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Announcement Letter May 1999

Dear Brethren:

"He that endureth to the end." A statement which grows in emotional meaning daily. From day to day the called of God must surely wonder what and where the next tragedy will strike. The fears are not confined to national and international events of a political nature. To the called of God some of the most traumatic are happening within that body of believers who once understood the will and purpose of God. The dimension of amazement seems to know no bounds. Indeed, one must wonder if most are not now enduring out of resignation—a blase' attitude. Within the structure of society today there is no fundamental premise of peace, harmony, or optimism.

It is precisely for the above reason that the children of God are cautioned, "where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). The chosen of God must lift their eyes above the realities of the day and see by faith the glorious promises of tomorrow. To that end, we all must be praying for one another. Faith and conviction are imperative. Our archenemy and all his cohorts are aware that the time of their banishment—incarceration—is very close. There seems to be some type of sordid and vicious satisfaction derived to themselves by attempting to destroy the body of Christ—the called and chosen of God.

May your love of God's truth and resolve to be faithful to the way of life grow stronger daily. He that is within you is stronger than all the evil forces with which you are confronted in this world.

As with a long distance runner, the last few minutes of a race are the hardest, demanding unusual resolve and determination. Such a runner is not successful—no matter what brilliant effort was expended in the early part of the race—until he crosses the finish line. We cannot imagine a greater tragedy than failing within the last few minutes of a race. This race, brethren, is for your very spiritual lives.

Indeed, Satan is going about as a roaring lion. He hates the truth of God. Therefore, he hates anyone who attempts to live his life according to the principles of that truth.

He hated Christ. He will manifest contempt for anyone in whom Christ lives. Therefore, all who will live godly lives will suffer persecution and abuse. Since he was a liar from the beginning, abiding not in the truth, he will use lies and subtle hypocrisy to deceive anyone who will listen.

Please be careful what you read and hear. I am sure you do not want to lose your only hope of everlasting life. Just remember God does not come in ways of hatefulness, contempt, and destruction. Those are characteristics of Satan and his demons.

As never before, we must be diligently praying for one another. Do not allow yourselves to get caught in the ways which will result in weeping and gnashing of teeth. Just keep your eyes fixed on the unchanging way of truth. Mr. Brisby and I, as well as all true ministers of Jesus Christ, have confidence in Christ in you. We simply want to keep you informed. So, periodically we will remind you of the above need. For the present, we all thank you for your loyalty, faithfulness, and conviction.

Canadian Office

I have written a general letter—sent to most Canadians—indicating the desire of the office here in Eugene to close the Canadian office in British Columbia. Please be apprized that the office in British Columbia, if it continues, has no part with Church of God, The Eternal of Eugene, Oregon. The closure was for reason. I would prefer to leave the matter at that. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Prayer Request

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Deaths

Mrs. Mary Mowery: We have been informed by her family that the elderly Mrs. Mowery died April 10. Our condolences are extended to her family.

Mr. Nick Sainato: Mr. Sainato died May 1 after a long struggle with cancer. Our sympathies are expressed toward his family. We know he will be missed by all who knew him.

Trip Schedule

May 24

Knoxville

J.W.B.


Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Sermon Date	Mailed	Title/Tape #
WST-JB 6	03-20-99	03-30-99	How Should We Evaluate Accusations?
WSE-RC 90-6	03-27-99	04-14-99	An Analysis of Jude #6
WSE-RC 90-7	04-03-99	04-14-99	An Analysis of Jude #7
WST-JB 7	04-10-99	04-28-99	Are You Ready to be a King and Priest?
WSE-RC 8	04-17-99	04-28-99	An Analysis of Jude #8

In Christ's service,



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