

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE RYDE CHURCH -- JANUARY 1983

SERMONS

- 1 Jan Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (Tape) The Mark of the Beast
Resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire is imminent. We are going to be tested both as a church and individually, particularly in the area of keeping the Sabbath.
- 8 Jan Mr. John Comino Correction
We should be prepared to correct, in love, or be corrected by anyone, even eg. an ass. Best sources of correction are Bible Study, meditation, fasting, the ministry and prayer.
- 15 Jan Mr. Mark Ellis Introducing himself
Background information about himself and his previous ministry. Seek God and his kingdom before all else.
- 22 Jan Mr. Russell Couston Local Church Calendar
Local church activities train us to build character, social skills, friendships, leadership etc. and to become more complete people.
- 29 Jan Mr. John Comino The Gift of Belief (Part 2)
We need the gift of belief in the meaning of the name "Jesus Christ", i.e. God our Saviour and the one and only Messiah. The Creator is worth more than the sum total of His creation.

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- 1 Jan no sermonette
- 8 Jan Mr. Russell Couston Why we keep the Sabbath
God made and sanctified this day, Christ kept it and it is a sign between God and us.
- 15 Jan Mr. Allan Gubb Death
Transformation from physical to spiritual life depends on physical death taking place so do not become overly concerned with our physical bodies.
- 22 Jan Mr. Tom Middlemiss Physical and spiritual types
The Bible is full of physical examples of spiritual principles which are there for our learning.
- 29 Jan Mr. Allan Gubb Our Calling
Man's greatness is worth nothing compared to God. God is not now generally calling the wise of this world.

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- 5 Feb Mr. John Comino How to keep the Sabbath
Primarily a day of rest and a time to draw closer to God.
Aim at pleasing God, not yourself.
- 12 Feb Mr. John Comino Child Rearing
Discipline is a very important part of loving your children.
Need to study into this.
- 19 Feb Mr. Russell Couston Prayer
Effective prayer needs obedience to God's law, patience,
fervency and hard work.
- 26 Feb Mr. John Comino Prophecy
Scriptural signposts of prophecies still to be fulfilled,
eg. the last days, the time of the end, the day of the Lord, etc

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- 5 Feb Mr. Don Bray Declining standards
Don't allow your values and standards to decline like those
of the society around.
- 12 Feb Mr. Allan Gubb Three days and three nights
Explanation of Matthew 12: 39-40.
- 19 Feb Mr. Roger Louat Ingratitude
This is a common but deadly sin. Don't take your blessings
lightly.
- 26 Feb Mr. Allan Gubb Political elections
A change in Australian government will not solve all our
problems.

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SERMONS

- 5 March Mr. Russell Couston The Ministry
Need for and duties of the ministry. We need to have a balanced, converted attitude to the ministry.
- 12 March Mr. John Comino The Passover
Examine yourself so you can take the Passover worthily.
- 19 March Mr. Robert Morton The Fifth Commandment
The meaning of this commandment is to obey the government of God wherever you find it, whether at its most basic level in the family or anywhere else.
- 26 March Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (Film)
Sermon on the Last Great Day 1982
Christ will restore the government of God in the world in the millennium. At the moment this government is being restored in the church.
- 29 March Feast of Unleavened Bread - First Holy Day
Mr. John Comino
If God has called you, He will follow through and deliver you out of the bondage of Satan.
- Mr. Mark Ellis
Use this week to evaluate and work on your spiritual state, don't wait until the end when God has to force you into obedience.

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- 5 March Mr. Roger Louat 1983 Feast of Tabernacles
Registration procedure for this year's feast.
- 12 March Mr. Allan Gubb Insurance
Carrying appropriate insurance is a way of showing love to others, eg. your family.
- 19 March Mr. Robert Morton news of the Work
- 28 March no sermonette
- 29 March Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. Mark Ellis The Offering

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- 2 April Mr. Roger Louat Pearls
Understanding comes through obedience just as pearls keep their lustre only when they are worn.
- 4 April Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. Russell Couston The Offering
Mr. Allan Gubb Sacrifice
We need to sacrifice in terms of time and overlooking others' imperfections.
- 9 April Mr. Don Bray Our attitude to authority
God commands us to obey those in authority over us. There is no power but of God.
- 16 April Mr. Tom Middlemiss Revenge
We should not take revenge but show love to our enemies.
- 23 April District Weekend
Mr. Russell Couston Five aims of Y.O.U.
Recapture true values; endorse and extend family teaching; encourage friendships, etc.
- 30 April Mr. Tom Middlemiss Don't judge by appearance
God looks on the heart not on our outward appearance.

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- 2 April Mr. John Comino Why Study the Bible
Study to increase understanding, fear God, to be worthy and
to be teachers in the kingdom, etc.
- 4 April Feast of Unleavened Bread
Mr. Russell Couston Sin
The world is in chaos today because of direct violation of
God's spiritual principles.
Mr. John Comino Overcoming
Put forth effort to stay close to God through prayer,
Bible study, fasting, meditation and you will overcome.
- 9 April Mr. Karl Karlov Humility
Humility is an accurate, realistic view of oneself in
relation to God. Contention comes only from pride.
- 16 April Mr. John Comino How to study the Bible
Set aside definite time; right respect for the Bible;
positive attitude; study to grow spiritually and to show
yourself approved.
- 23 April District Weekend
Mr. Rod King The Family
The family is very important to God and His plan and there
are living powerful spiritual laws which regulate family
relations.
- 30 April Mr. John Comino Prophecies yet to be fulfilled
All men will know God; Israel's future captivity; Israel and
Judah to fall together; Christ to return as King; Jerusalem
to be a model city; the temple rebuilt, etc.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE SYDNEY NORTH CHURCH - MAY 1983

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7 May Mr. John Comino Astrology

Astrology is one of the gods of this world which seeks to worship the creature rather than the Creator.

14 May Mr. John Comino Marriage Counselling

Choose someone who fears God, is slow to anger, wise, hard working and is as similar to you eg. in background, as possible.

21 May Mr. Russell Couston Financial Success

Ten steps to overcoming financial troubles, eg. prepare ahead for third tithe year, budget, don't splurge, etc.

22 May Day of Pentecost

Mr. Allan Gubb Use your time wisely

Keep your lives simple, organise your life to seek God first, go to God for help to combat the pressures on your time.

Mr. Russell Couston The Day of Pentecost

The origin of this feast. Acts 2. Ruth. We need God's spirit in order to build spiritual character.

28 May Mr. John Comino What is Death?

Death is a very natural part of life and of God's plan and not something we should fear. The subject of death is full of lies.

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7 May Mr. Allan Gubb The Sabbath Convocation

The holy convocation on the Sabbath is a great blessing and a tool to resist Satan.

14 May Mr. Roger Louat The Antichrist

Who and what is the antichrist - the opposite of Christ.
1 John 4:1-3, Mark 13.

21 May Mr. Allan Gubb The reapers are few

We need more church members to be trained now as teachers in the millennium.

22 May Day of Pentecost

Mr. Don Bray The Trinity

The doctrine of the trinity is the very antithesis of God's plan. 1 John 3:7,8 explained.

Mr. Allan Gubb The Offering

28 May Mr. Roger Louat Peace

1 Cor 15:19 does not mean we should be miserable. We have peace because we have the answers to the problems.

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- 4 June Mr. John Comino Let your light shine
We should be teaching now by our example and be known for our good qualities just as ethnic groups are distinguished by certain characteristics.
- 11 June Mr. John Comino What lies ahead in prophecy
Coming re-unification of Europe, measuring the Church, the place of safety, two witnesses. We don't know when the end will come.
- 18 June Mr. Russell Couston Hypocrisy
God is more concerned with what comes from the heart than with outward physical appearance. Hypocrisy goes hand in hand with iniquity and can lead to spiritual death.
- 25 June Mr. John Comino The Place of Safety
The place of safety is a doctrine of the church. God will protect and nourish us there. This should give us peace of mind to do the Work now.

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- 4 June Mr. Tom Middlemiss The role of women
Women's role in the church and in God's plan. Women are not inferior to but are to complement men.
- 11 June Mr. Allan Gubb Don't be like Jonah
We should want to see the whole world repent because God loves all mankind; not be like Jonah.
- 18 June Mr. Allan Gubb Return of Christ
Rev.1:7 ... every eye shall see Him ... and 1Thes.5:1-2 ... as a thief in the night ... are consistent, not contradictory.
- 25 June Mr. Tom Middlemiss Basic doctrines of this church
Plan of God; the saved to be gods; on earth not in heaven; unsaved to have chance; man is physical with spirit added.

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- 2 July Mr. Colin Kelly Slides of the Work in S.E. Asia.
- 9 July Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape of 11.6.83)
Hunger and thirst for God's righteousness
We can resolve any hazy area of doctrine where the Bible is not specific, eg. smoking, make up, by applying and expanding the principle of love to God and love to man.
- 16 July Mr. Russell Couston Firstfruits
We are very privileged to be firstfruits but have to qualify now to rule God's way. Only a very small fraction are called now.
- 23 July Mr. John Comino The one true church
Matthew 16:18, 19 explained. Christ gave authority to the apostle to administer within the law of the Bible, not to change the law of the Bible as claimed by R.C. church. This is proof of the one true church.
- 30 July Mr. Allan Gubb Ministerial Refresher Course (split sermon)
Goal of the course is not to give out new truth. Atmosphere projected at Pasadena campus is like the millennium.
- Mr. Russell Couston Prophecy (split sermon)
Prophecy is a very broad subject occurring through a large part of the Bible. It is history written in advance.

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- 2 July no sermonette
- 9 July no sermonette
- 16 July Mr. Roger Louat Etiquette
The object of etiquette and good manners is to put everyone at their ease.
- 23 July Mr. Tom Middlemiss Why does one leave the church?
We need to be renewed daily by God's spirit and realise the magnitude of our calling to stay in the church.
- 30 July no sermonette

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE SYDNEY NORTH CHURCH - AUGUST 1983

SERMONS

6 August Mr. John Comino The Two Comings of Christ

The world is totally confused by this. Jews did not recognise Him the first time because they expected a lion and He came as a lamb. R.Cs. will not recognise Him the second time because He will come as a lion when they expect a lamb.

13 August Mr. Russell Couston Sabbath and Holy Days

By keeping these we acknowledge God as Creator, that we are His people and we continue to learn God's way.

20 August Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong Success based on God's Law
(tape of 30 July 1983)

This world does not know the origin of law and government. To be successful you need to follow the seven laws of success.

27 August Mr. John Comino Frustration

When frustration occurs don't react with discouragement and despair but think and act positively and be willing to repent and change.

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6 August Mr. Don Bray The Spirit in man

Man differs from the animals because he has the spirit in man. Science does not understand this.

13 August Mr. Tom Middlemiss The mind of Christ

We must continually strive to have the mind of Christ because we become what we think.

20 August Mr. Ken Banks Trials

Our defence against trials which seem to increase just before the Feast is the Bible, so don't let down on Bible Study.

27 August Mr. Roger Louat How to answer questions from inquirers

Answer antagonistic questions with a question but answer a genuine question with an answer.

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SERMONS

3 Sept Mr. Herbert Armstrong (tape of .. Aug 83)

Are you really a Christian?

If the Holy Spirit is not dwelling and working in you, you are not a Christian. God's spirit gives us a totally different attitude, motive and purpose in life.

8 Sept Feast of Trumpets

Mr. Allan Gubb The Trinity of Sin

The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life categorise all sin. We have to come out of all these.

Mr. John Comino Reasons for the blowing of trumpets

To gather people together; to get their attention; as a warning or sign of alarm; when going to war; anointing a new king.

10 Sept Mr. Russell Couston Why are we going to the Feast?

To rejoice and to fear God. Be careful to have the right serving attitude, increase spiritual knowledge, share with others, etc.

17 Sept Day of Atonement

Mr. John Comino Attitudes of Christ and Satan

There is a great separation between the attitudes of Christ and Satan (and mankind) - serving and competition, interceding and accusing. God will bridge this gulf in the future.

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3 Sept no sermonette

8 Sept Feast of Trumpets

Mr. John Comino The offering

Mr. Roger Louat Liars

Lying sears your conscience until you don't feel the lies anymore. No liars will be in the kingdom.

10 Sept Mr. Don Bray Fasting

How to prepare physically; purpose is to draw closer to God.

17 Sept Day of Atonement

Mr. Roger Louat Satan's traps

Don't fall into the "I've heard it all before" trap either now or at the Feast. The "same" sermon can always give a deeper or different spiritual perspective.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE SYDNEY NORTH CHURCH - OCTOBER 1983

SERMONS

- 1 Oct Mr. John Ferrier Endurance
"Trim your sails" for the next 12 months for it is only those who endure to the end who will be saved.
- 8 Oct Mr. John Comino Millennial Jerusalem
Jerusalem will not only be a beautiful place in the millennium but the place from where God's law goes out.
- 15 Oct Mr. Orest Solyma Overcoming
Overcoming requires courage, self discipline and determination. Only after we have taken the first step will God give us His help.
- 22 Oct Mr. John Comino Local Church Government
Members and ministers are all called to assist Mr. Armstrong. The ministry is to edify and encourage, not destroy, members. Different categories of advice ministers can give.
- 29 Oct Mr. Ronald Kelly (tape) Man's place in marriage
The husband is the key to the stability of family life and should provide leadership which is both loving and with authority. Giving your family your time is of extreme importance - we don't get a second chance at child rearing.

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- 1 Oct Mr. Roger Louat Patience
We are not born with patience or impatience. Patience comes from developing the habit and this takes constant work.
- 8 Oct Mr. Russell Couston Blessing of Children
Our children are holy to God but they need God's help and protection to get through childhood.
- 15 Oct Mr. Tom Middlemiss Feast at Pasadena
Pasadena campus is evidence that quality breeds quality. Strive to do everything God's way.
- 22 Oct Mr. Ken Banks Luke 16:9
Luke 16:9 explained. We need to develop spiritual wisdom rather than the wisdom of this world.
- 29 Oct Mr. Roger Louat Prayer
Our prayer should be earnest, heartfelt, detailed and specific; at least three times a day and should be for the Work, ministry and other people.

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SERMONS

- 5 Nov Mr. Dave Albert (tape) Woman's Role in Marriage
As part of God's government, wives should be in willing and cheerful submission to husbands. This role is complementary to husband's role and makes government work.
- 12 Nov Mr. Russell Couston Faith
Why we need it; how we get it; study the Bible and obey God. Without faith in God we are captives of this world.
- 19 Nov Mr. John Comino The administration of God's law
The ten commandments are general and absolute but the more specific statutes and judgements can be bound or loosed by God's apostle.
- 26 Nov Mr. Bill Winner What is love
Love is what makes God, God. The faculty to love is an art that needs to be developed. Mature love is active, not passive; giving, not getting; empathy; the power that breaks through the barriers that separate us; it is a gift from God. Lack of godly love is the source of all our problems.

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- 5 Nov Mr. Gordon Skeet (from London) Clean and unclean meat
God created everything good and for a purpose but not necessarily good for food. 1 Tim.4:4
- 12 Nov Mr. Roger Louat Stealing
Mat.6:19-20. Examples of stealing in our society and how great the effect is on peoples' lives.
- 19 Nov Mr. Roger Louat Promises
We should make very few promises or vows, eg. baptism and marriage, and only after much preparation.
- 26 Nov no sermonette

ERMONS AND SERMONETTES GIVEN TO THE SYDNEY NORTH CHURCH - DECEMBER 1983

SERMONETTES

- 3 Dec Mr. Tom Middlemiss Vision
Physical and spiritual vision. Where there is no vision the people perish.
- 10 Dec Mr. Roger Louat Swear words
We can glorify God by what we don't say. Explanation of meaning of common swear words, eg. gosh, damn, struth, etc.
- 17 Dec no sermonette (Y.E.S. presentations)
- 24 Dec Mr. Norm Keeble (from Gippsland) Light
Just as physical light produced great changes (Gen.1) so spiritual light produces great changes (in our lives).
- 31 Dec Mr. Roger Louat Angels
Angels are God's servants and can show themselves in human form. Examples of how angels have helped people, eg. Mrs. Peggy Higgins saved after being shipwrecked in N.Z.

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3 Dec Mr. John Comino Pray for God's Work

Prayer for the Work should be accompanied by repentance, obedience, faith and fervent confidence. You know you have a part in God's Work when you put out effort in your prayers for it.

10 Dec Mr. John Comino Twelve major truths

Who and what God is; His purpose; spirit in man; the gospel; govt. of God; this is not God's world; Christ's purpose in His first coming; church is kingdom in embryo; Christ not trying to save world now; Holy Spirit available to only a few; need total agreement in church; authority of Bible.

17 Dec Mr. Russell Couston Marriage

All interpersonal relationships are spiritual in nature therefore marriage and the family need God's governmental structure: loving rule from the husband and submission from the wife.

24 Dec Mr. John Comino Origin of Christmas

The worship of human sexuality underlies all pagan religious systems. Christmas is worship of male sex symbol, Baal and Easter is worship of female sex goddess, Ishtar. We should worship the Creator not the creature or the creation.

31 Dec Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (tape) The value of human life

Spirit can be present in two states - an essence and an individual personal being, eg. angel. The only real value of a human life is the human spirit (spirit in man). This spirit enables man to have a relationship with God. Man's spirit needs God's spirit for completion just as Adam needed Eve. (God's system of duality.) Spirit in man has been transmitted by human male sperm cell from Adam on.

Notes from part of a sermon given by Mr. G. Waterhouse to the combined Brisbane churches on 1st January 1983.

In the near future Australians are going to have to be de-Australian-ised.

Australians have to learn to be peacemakers. No other nation is so full of people wanting to devour each other as readily as Australians - eg. particularly the media.

We suffer from a penal colony mentality. When the early convicts threw off their British overlords they were no longer prepared to tolerate anyone or anything that was not Australian and this attitude has continued to this day. Many overseas businessmen and industrialists find it almost impossible for new ideas or new inventions to be accepted here simply because they are not Australian.

The "mateship" attitude pervades Australia making it extremely difficult for anyone to rise above the average. One cannot work harder or more enthusiastically or strive for perfection without upsetting workmates and unions. God's Kingdom is not going to be composed of a one class, middle class, average class, mateship class group of people keeping each other down to the lowest common denominator but rather people who are first class and striving for excellence in all they do.