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Announcement Letter March 1999

Dear Brethren:

So many, rightly, look forward on an annual basis to Passover. That is as it should be. Our hope is that the reason is appropriate and honorable. The Apostle Paul was clearly inspired to address the problems which can be, and were in his day, encountered.

If we have done *our* job well, Passover this year will be one of the most significant we have ever observed. The thoughts and prayers of the faithful ministry will be with you. Do not lose out on the opportunity to draw closer to God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, than you have ever experienced. If exercised by trials, they are intended, by God, to develop a close and very personal relationship with the Father and Son. Surely in this time of last day turmoil, we have every reason to seek the help, inspiration, and direction of God. His ear is not closed, nor His arm grown short. He is the same today as He was in the past. We can confidently place all trust and faith in Him. All such trust and confidence is predicated upon aggressive and loyal obedience. Doubt is the hallmark manifestation of sin and a wrong attitude. Let us all come to know God, the Father, as He really is. He is the summation of life!

Warning

Unfortunately there are those who are not content to live their faith and conviction only. Somehow they feel it necessary to inoculate others with their doubts, poison, and/or evil concepts. They are hateful, evilly-oriented, and injurious. The Bible clearly shows the faithful that they do not need to accept such hateful behavior. In fact you are commanded by God to avoid them. That is, do not have anything to do with them. (See Romans 16:17–18, 2 Timothy 2:23–26, Titus 3:8–11, 2 Thessalonians 3:1–15, 1 Corinthians 5:1–13, and 2 John 7–11.)

Of course, we do not behave in an unacceptable manner. Yet, you must be firm and resolute. There is a proper way to handle all things. What is transpiring is not of God.

Therefore, as I stated earlier: If you receive unwanted letters, burn them—unopened. Do not worry about burning a good letter. Sending a letter to the sheep is not the way to resolve a problem. Anyone who sincerely wants to change his behavior knows the only approved course of action. Anything short of that action is a form of rebellion.

Further, do not accept e-mail messages, telephone calls or any other means of communication. If you do, it could make you equally guilty with the perpetrators of such defiance and rebellion.

Today so many are opposed to authority—any form of rule. Just take a look at the above texts. That authority comes from God. Will any of us rebel against God?

Holydays

Passover for our scattered brethren: If any of you need instruction on how to keep Passover in your own home, please inform us immediately. We have just a few days to get the information to you.

The Spring holydays are as follows:

Passover: March 31, (observed the previous evening, March 30).

Night to be Much Observed: March 31

First High Day of Unleavened Bread: April 1

Last High Day of Unleavened Bread: April 7

Lead men should be making appropriate preparations for these days.

Blessing of Brethren

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Tape Department

Due to postal regulations as of January 1999, Cindy will be forced to change the bulk mailing procedure from time to time. At times, you may receive one envelope of tapes; other times you may receive several, separate envelopes. These changes are necessary to comply with postal regulations in order that we may keep our, less costly, bulk mail rate. We hope this does not cause difficulty for anyone.

Trip Schedule

April 24	Baltimore	R.C.C.
May 8	Austin	R.C.C.

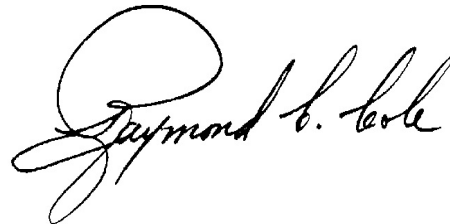
Feast of Tabernacles

It is not too early to utter very heartfelt prayers that God will grant us peace and the opportunity to live the real meaning of the Feast. With consistent and daily prayer we can be assured God will give us marvelous meetings at both sites.

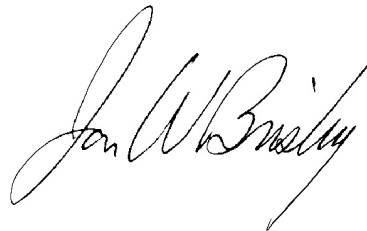
Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/Tape #</u>
WSE-RC 86-1	12/23	03/06	How Are You Going To Endure?
WSE-RC 87-1	12/23	03/13	Why Do Most People Fail In Almost Any Venture?
WSE-RC 88-1	01/06	03/20	Refinement Or Rejection #1
WSE-RC 88-2	01/06	03/27	Refinement Or Rejection #2
WSE-RC 88-3	01/20	04/03	Refinement Or Rejection #3
WSE-RC 88-4	01/20	04/10	Refinement Or Rejection #4
WST-JB 4	02/03	04/17	The Business Of God's Work
WSE-RC 89	02/03	04/24	Pre-Passover Examination

In Christ's service,



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