

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - JANUARY 1982

SERMONS

- 2 January Mr. Russell Couston Military Service
Biblical basis of church's teaching (not to kill or Hate);
need for sincerity and thorough knowledge of Bible to be
granted status of conscientious objector.
- 9 January Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape of 28/11/81)
Recent trip - the Holy Spirit
Recent trip to Europe and the Middle East, visit with
Strauss and Mrs. Sadat.
We must be led by and use the Holy Spirit.
- 16 January Mr. John Comino Church Government
History of the government in the seven eras of the O.T.
and N.T. churches. Different types of candlesticks.
- 23 January Mr. Russell Couston Child Rearing
Need to teach discipline, obedience, respect for authority,
sense of belonging to the group (family or church), love.
- 30 January Mr. John Comino Fasting
Fast to repent and draw closer to God. While fasting
spend time in Bible study, meditation and prayer.

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- 2 January Mr. Don Bray Opening and Closing Prayers
Given by senior man in the church; brief (30-60 seconds);
basic outline; on behalf of the congregation.
- 9 January no sermonette
- 16 January Mr. Tom Middlemiss The Pope's authority
The Pope's line of authority from the apostle, Peter,
is falsely based.
- 23 January Mr. Don Bray Time of day of the crucifixion
There is no real contradiction in the gospel accounts
of this.
- 30 January Mr. Tom Middlemiss Plan ahead for the Holy Days
Meet your physical obligations by arranging in advance
for time off from work for the Holy Days.

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- 6 February Mr. Gary Harvey Can you be sure you are really converted?
Yes, if baptism ceremony was correct, repentance was present and life shows growth in spiritual fruit since.
- 13 February Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape) What is sin?
We need to understand and apply the spiritual intent of God's law, not just obey to the letter. We need to come out of Babylon completely.
- 20 February Mr. Russell Couston Trials
We build character through trials. Our spiritual enemies are human nature, this present evil world and Satan. We need to put on whole armour of God to win the battle.
- 27 February Mr. Russell Couston Tithing
General explanation of tithing - all three tithes are absolute Biblical laws. Third tithe for, not by, the needy. If in doubt on anything counsel with the ministry.

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- 6 February Mr. Roger Louat "The kingdom of God is in the hearts of men"
This is a popular misconception. Explanation of Luke 17:21 given.
- 13 February Mr. Tom Middlemiss Bible Study
Make Bible study more interesting by looking up details of "obscure" people, e.g. Rufus Pudens.
- 20 February Mr. Alan Gubb Should we support charities?
We have been called to fulfil Mat.24:14 not to serve in a soup line - i.e. to treat the cause not the effect of the world's ills.
- 27 February Mr. David Rothwell (tape) Y.E.S. Course
Outline of Y.E.S. Correspondence Course. Nine levels of 14 lessons each. Useful tool in preparing our children for the World Tomorrow. Needs parents' involvement for maximum benefit.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - MARCH 1982

SERMONS

- 6 March Mr. John Comino Letters from Mr. Armstrong
We need to read thoroughly and also to act upon all letters we receive from Mr. Armstrong.
- 13 March Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape) Why the Church?
We are being prepared to rule and teach in the kingdom of God just as the disciples were being prepared to teach the church.
- 20 March District Weekend
Mr. Gavin Cullen (split sermon) Dating
Date widely; don't get involved too young; don't confuse love with physical attraction and sex appeal; pray that God will lead you to the right person.
Mr. John Comino (split sermon) Marriage and Family
Keep priorities straight: God, spouse, children, brethren, job. Plan ahead for children, set goals, teach love, obedience and understanding and correct children when needed.
- 27 March Mr. Russell Couston Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread
Physical diligence indicates spiritual diligence. Need for self examination and getting rid of physical and spiritual leaven completely.

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- 6 March Mr. Kerry Gubb The Church in Adelaide
The problems the church in Adelaide faced and how it is now recovering and growing.
- 13 March Mr. Tom Middlemiss The Passover
Reasons why we keep the Passover on the 14th Nisan and the Jews keep it on the 15th.
- 20 March no sermonette
- 27 March Mr. Tom Middlemiss Night to be much observed
Explanation of this night. By observing this night we acknowledge our identity.

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SERMONETTES

- 3 April Mr. Bruce McNair Explanation of Colossians 2:16-17
Don't let any unauthorised person tell you what to eat or how to keep holydays - let the church do this.
- 8 April Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. Richard Davies The Offering
Seek you FIRST the Kingdom of God. The Work in Australia.
Mr. Richard Davies The manner of Christ's death
Christ had to die in a specific manner, i.e. bleed to death. Verse missing between Mat. 27: 49 and 50.
- 10 April Mr. Bruce McNair Etiquette
Table manner and etiquette generally are ways of showing love to our neighbour.
- 14 April Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. Bruce McNair The Offering
2 Cor.9:6, Mal. 3:8-10, Luke 6:38
Mr. Bruce McNair Growing up in the Church
Conversion is a long process, not something sudden, when you grow up in the church.
- 17 April Mr. Roger Louat Christ's early life
Christ's early life was spent learning to be a builder, studying a lot and building character.
- 24 April Mr. Tom Middlemiss Five doctrines unique to God's Church
God's plan shown through weekly and annual sabbaths; man's destiny in God family and ruling the earth; everyone to have a chance; no immortal soul.

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- 3 April Mr. John Comino Forgiveness
God's great forgiveness - He forgives only when we repent. He hates sin but loves the sinner. Christ's great suffering and sacrifice.
- 8 April Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. Gavin Cullen God's Perfection
God's perfection shown in His creation, displaying His love, in giving and in offering us His most prized possession - His power. We must strive for perfection in everything.
Mr. John Comino Compare yourself with God not with others
Continually comparing yourself with God is a repentant, unleavened attitude. Comparing yourself with others is a leavened attitude.
- 10 April Mr. Gavin Cullen Masculinity and Femininity
True masculinity, eg. leadership, drive, emotional maturity and true femininity, eg. meekness, humility, resourcefulness, are all character traits of God.
- 14 April Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. John Comino Understanding
Definition and explanation of knowledge, understanding and wisdom. Only God can give a person understanding. Wisdom is applying this.
Mr. Gavin Cullen Coming out of Egypt/sin
God gives us the faith and power to meet any trial when our relationship with Him is right.
- 17 April Mr. John Comino Persecution
We will be accused of and persecuted for the same things Christ was.
- 24 April Mr. Russell Couston Angels
Angels created, not begotten, ministering spirits, messengers, specific archangels. We will be higher than them in the kingdom.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - MAY 1982

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- 1 May Mr. Alan Gubb God's concern for us
We anguish over our children as they grow just as God anguishes over whether we will make the right decisions and choose life.
- 8 May Mr. Don Bray Make sure you have a Will
Obey the Biblical principle of setting your house in order and providing for your children by making your Will and keeping it current.
- 15 May Mr. Bruce McNair Punctuality
Punctuality is a character trait showing dependability and concern for others.
- 22 May Mr. Roger Louat Near enough is not good enough
Need to keep God's law completely, not in part. Example of Uzza touching the Ark.
- 29 May Mr. Alan Gubb Where is your place of safety?
Our place of safety is in God's Church where God's laws are taught.
- 30 May The Day of Pentecost
Mr. Alan Gubb Brethren should dwell together in unity
Don't help Satan by allowing a root of bitterness or offence to come between brethren.
- Mr. Philip Plows The Offering
Show love to your neighbour by helping to preach the gospel and thereby hastening Christ's return.

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- 1 May Mr. John Comino Meditation
Controlled, deliberate thinking requiring effort and time.
It is to make God's law part of our being and is one of the
keys of spiritual growth.
- 8 May Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape) Don't neglect your salvation
Need for leadership, co-operation, organisation in the church.
Don't let down but keep going on now that we are back on the
track.
- 15 May Mr. Robert Morton Decline and Fall of Israel
History behind Falkland Is. dispute and its relevance in the
decline and fall of Ephraim. Fulfilment of prophecies about
modern Israel.
- 22 May Mr. Russell Couston Repentance
For complete repentance need diligence, hatred of sin, positive
fear, vehement desire, zeal etc.
- 29 May Mr. John Comino The harvests of God
Christ's leadership in the church is orderly and consistent.
Periodically He harvests the tares in the church.
- 30 May The Day of Pentecost
Mr. John Comino The Holy Spirit
It is not a person but a power or energy which imparts
understanding, comfort, mental strength and eternal life. It
is increased by prayer, Bible study, fasting and meditation.
- Mr. Gavin Cullen The Day of Pentecost
Where this day is first revealed in the O.T. Account in the
N.T. Importance of attitude and intent in obeying God.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - JUNE 1982

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- 5 June Mr. John Comino Fellowship
Should be friendly with, encourage and spend time with all brethren, as well as having some special friends.
- 12 June Mr. John Comino Physical Aspects of Prayer
Improve on quality of prayer. Where, when, how long, in what position to pray. Don't offer God a polluted sacrifice.
- 19 June Mr. Richard Rice How to know when God's Spirit is leading you
God's Spirit gives understanding, power, convicts of sin, gives love and faith, comforts, intensifies our desire to please God.
- 26 June Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape of 5.6.82)
Why is God calling so few now
We have been called now to be students so we can be teachers in the World Tomorrow and teach another way of living.

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- 5 June Mr. Tom Middlemiss Are you a spot or blemish in the church
A spot or blemish is one who embraces carnality and is inward looking. This will delay the return of Christ.
- 12 June Mr. Alan Gubb Have the mind of Christ
When watching world events, eg. Falklands, need to be politically detached and have the mind of Christ.
- 19 June Mr. Rod Urwiller The work of Nehemiah and this Work
The worldwide Work of God likened to the building of the wall under Nehemiah.
- 26 June no sermonette

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- 3 July FILM "Behind the Work"
- 10 July Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape of 19.6.82)
Why the unthinkable will happen
Stir yourselves spiritually now to prepare for the trials ahead.
- 17 July Mr. John Comino Bible Study
Study the Bible in order to keep the law, fear God and show yourself approved unto God.
- 24 July Mr. Russell Couston Healing
When sick we need to call the elders, have faith, repent, pray, be patient and then give thanks for healing.
- 31 July Mr. John Comino Binding and Loosing
Structure of government in the church - authority from the top down. Importance of right understanding of Mat.16:18-19.

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- 3 July Mr. Don Bray Voting
How to explain your reasons for not voting to the Electoral Office.
- 10 July Mr. Alan Gubb Listen with your mind
Because we hear and understand we are expected to use the knowledge we gain.
- 17 July Mr. Tom Middlemiss Jerusalem in Christ's time
Like now, there were interest charges, taxation, inspectors, etc. - the same spiritual powers at work.
- 24 July Mr. Roger Louat The Sabbath
The Sabbath will be a delight if we call it a delight and have a positive attitude to it.
- 31 July Mr. Alan Gubb Partnerships
Being unequally yoked together with unbelievers in business or marriage is breaking God's law.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - AUGUST 1982

SERMONS

- 7 August Mr. John Comino We have to work and qualify for the Kingdom
It is a privilege to be called now to help do the Work. Once called we have the responsibility to respond enthusiastically to that calling and work for the Kingdom even though it is a free gift.
- 14 August Mr. Royston Page Endure to the end
His own personal association with Mr. Armstrong; Mr. Armstrong's faithfulness to God. Endure to the end by seeking righteousness not rights or riches.
- 21 August Mr. Russell Couston The Feast of Tabernacles
Keep the Feast to learn to fear God, to rejoice. Proper uses of second tithe. Prepare yourself spiritually now for the Feast.
- 28 August Mr. John Comino Judging
Judging should be to correct in love, not condemn in hatred and should be according to God's law not private prejudices.

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- 7 August Mr. Don Bray The awesome universe
The stars and the whole universe show the immense power and glory of God. (Illustrated with slides.)
- 14 August Mr. Robert Taylor Ambassador College
Ambassador College teaches God's way of life and the need to rely on God.
- 21 August Mr. Tom Middlemiss Mary
R.C. Church teaches that Mary was sinless, a perpetual virgin and is in heaven now as a mediator. All these doctrines are contrary to the Bible.
- 28 August Mr. Alan Gubb Be prepared to lower your standard of living
As a sign of the times we need to follow Mr. Armstrong's directive to be prepared to lower our standard of living.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 1982

SERMONETTES

- 4 September Mr. Roger Louat Birthdays
Birthdays are pagan not Biblical. God's feast days, not birthdays, should be our high days.
- 11 September Mr. Tom Middlemiss Israel
Fulfilled prophecy is proof of the identity of the house of Israel, eg. throne to continue for ever. Separate from House of Judah.
- 18 September Feast of Trumpets
Mr. Robert Taylor Uses of the Trumpet
Blowing of trumpet marked something of great national importance to ancient Israel.
Mr. Alan Gubb The Offering
Give in accordance to the value you place on the blessings God has given you.
- 25 September Mr. Don Bray The Feast
At the Feast remember your attitude, prayer and study, attend all services, get involved, fellowship, your family, let your light shine.
- 27 September Day of Atonement
Mr. Alan Gubb Making Big Decisions - Fasting
When making important decisions we should pray and fast in order to hear God's voice in the matter.

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- 4 Sept Mr. Russell Couston The Exodus
We will be involved in a big rescue mission in the future when Israel comes out of slavery the second time - the second Exodus.
- 11 Sept Mr. John Comino Judging
Judge by God's law not private prejudices. Don't judge by appearance only and don't pass the buck.
- 18 Sept Feast of Trumpets
Mr. Gavin Cullen Feast of Trumpets
This is both a time of rejoicing (symbolised by the silver trumpet) and a time of solemnity (symbolised by the ram's horn) and warfare.
Mr. John Comino The Law
Galatians 3:19 refers to the temporary temple law added because the people failed to keep or understand the original law.
- 25 Sept Mr. Russell Couston Be a defensive spiritual driver
Never forget - your need of God, that God loves you, to have faith in God, to be united in showing love to each other.
- 27 Sept Day of Atonement
Mr. John Comino Satan
We used to have the mind of our previous father, Satan, before conversion; now we should have the mind of our present Father, God.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - OCTOBER 1982

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16 Oct Mr. John Comino Patience

Patience must be accompanied by keeping the commandments, hope, joyfulness, heart rending sincere prayer and not murmuring.

23 Oct Mr. Russell Couston Church Government

Importance of church government and obedience to authority. Need to keep right attitude. Can't be an individual Christian.

30 Oct Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (Tape of 16.10.82)

God as Creator of both matter and spirit - duality in God's plan - God cannot create perfect character by fiat - God is now using aversion therapy with mankind so that he will completely hate this world's system.

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16 Oct Mr. Tom Middlemiss God's Financial System

Contrast between God's financial system of tithing and society's taxation, interest rates, levies, indirect tax, etc.

23 Oct Mr. Allan Gubb Christening and Blessing of Children

Blessing of children is a Biblical practice; christening as practised by other churches is not Biblical.

30 Oct Mr. Roger Louat How to make a wise decision

Ask God for wisdom, find Bible precept, get the facts, counsel, make decision, have faith and work diligently.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 1982

SERMONS

- 6 Nov Mr. Robert Morton The Laying on of Hands
This ceremony implies acceptance of the government of God carried out through men, eg. Ephraim & Manasseh and Joshua.
- 13 Nov Mr. John Comino Be Positive
Obeying God may bring persecution but it also brings great rewards and favours from God, so be positive, not negative about your calling.
- 20 Nov Mr. Russell Couston Marriage
Marriages need to be built on right foundation with Christ at the centre. Don't take your marriage for granted.
- 27 Nov Mr. John Comino How converted are you?
Bible study helps us absorb the mind of God and so deepens our degree of repentance and conversion.

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- 6 Nov Mr. Russell Couston Ministerial booklet
Use this booklet to make your prayers more specific and they will be more effective.
- 13 Nov Mr. Allan Gubb God's Law
Don't be so absorbed in your surroundings that you forget to hang on to and keep God's law.
- 20 Nov Mr. Don Bray YES Evaluation Classes
Parents should use YES lessons as a tool in meeting their responsibility of training and teaching their children.
- 27 Nov Mr. Roger Louat Dress and Grooming
The clothes we wear, how we wear them, and our standard of grooming are all important to God.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH - DECEMBER 1982

SERMONS

4 Dec Mr. John Comino Belief in the Kingdom of God
We need hope and the gift of belief in order to see God's plan. Get your mind off the everyday worries and on to God's Kingdom.

11 Dec Mr. Gerald Waterhouse Our calling
Need for loyalty to God's apostle. The seven miracles revealed to Mr. Waterhouse. We are being trained to be Christ's wife and also the temple.

18 Dec

25 Dec

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4 Dec Mr. Tom Middlemiss Grow in spiritual knowledge
We should progress in spiritual knowledge from the milk to the strong meat of the Word.

11 Dec no sermonette

18 Dec

25 Dec