

# I WANT NO MORE

By Rod

*Based on Malachi Chapter 1, but alluding to revelation Chs 18 & 19. The two main characters are sitting together in a church service, but are certainly not worshipping.*

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Arthur

Billy

Vicar

*Arthur and Billy are sitting side by side as if in church. Vicar enters and goes up to pulpit during the singing at the start.*

A & B *(Singing badly and with little interest)*

Feed me till I want no more, want no more.

Feed me till I want no more.

A I couldn't have put it better myself. I want no more of that blooming hymn.

B Yeah, thank good ness that's over. We always seem to be singing that one. I hate that tune.

A It's Welsh, Billy. I think it's called Cwm Rhondda.

B Well it's Go Rhondda as far as I am concerned. Where does he think he is. The Millennium Stadium?

A I wish we were, it would be a lot more entertaining.

Vicar Please sit down. *(A & B sit)* Before the sermon let us commit our thoughts to the Lord in prayer.

B *(A& B are leaning forward as if in prayer)* Here we go. He spoke for 23 minutes last week. And he only covered two verses.

A I reckon the maximum length for a sermon should be ten minutes.

B Or cut it out altogether.

A Oh, yeah, that would be good. That way we would get home at a decent time. The trouble with church is that it ruins Sundays.

- Vicar Amen. *(A & B sit up)* And now we continue our series of sermons based on the book of Revelation. This week we look at the first part of Chapter 19.
- B Oh no, Revelation again. If ever a book was misnamed this is it. Obscuration would be more like it.
- A *(Bringing out his phone. Distracted.)* Quite.
- B Have you found the reading on your phone?
- A No – I was checking how things are going in the cricket.
- B Oh right. What is the score?
- A 238 for 4. But Smith is still in.
- B Oh no, how tedious. We can never get him out.
- A Yup, looks like the Aussies will build up a good first innings lead.
- B Oh well, what with boring cricket and the boring book of Obscuration – *(Producing phone)* thank goodness for Angry Birds
- A What level are you on?
- B 423 – and I am on a roll.
- A Not bad.
- B Oh, hang on. I've just had a message.
- A Who is it from?
- B Paul. Oh, and it has got an attachment. A photo. It's a selfie.
- A Let's have a look. Oh, yes, there he is.
- B And the message says "Here I am in church trying to stay awake". *(Both turn round to wave at (imaginary) Paul who is also in church)* Hi, Paul
- A *(Waving)* Hi Paul. *(Pause. Then they both slump in seats. Phones in hand.)* Oh well, it looks like another marathon service. And we've still got the prayers to come.

B     *(Sarcastically)* Yippee. *(Pause)* I wonder what biscuits we'll get today. I hope it's Hobnobs. I love Hobnobs. I was too late last week and they'd all gone. I had to have a Custard Cream.

Vicar And we can join with the 24 elders and the four living creatures and all God's people worshipping Almighty God and crying "Amen. Hallelujah!"

A     *(Leaping to his feet)* Hallelujah!

B     What are you doing, Arthur?

A     Steve Smith's out.

B     *(Also leaping to his feet)* Hallelujah!

*THE END*

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