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FAO Bruce Hales

Dear Bruce,

My situation is that, because of the doctrine of separation which you uphold, my wife, my family, my home and my business are being stolen from me. We were a happy family running a successful business and there was never any abuse. The brethren under your direction have cast me out from your fellowship. I demonstrated my commitment to this fellowship by leaving my own parents at the age of 16 and thereafter I became a helper of many brethren members.

My many approaches to yourself and your brother Daniel have been resisted by you both. The resultant impasse included you instructing lawyers and having a legal document read out and signed by members across all PBCC assemblies throughout the UK. Also in the Sydney area.

Meanwhile, I continue making the effort to engage with you because I want an end to conflict. I maintain my respect for the brethren, my family and my business as demonstrated by leaving them alone rather than diminishing their value by aggravating for personal reasons.

Other valued brethren such as Lloyd Paskewitz, Jim DeSeyn and Bob Thorncroft suffered similar fates to me. Your influence led the entire brethren community to turn against them. Others, like David Bill, Lionel Larsen, John Carruth and Laurie Marsh have simply been defamed and demoted.

I understand that you were instrumental in getting your own father back into fellowship and restoring to assembly usefulness so why can't you similarly reinstate these brethren? If that means that you have to humble yourself because of what you've done to them, so be it. I never managed to get my parents back but did appeal to you in February 1998.

Your father appreciated Jim, Lloyd and Bob. They were not after his place! So why did you treat these men so badly? Was it because they were a challenge to your absolute authority? You could have respected these subordinate ministers but you chose to defame and demean them in order to enhance your own status.

Many would say that your actions are contrary to Christian standards and natural justice. You, like all of us, will eventually come under God's judgement. He will have the last word.

You have now taken my ministry books away from me so I am having to rely on my own personal notes. I've listed just a few of these extracts from ministry because I'm concerned that you are deliberately leading the brethren a materialistic way that is inconsistent with holy scripture and what we've been taught by earlier ministers.

QUOTES FROM PBCC MINISTERS

JHS 66 p 96

I'd rather be morally right and caught up in a technicality that I'd have to meet, rather than technically right without any moral basis to it to sustain it

JT 1 p 13

The greater you are in this world the less you are in the church and the less you should be in the coming kingdom

JSH White book 522 p 38

We would make as little as possible righteously of anyone's offences. We need power to absorb anything that doesn't constitute an issue of the truth

JDeS JSH white book 553 p 28 (1997)

They got together and make sure Joseph was put away in prison. Of course it was in the ways of God. Did he rebel against the prison? You see there is a certain beauty in suffering unjustly. It gives you a little insight into what the cross meant for Jesus. It's really a tremendous privilege to suffer unjustly if we can view it like that

SLL JSH white book 558 p 45

The wretchedness of using the assembly as a forum to get at brethren- it's the devils work, it's a coward's forum. If you haven't got the priestly grace in motherhood to get alongside somebody and help them about something rather than use the assembly, it's contrary to the spirit of fatherhood that shines in Paul's glad tidings

FER 2 p 28

If I had means, people might ask me why I did not maintain a large establishment. I should say, because I think a large establishment and display, and that kind of thing, inappropriate in the absence of the bridegroom.

Ongoing psychological harm to individuals and the breaking up of families to enhance your own personal status is both outrageous and objectionable. It must stop.

I appeal to you, Bruce, to respond in a brotherly way this time because these matters are outstanding and cannot be left unaddressed. They need putting right in a suitable and conclusive manner.

You have my number and email address so you can contact me 24/7 unless you'd rather submit to your local brethren who know that I'm in touch with you – Stephen Dartnall, David Everest, Tim Little,

Eric Thorncroft and Mark Bartlett. I also wonder whether Mark Craddock and Jimmy Hales might be prepared to help you.

I remain your faithful brother in the Lord.

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