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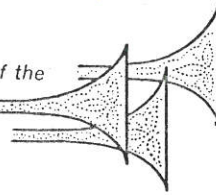
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July 15, 1968

Dr. Batsell Barrett Baxter
Hillsboro Church of Christ
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Nashville, Tennessee

Dear brother Baxter:

Thank you so much for taking the time after a very tiring day of shooting film to talk with us last Tuesday evening. I deeply appreciated the candid remarks you made about the radio series on race. I do hope that you will have an opportunity to hear all of the tapes, as well as read carefully the scripts. I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the last two scripts for July.

I think it ought to be noted that this is the first time Herald of Truth has spoken to America's number one domestic problem, outside the fact that James Willeford preached one sermon on racial prejudice in 1955. I think it is also highly significant that when the scripts are analyzed carefully, the word of God has been preached on the issue. I have not dealt in sociological concerns other than as they illustrated the need for preaching what God's Word has to say about this matter. Needless to say, I am deeply convicted of our lack of speaking to the sin of racism and prejudice. I believe that the two categories, "racism" and "prejudice," are different and that prejudice grows out of racism. If you read carefully the first lesson of the month, the one to which you had an unfavorable reaction, I think you have seen the way in which I have tried to deal with this obviously controversial subject. But again, my concern has been with speaking God's Word to the matter.

I feel deeply my lack of qualifications for this job. I am in much prayer to God about my continuation with the program for this one reason. I solicit your prayers about this matter, for I want to do God's will for my life.

Thank you for the encouragement you have given me. I appreciated so much getting to be with you last week. You need not reply to this letter. I can well understand your burdens of schedule. I did want to send the last sermons to you and urge you to read them as you have opportunity.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Evangelist

Enclosures