

**End-Time Prep Series**  
**Preparation For No Buying or Selling**  
 Bible Sermon Notes by Pastor Cary Rodgers

We are living on a cliff of a series of great crises that will usher in the mark of the beast crisis. During the mark of the beast crisis the Holy Spirit will pour out the "Latter Rain" on the faithful remnant people of God to give the message of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ and the last urgent message to "come out of Babylon My people." This message will have a powerful effect that will go around the world. Like the time of the apostles who were accused of turning the world upside down.

**Acts 17:1-8**

- 1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:
- 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days **reasoned with them out of the scriptures,**
- 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.
- 4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.
- 5 **But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.**
- 6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, **These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;**
- 7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus.
- 8 And **they troubled the people and the rulers of the city,** when they heard these things.

The remnant who give the loud cry message will be accused and mocked. Satan who has all out war against the remnant sees the affect of the everlasting gospel and will do all in his power to try to stop the message. He empowers the three beasts of Revelation 13: the beasts - papal Rome; lamb-like beast with two horns- USA; and image of the beast - apostate Protestants. They as a united group will impose sanctions to try to take away all earthy support of all who refuse to bow to the beast, his image, and its mark by prohibiting them to buy or sell.

**Revelation 13:16-17**

- 16 And he causeth all, both **small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,** to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
- 17 And that **no man might buy or sell,** save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

**What are we to do now in order to be prepared for no buying or selling?**

Do you need to make sure you have a variety of seeds sealed and stashed away?  
 If you wear glasses do you need to make sure you have some extra pairs?

Do you need to be totally off the grid with solar panels and a water source?

Do you need to get your potbelly, wood-burning stove so you can still cook and have heat?

Do you need to get a washing board to wash clothes and a clothes line to hang them so they can dry?

Do you need to make sure you have a magnify glass or flint so you can make fires?

What about an emergency first aid kit with plenty of bandages and band aids?

What about a sewing kit to sew up holes and deep cuts if needed?

What about about storing 300 hundred gallons of gas for your car and 300 hundred gallons of diesel of the your tractor? Do you have tractor because you are going to need a big garden?

What about several cans of charcoal?

Don't forget you need to prepare about five hundred cans of a variety of veggies and fruit?

Don't forget to stock up on salt and other seasonings because you don't want to eat flavorless food? Stock up on 500 pounds of beans, flour, and oats? Build a big shelter and seller in the ground to store a lot of these things?

Do you have all your tools, shovels, holes, rakes, and axes?

What about stocking up on shoes, underwear, clothes, towels, and wash cloths. Oh don't forget to get about five hundred bars of soap and 200 gallons of dish soap.

I almost forgot one of the most important things, five thousand rolls of toilet paper!

**If you got all these things and were fully stocked with adequate storage would you be ready and prepared when you can neither buy nor sell? NO**

When you think about it, hoarding in preparation for the time when you cannot buy or sell is really selfish. The main focus is on self and your temporal needs. It is a major distraction from fulfilling the work of giving the loud cry message. You can put more time in getting stuff for yourself than fulfilling the everlasting gospel commission.

“The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers would reap their fields.

Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and He will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger, for God is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites.” – Early Writings, p.56 (1851).

Instead of being fully stocked with stuff we must make sure that our souls are afflicted and filled with the Holy Ghost. We must make sure that we are doing the work of evangelism and the true medical missionary work now and during the mark of the beast crisis in order to be ready for the time when we cannot buy or sell.

We must have a faith in God that totally depends on Him for all our needs and strong enough to endure until the end.

**Matthew 6:31-33**

- 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

This is God's promise and command for His faithful. This applies NOW in order to be prepared for the crisis to come. If we are not doing this NOW it is no way that we can be ready for the time of which we cannot buy or sell.

### **Psalms 37:25**

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

**Remember, God provided manna and water daily for 40 years during the Israelite journey from Egypt to Canaan. When Israel possessed Canaan, God prepared for them orchards and farms for their daily provision.**

In 1 Kings 17, God told Elijah to **go to Zarephath during the severe famine where a woman and her son were gathering sticks for their last cake because she only had a little bit of oil left. Let's pick up the story from there.**

### **1 Kings 17:13-16**

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

If we have faith in God, the same will happen to us during the time when you cannot buy or sell. God will take one drip of oil and make it gallons. He can take a few kernels of wheat and make several loaves of bread.

**How much did Jesus need to feed the five thousand, not including women and children?** Including women and children it could have been at least 15,000 to 20,000 people present - all hungry.

### **Matthew 14:17-21**

17 And they say unto him, We have here but **five loaves, and two fishes**.

18 He said, **Bring them hither to me.**

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

Amen. We have nothing to fear or worry. We must believe in faith that God will provide our needs despite being prohibited to buy or sell.

Now and during the mark of the beast crisis ALL of God's faithful saints will be active in evangelism and the medical missionary work. If you are not prepared spiritually and educated in true evangelism and the medical missionary work, NOW IS THE TIME. In other words, what you are doing or not doing NOW for the gospel will determine your preparation for the time in which you cannot buy or sell. Those who are INACTIVE NOW and lack faith will compromise in the time of crisis. God is not impressed with spectators and hoarders but active workers for Him, NOW.

**There are three main things we must possess in order go through the crisis:**

**Revelation 14:12**

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**All those who are patient, obedient to the commandments of God, and possess the faith of Jesus will have the Father's character.**

**Revelation 14:1**

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

Name = Character

**In order to be ready for the time not being able to buy or sell and the great time of trouble we must be sealed with the seal of the living God in our foreheads.**

**Revelation 6:17**

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

**The wrath of God is the seven last plagues.**

**Revelation 15:1**

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

**Revelation 7:1-3**

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

- 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
- 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Even though God does not give us instructions on hoarding for the final crisis, He does give us counsel to move from the crowded cities to the country before the mark of the beast crisis. We must evangelize the cities but not live in them.

“The Lord desires His people to move into the country, where they can settle on the land, and raise their own fruit and vegetables, and where their children can be brought in direct contact with the works of God in nature. Take your families away from the cities, is my message.” -- 2SM 357, 358 (1902).

“Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions, for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.” --2SM 141 (1904).

“Brethren, to whom the truths of God's word have been opened, what part will you act in the closing scenes of this world's history? Are you awake to these solemn realities? Do you realize the grand work of preparation that is going on in heaven and on earth? Let all who have received the light, who have had the opportunity of reading and hearing the prophecy, take heed to those things that are written therein; "for the time is at hand." Let none now tamper with sin, the source of every misery in our world. No longer remain in lethargy and stupid indifference. Let not the destiny of your soul hang upon an uncertainty. Know that you are fully on the Lord's side. Let the inquiry go forth from sincere hearts and trembling lips, "Who shall be able to stand?" Have you, in these last precious hours of probation, been putting the very best material into your character building? Have you been purifying your souls from every stain? Have you followed the light? Have you works corresponding to your profession of faith? {6T 404.3}

“The great crisis is just before us. **To meet its trials and temptations, and to perform its duties, will require persevering faith.** But we may triumph gloriously; not one watching, praying, believing soul will be ensnared by the enemy. In the time of trial before us God's pledge of security will be placed upon those who have kept the word of His patience. Christ will say to His faithful ones: "Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isaiah 26:20. {6T 404.1}