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During this final second semester email we will discuss a messenger, his message, and his method.

### THE MESSENGER

Harold Camping was born July 19, 1921, in Colorado. He moved to California at an early age and earned a B. S. degree in civil engineering from University of Southern California, Berkeley, (1942). Mr. Camping was a member of the Christ Reformed Church since 1988.

In 1958 he joined with others to purchase an FM radio station in San Francisco. This would become known as Family Radio, of which he became president. Today it has grown at an incredible rate with over 150 radio stations in the U. S. alone. In addition he broadcasts by way of satellites to most of the nations of the world. Contributions last year totaled 120 million dollars. Family Radio programs are now translated in 48 languages.

For many years Family Radio ministered greatly to the listening body of Christ. Among the broadcasts were Focus on the Family, Unshackled, Back to the Bible, etc. These programs also featured wonderful musical renditions of the great hymns of the faith.

But slowly, at first, the once-pure Gospel message became tainted, uncertain, until finally, totally unrecognizable as compared to the original Spirit-anointed broadcasts!

### THE MESSAGE

The following are his beliefs and predictions:

- May 21, 1988 was the last day of the church age and the first day of the Great Tribulation period.
- Satan was then commissioned by God to reign and rule over all churches worldwide regardless of their doctrinal statements.
- Therefore, to be saved one had to flee his or her church and realize the only true organization on earth was Family Radio.
- Then they could ask God to save them even though He might not choose to do so.
- His original prediction was that Jesus would return on September 6, 1994.
- But this was a mistake, he admitted, and really meant that on that date the Holy Spirit would begin pouring out new revelations in regard to the future. These revelations were of course given to him.
- Between May 21, 1988 and September 6, 1994 no one was being saved. Thus if you thought you were saved, you are mistaken.
- His present and most sensational prediction is that Jesus will return to initiate the Rapture event on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 6:00 PM sharp, Pacific Standard Time.
- His return will be accompanied by the most severe earthquake in human history.
- Only three percent (approx. 200 million) of earth's population will be saved. The remaining 97% will be subjected to intense punishment for five months, at which time, Oct. 21, 2011, the whole world will be engulfed in a universal fire and burned to a crisp.
- May 21, 2011 is, according to Camping, 722,500 days from April 1<sup>st</sup> 33A.D. when Jesus died.
- Oct. 21, 2011 will, to the very day, mark the 7000<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Great Flood in Genesis 7 which occurred in 4990 B.C.

- God began revealing all this to Harold Camping personally around 35 years ago.
- Mr. Camping has already been shown to be a false prophet in the past and will soon be reconfirmed at 6:05 PM May 21! One can only imagine his reaction on May 22<sup>nd</sup>!
- However, Camping is not only a false prophet but he has become a heretic! He now denies the biblical teachings on hell, but far more serious the deity of Jesus Christ. In short, Harold Camping is the newest cult leader of the most recent cult.

## THE METHOD

How on earth did this former evangelical leader come up with such bizarre and blasphemous interpretations of the Bible? The answer is tragically simple. It is rooted in his insistence that the Bible is a parable from beginning to end and must be interpreted not literally but allegorically. This abominable method thus views each verse as having a superficial, surface meaning but also a far more important spiritual meaning.

And the bottom line? The Bible is not to be understood as an objective message from God, but totally subjective in its nature, meaning that I am free to interpret it in any manner whatsoever, completely ignoring all the sound rules of hermeneutics. Thus the Bible says what I have wanted it to say instead of what God actually wanted it to say. Thus the bad news from Harold Camping.

But here is some great news from H. L. Turner . . .

It may be at morn, when the day is awaking,  
 When sunlight through darkness and shadow is breaking,  
 That Jesus will come in the fullness of glory  
 To receive from the world His own.

Refrain: O Lord Jesus, how long, how long ere we should the glad song—  
 Christ returneth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen, Hallelujah! Amen.

It may be at mid-day, it may be at twilight,  
 It may be per chance, that the blackness of midnight  
 Will burst into light in the blaze of His glory  
 When Jesus receives His own.

While hosts cry Hosanna, from Heaven descending,  
 With glorified saints and the angels attending,  
 With grace on His brow, like a halo of glory,  
 Will Jesus receive His own.

O joy! O delight! Should we go without dying,  
 No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying,  
 Caught up thru the clouds with our Lord into glory,  
 When Jesus receives His own.