for Pentecost services there.
4. Mr. John Mitchell: Sacramento, California. He and Mr. Gary Arnebeck will arrange for Pentecost services there.
5. Mr. Chuck Lewis: Nashville, Tennessee. He and Mr. Don Brisby will arrange for Pentecost services there.

6. All other areas: Those designated as lead-men for their respective areas should make necessary arrangements and have requisite announcements made locally.

Feast of Tabernacles

Townsend, Tennessee: Attached to this letter is all pertinent information regarding housing for Townsend.

Bend, Oregon: Attached to this letter also is all pertinent information regarding housing for Bend—Inn of the Seventh Mountain.

Trips

Mr. Chuck Lewis will be in the Spartanburg, South Carolina, area for the Sabbath of May 7.

Mr. Raymond Cole will arrive in South Africa on May 11, then on to Switzerland for Pentecost and for preceding and succeeding Sabbaths, returning to Eugene on May 29.

Mr. George Leeman will be in Nashville for the Sabbath of May 21. He will visit in the South Carolina area on May 24, 25, and 26.

Mr. George Leeman will visit Baltimore for Sabbath services of June 4 and will be in the Ohio/Pennsylvania areas for Sabbath, June 11.

Mr. John Mitchell will be in Austin, Texas, for Sabbath, June 4.

Mr. John Mitchell will be in Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Sabbath service of June 18.

Mr. Raymond Cole will be in the New York/New Jersey/Pennsylvania area for the Sabbath of June 18; on to the Amarillo, Texas, area for the Sabbath of June 25.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brandenburg announce the happy event of the arrival of Miss Brooke Lynn Brandenburg, born May 1, 1988. She weighed in at 7 lbs and 15 oz. Parents are doing well.

Comments—Letters

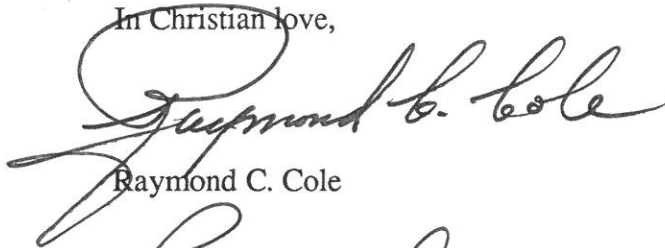
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Conclusion

We have now initiated the third class mailing of the sermon tapes. As you have opportunity, please let us know, both positives and negatives, how effective this service is. With your help we will be able to improve it as we continue to make the transition.

Many thanks for your generous and considerate response to the tape return. We have been able to save many dollars due to this abundant return. We all most kindly thank you.

In Christian love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond C. Cole".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bryce G. Clark".

Bryce G. Clark

P.S. The *Announcement Letter* and the *Monthly Letter* are available in the following type size:
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Our printer makes the larger type as easy to produce as the smaller size, and we would be glad to send the large-print letters to those who need them; please let us know. Thank you.