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– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Temperance: Moderation

The Duty of Moderation

This is an age of consumption, abundance and excesses. At least for those of us in the developed world, it is a time of all-you-can-eat buffets, of room-sized walk-in closets, of unlimited bandwidth and endless binge-watching.

- **We're overflowing and overwhelmed and unhappy.** Even good things can become a stumbling block to us, if used without moderation. Sleep is necessary, but the Bible says too much sleep leads to poverty ([Proverbs 6:9–11](#)). Children are naturally immoderate—they want to watch the same video over and over, they want to eat too much of one thing, they lack restraint in expressing emotion. Part of maturity is learning to say “no” to oneself, i.e., to learn the value of moderation. Practicing moderation is a good discipline. In fact, self-control is one of the qualities that the Holy Spirit produces in the life of a believer ([Galatians 5:22–23](#)).

1. **The Duty of Introspection** – 2 Corinthians 13:5
 2. **The Duty of Devotion** – Matthew 6:5, Jeremiah 9:23
 3. **The Duty of Diligence** – Mark 6:3
- A great book in the Bible on moderation is [Ecclesiastes](#).

Signs of Spiritual Awakening

- 1 Your behavior spontaneously begins to change for the better.
- 2 You're experiencing a deepening of your emotional wellspring.
- 3 You're slowing down and reflecting on your past to understand the present.
- 4 Your priorities and values are shifting from material toward spiritual concerns.
- 5 Your inner world is becoming a primary aspect of your life experience.
- 6 You're beginning to hold the tension of opposites together within you.
- 7 You're experiencing a growing sense of okayness and inner freedom.
- 8 You're willing to be honest with yourself and take personal responsibility.
- 9 You're making new lifestyle decisions in alignment with your moral and spiritual values.
- 10 You're realizing your interconnected nature with all things.



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Introduction

Most nations of the world and vast areas of their economies have been all but shut down, with no clear road map to re-entry, even in places that have cautiously implemented a loosening of social restrictions. What started as a mild inconvenience quickly turned into an almost endless series of ripples affecting everything from big multinational corporations, to small businesses, the non-traditional economy and, most of all, families and individuals. The news is filled with new terminology freshly minted by economists to describe what many fear will be an inevitable global recession.

There's one aspect of this crisis that may not immediately come to mind when church members think about impacts on this global movement: the volatility in financial markets.



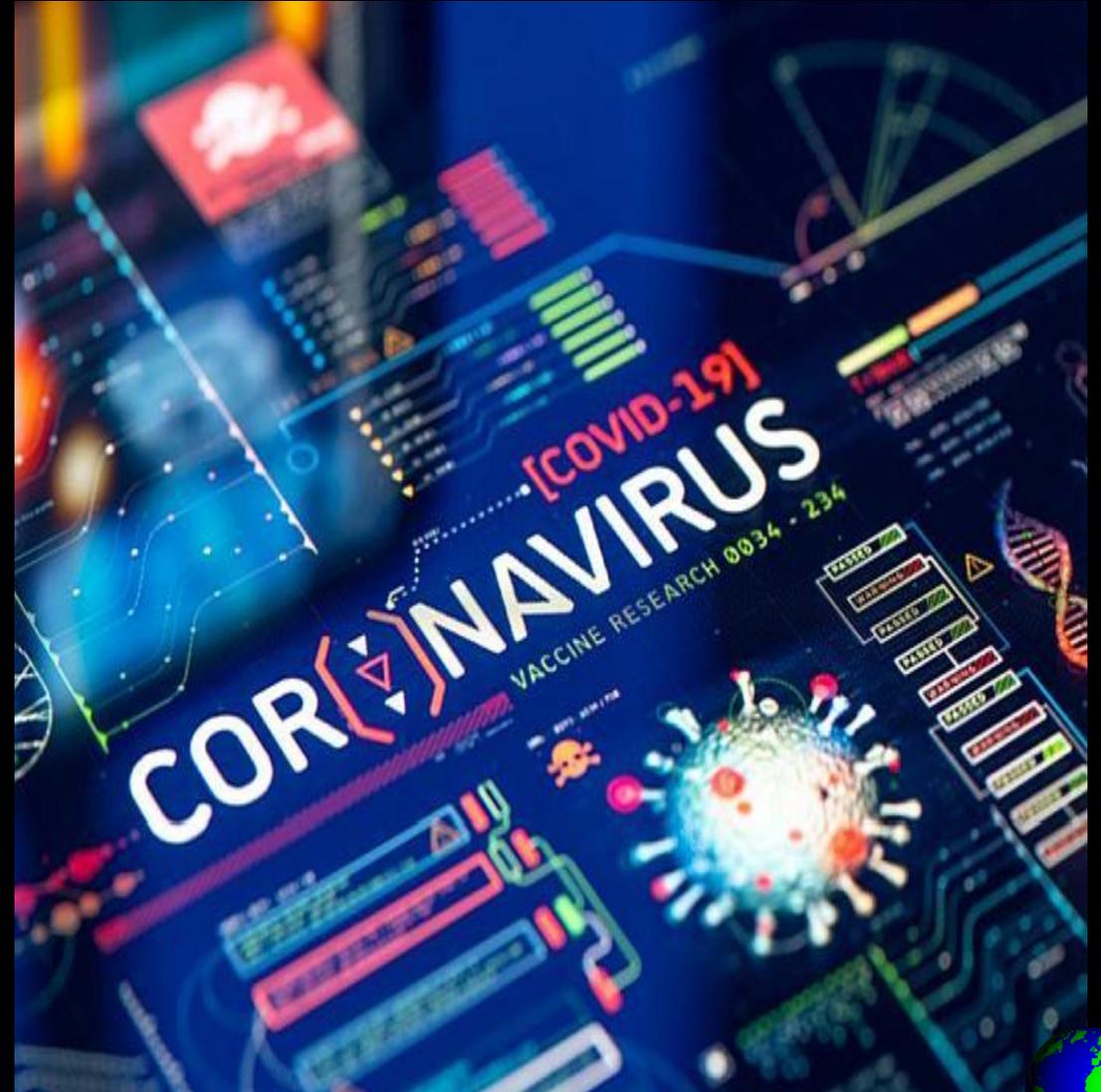
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In addition to an overall decline, the extreme weakening of currencies in the world divisions from which these tithes emerge only compounds the pain.

As an example, the Brazilian real (the base currency of South America) has lost 49% of its value since the start of the year. In other words, whatever money that is still coming in is now worth almost half (49 percent less) relative to the U.S. dollar because of the market devaluation of the currency.

As a comparison, in the same period, the South African rand dropped 38 percent; the euro, 5 percent; the Australian dollar, 21 percent; and the U.K. pound, 13 percent.

We recognize that this crisis is much more than dollars and cents (or pesos, or Rwandan franc). Real human tragedies are being reported every day.



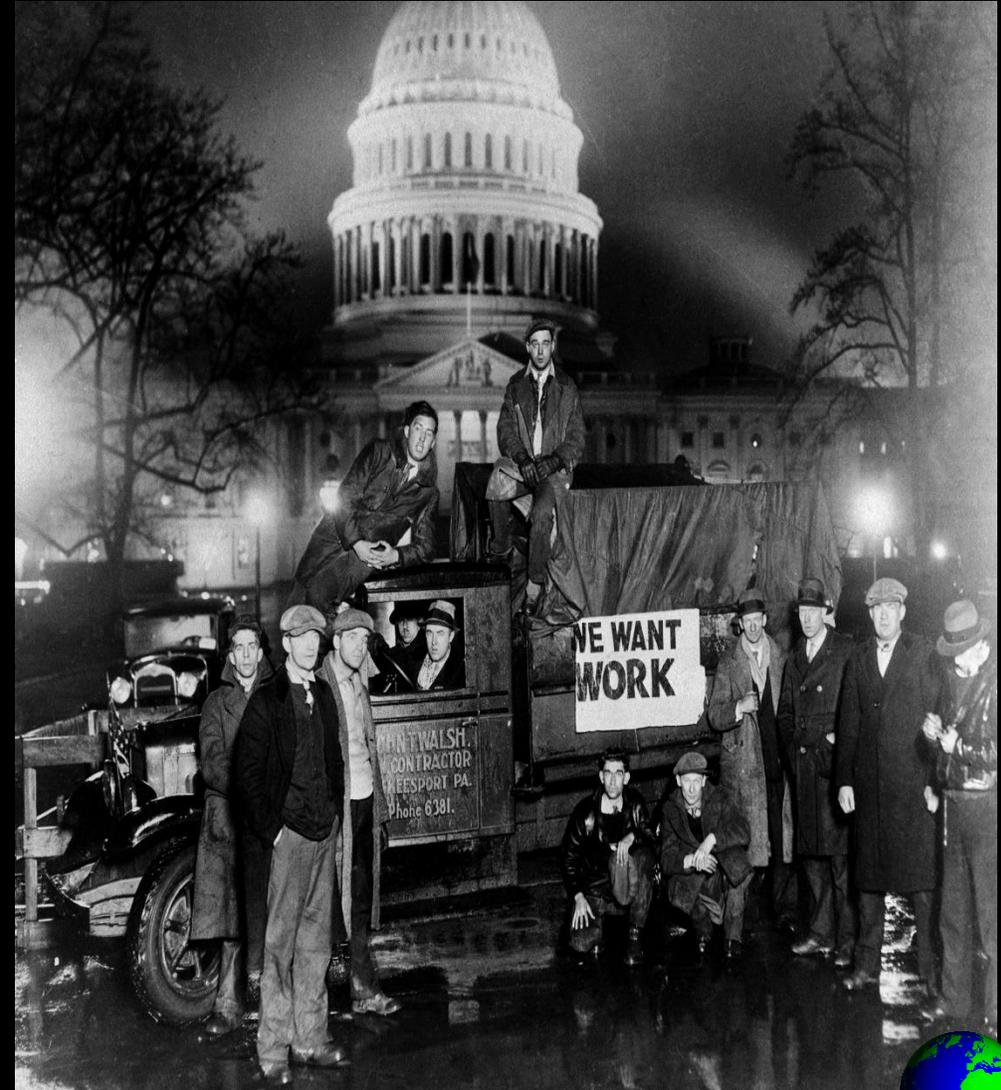
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One of the most common sayings about historical events is that "history repeats itself." People were concerned with the current conditions resulting from the complicated global environment, politics, pandemics, economic crisis, health, hurricane, war, and welfare.

Personal financial planning for a crisis is simply preparing to meet future uncertainties.

As human beings, we cannot see the future (see Ecclesiastes 8:7). Even listening to talking heads on TV or reading opinion pieces from various economists and journalists is unlikely to give us reliable insight. This should not stop us preparing to meet the uncertainties of the future for the sake of ourselves and our families.

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished." – Proverbs 22:3



Some news headlines in recent times...

“Everyone is in crisis and it is getting worse”

– The Guardian

“American kids are going to open gift-wrapped boxes under the Christmas tree to find a little note that says, ‘Sorry, that ... isn’t available right now’”

– Bloomberg

“Automakers to close factories in North America”

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– The New York Times

“The medical technology group Philips fears that it will have to stop the production of equipment to treat cardiac arrests [...] due to the global chip shortage”

– Netherland News Live

“U.S. food suppliers are having trouble keeping shelves stocked”

– The LA Times

“Intel reiterates chip supply shortages could last several years”

– Reuters



Some news headlines in recent times...

“U.S. consumer prices post largest gain in 13 years”

– Reuters

“Global shortage in computer chips ‘reaches crisis point’”

– The Guardian

“Why the chip shortage is so hard to overcome”

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

“The global chip shortage”



“The chip shortage keeps getting worse”

Bloomberg

“How semiconductor shortages have taken a chip out of the global supply chain”

Forbes

“Autos and semiconductors are at the heart of the global supply chain crisis”

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COP26 and its beginnings...



COP26: Pope's call for ecological conversion rooted in common good

November 1, 2021



Nicholas Fitzpatrick of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development talks about the contribution of Pope Francis and of other religious leaders at the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference. [He] explains that the Dicastery team heads to Glasgow....to offer concrete solutions to save the planet from “an unprecedented ecological crisis.”

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Finally, Fitzpatrick said that he is “optimistic” regarding the final outcome of the process because solutions are going to come from everyday people coming together in this **“ecological conversion”** that is being advocated for by Pope Francis and the development of the **Laudato si Action Platform** and other such projects.



Pope Francis' Laudato Si' v. the Green New Deal

Legislation can't force an unwilling public to make the dramatic adjustments needed to save the planet. Instead, we should heed the pope's call for a fundamental change of life, like that of the saint he is named after.



This, in his view, requires what he calls a **“profound interior conversion.”** At times he calls it, more specifically, a kind of **“ecological conversion.”** [Pope] insists that the planet now **requires a similar kind of conversion from its inhabitants.** We must take on a “less is more,” anti-consumerism approach to life that will lead us to transcend unhealthy anxieties caused by being trapped in consumer culture. **We must also celebrate rest, especially from buying and selling, by returning to a focus on keeping the sabbath.**

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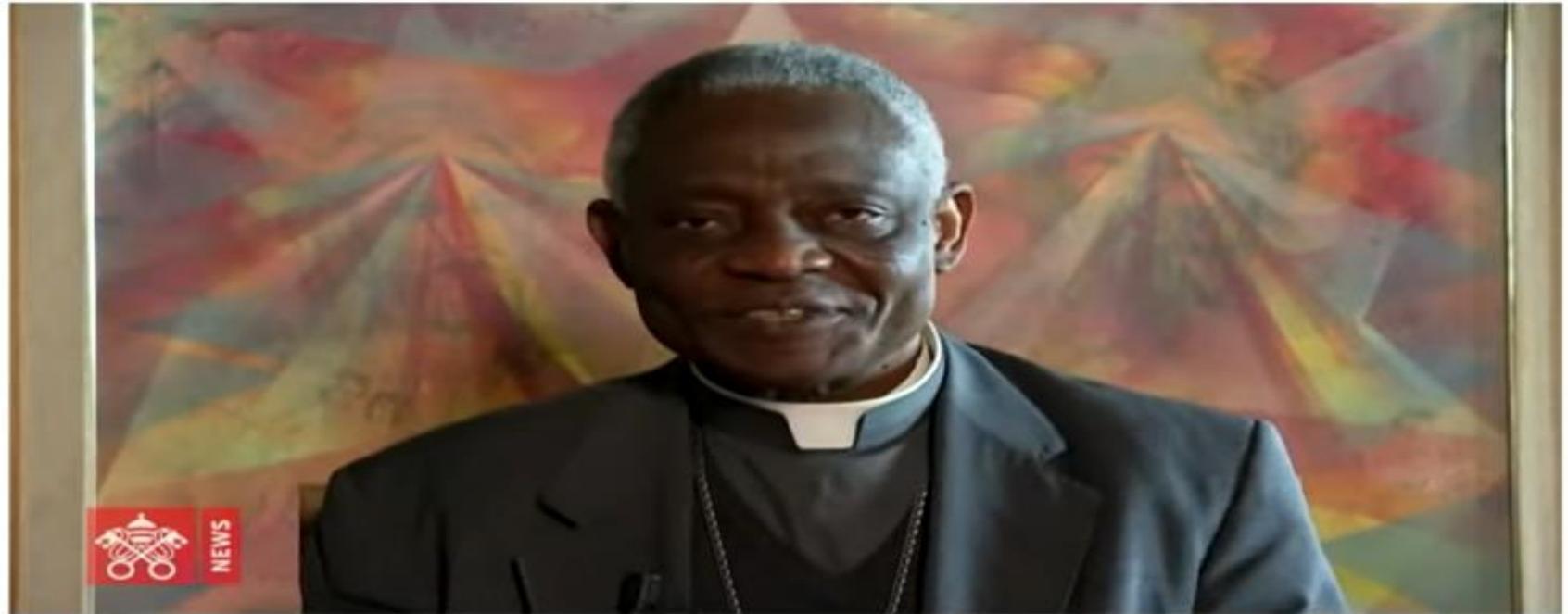


Vatican task force says millions risk hunger problems during pandemic; calls for 'creative solidarity' to solve global problems

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Gerard O'Connell
May 16, 2020



Cardinal Peter Turkson: “Pope Francis asked us to ‘prepare the future’ not ‘prepare for the future,’ that is prepare and anticipate it.” As ‘Laudato Si’ reminds us, it is time for a deep and global conversion.’ He listed actions that need to be taken globally to change the situation.





Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and **Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism.** Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. **Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.** {GC 588.3}





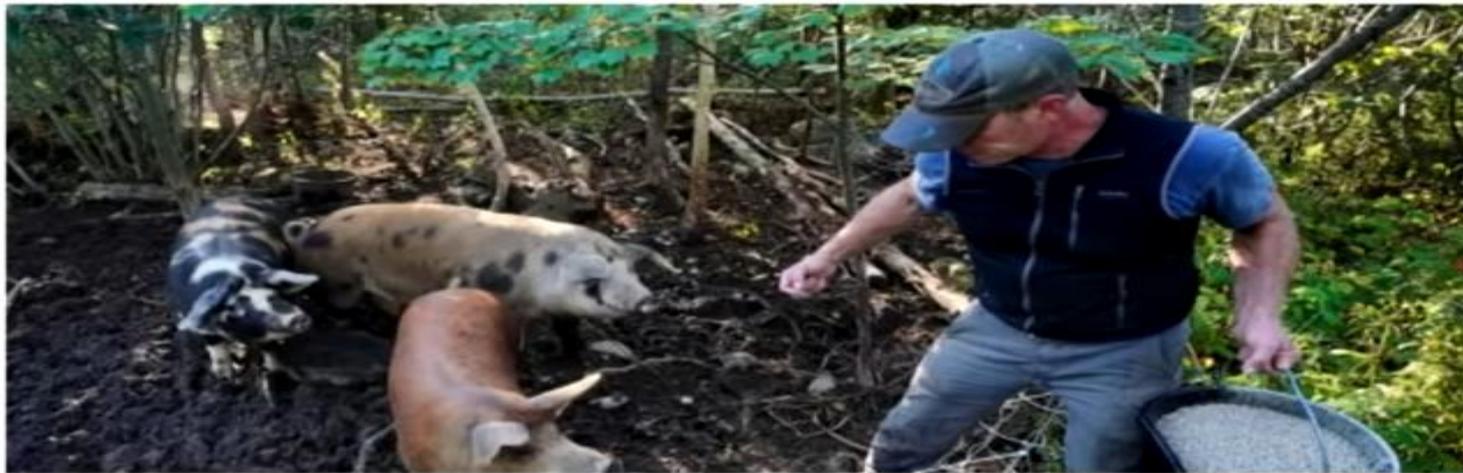
Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to **take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions;** for in the future **the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one.** We should now begin to heed the instruction given 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.** {AH 141.4}



Is there a constitutional right to food? Mainers to decide

Members of Maine's farming community are divided over the possibility of a first-in-the-nation right-to-food amendment

By **PATRICK WHITTLE** Associated Press
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Depending on whom you ask, **Maine's proposed "right to food" constitutional amendment would simply put people in charge of how and what they eat — or would endanger animals and food supplies, and turn urban neighborhoods into cattle pastures. For supporters, the language is short and to the point, ensuring the right to grow vegetables and raise livestock in an era when corporatization threatens local ownership of the food supply, a constitutional experiment that has never been tried in any state.**





The proposal is essentially “the 2nd Amendment of food,” said Republican Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham, who proposed the amendment...would make sure the government can't stop people from doing things like saving and exchanging seeds, as long as they don't violate public or property rights.





The work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which will soon come upon them with blinding force. In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in unions that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. Trades unions will be formed, and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men.--Letter 26, 1903. {CL 10.3}



Vatican cancels live broadcast of Biden greeting pope

The Vatican has abruptly canceled the planned live broadcast of President Joe Biden's meeting with Pope Francis

By NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

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Allies unsure of Biden's policies,



The Vatican on Thursday abruptly canceled the planned live broadcast of U.S. President Joe Biden meeting Pope Francis, **the latest restriction to media coverage of the Holy See**. The Vatican press office provided no explanation for why the live broadcast of Biden's visit **had been trimmed to cover just the arrival of the president's motorcade in the courtyard of the Apostolic Palace....** **Cancelled was any live coverage of Biden actually greeting Francis in the palace Throne Room**, as well as the live footage of the two men sitting down to begin their private talks in Francis' library, at which time the cameras normally would have stopped running.



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The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. **In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: Revelation 12:17. {GC 592.3}**



Trash is piling up in NYC and sanitation workers blame de Blasio's vaccine mandate

NEW YORK POST

By Larry Celona, Julia Marsh, Kevin Sheehan and Bruce Golding

October 27, 2021 | 7:22pm | Updated



'De Blasio's going to get people killed': 45% of firefighters and 27% of cops have NOT yet had vaccine and face unpaid leave on Friday when mayor's mandate kicks: Trash piles up due to protest by sanitation workers who don't want job



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'We will not comply!': NYC workers protest vax mandate with march across Brooklyn Bridge

By Elizabeth Rosner and Sam Raskin

NEW YORK POST

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Pope Francis talks about Uighurs, George Floyd and Universal Basic Income in new interview

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Colleen Dulle
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Pope Francis greets the crowd as he leads the Angelus from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Nov. 15,



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Pelosi says "guaranteed income" for Americans is worth considering for coronavirus recovery

BY JASON SILVERSTEIN

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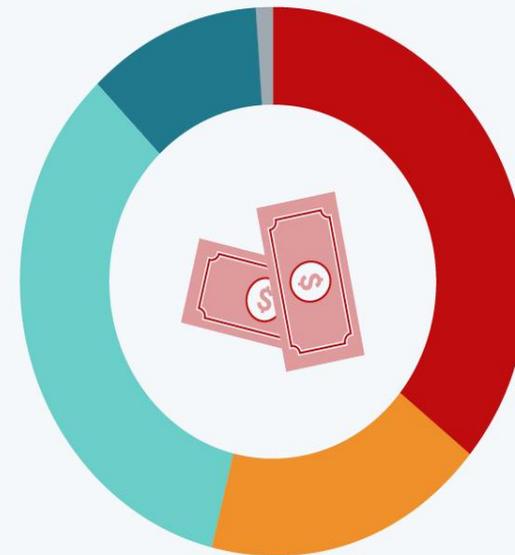
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Congress might want to consider a guaranteed minimum income for Americans as part of the economic recovery from the coronavirus crisis. Her comments are the latest sign that Democratic lawmakers are seriously considering an idea that gained traction during the party's primary, thanks to the candidacy of Andrew Yang.

"We may have to think in terms of some different ways to put money in people's pockets," Pelosi said in an interview with MSNBC.

"Let's see what works, what is operational, and what needs other attention. Others have suggested a minimum income, a guaranteed income for people. Is that worthy of attention now? Perhaps so."

Majority Oppose Universal Basic Income

Percentage of U.S. adults who favor/oppose the federal government providing \$1,000 a month for all adult citizens



- 36 Strongly oppose
- 18 Somewhat oppose
- 34 Somewhat favor
- 11 Strongly favor

Survey conducted Jul. 27-Aug. 2; those with no answer shaded in grey
Source: Pew Research Center



Poverty



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Eleven mayors pledge to explore direct cash payments plan to fight poverty

Mayors say it's time to move forward with a 'guaranteed income' though it's not yet clear how much money the cities might give



The mayors say it is time to move forward with a policy that Martin Luther King called for during the uprisings of the 1960s: fighting poverty with a "guaranteed income" to make sure that Americans can pay for their basic needs. The cities that have joined the initiative also include St Paul, Minnesota; Jackson, Mississippi; Newark, New Jersey; Oakland and Compton, California; Shreveport, Louisiana; Columbia, South Carolina; and Tacoma, Washington.



COVID-19 Is Helping to Make the Case for Universal Basic Income

The pandemic has exposed the searing need for direct cash grants to Americans.

by **David Atkins**

July 5, 2020

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House Dems just proposed \$2,000 payments for many Americans, creating a basic income to see the US through the pandemic. Here's how the Silicon Valley dream of universal basic income slowly — then suddenly — became a solution for inequality in the US and abroad.

Marguerite Ward and Drake Baer Apr 15, 2020, 4:04 PM



Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin first announced the idea of an interim universal basic income at a press briefing on

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Chicago poised to create one of the nation's largest 'guaranteed basic income' programs

October 26, 2021

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The Chicago City Council is poised to vote this week on what would be one of the nation's largest basic income programs, giving 5,000 low-income households \$500 per month each using federal funding from the pandemic stimulus package enacted this year.

The Washington Post



LA will pay \$1,000 'no-strings attached' monthly universal basic income to 3,000 families suffering hardship due to COVID in largest guaranteed income program in US

- **BIG:LEAP, or Basic Income Guaranteed: Los Angeles Economic Assistance Pilot, will be the largest guaranteed income program in the US**
- **Applications will open on Friday, October 29, and families will have until November 7 to fill them out**
- **Those chosen in the lottery will receive the \$1,000 monthly payments in January and all throughout 2022**
- **Guaranteed income pilots have become increasingly popular as state governments struggle to address the needs of their residents during COVID-19**
- **Also in California, a controversial program to give \$500 monthly checks to families of color in Oakland was approved in the Spring**
- **During the summer, a program giving payments of \$1,250 to 40 homeless people between 18 and 24 for two years was announced in New York City**

By [ANDREA BLANCO FOR DAILYMAIL.COM](#)

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Growth in woke guaranteed income schemes across US

- Growing Resilience in Tacoma (GRIT), will provide 100 families with a guaranteed income of \$500 for one year. Families must live within Tacoma and earn less than \$52,000 per year.
- The City of Saint Paul launched the People's Prosperity Guaranteed Income Pilot, which will provide at least 150 Saint Paul families with \$500 per month as a guaranteed income for up to 18 months.
- The Columbia Life Improvement Monetary Boost (CLIMB) will provide 100 participants with a guaranteed income of \$500 for 12 months. Participants will be selected among a pool of Black fathers in partnership with the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition.
- The Compton Pledge will provide 800 city residents with a guaranteed income in amounts ranging from \$300 to \$600, for 24 months.
- Mayor Ras J. Baraka announced the Newark Movement for Economic Equity, which will provide a group of 200 participants with \$250 bi-weekly for two years and another group of 200 participants with \$3000 four times over two years.





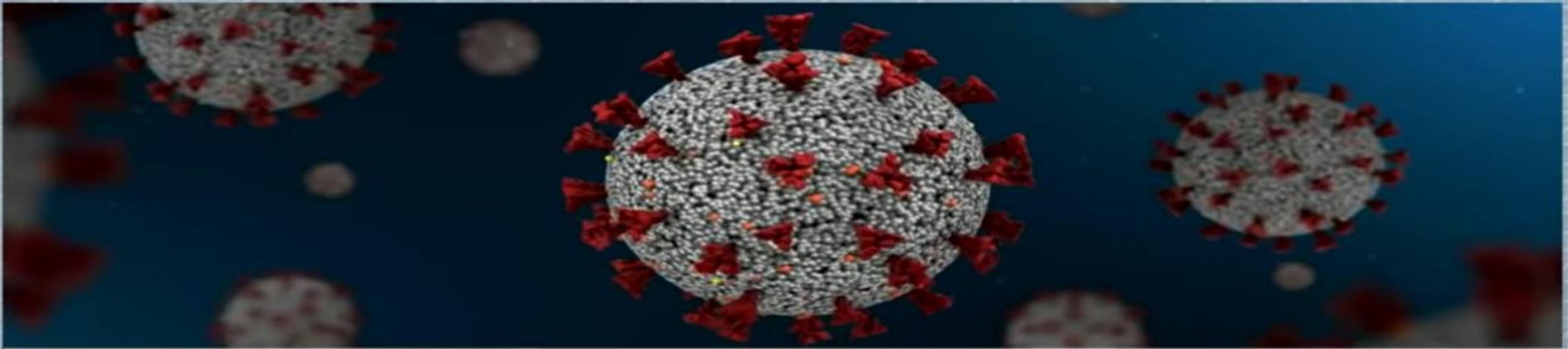
Genesis 47:15 — **And when money failed in the land of Egypt**, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, **Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.**

Genesis 47:18, 19 — When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him...there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands... Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? **buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh:** and give [us] seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

47:21 — **And as for the people, he removed them to cities...**

47:22 — **Only the land of the priests bought he not;**





Exodus 10:13 — And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all [that] night; [and] when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

10:14 — And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous [were they]; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

10:15 — For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

10:16 — Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.





Psalm 48:7 — **Thou breakest the ships** of Tarshish with an east wind.

Proverbs 31:14 — She is like **the merchants' ships**; she bringeth her **food from afar**.

Psalm 107:23 — They that **go down to the sea in ships**, that do **business in great waters**;



Psalm 48:7 — **Thou breakest the ships** of Tarshish with an east wind.

Ezekiel 27:24 — These [were] thy merchants in all sorts [of things], in blue clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

27:25 — **The ships of Tarshish** did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

27:26 — Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.



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Looking at the past...

October 24 was the seventy-ninth anniversary of the 1929 stock market crash. **The big sell-off began on Thursday, October 24, 1929.** The market continued to fall for a full month, reaching a low point in 1932. **It wasn't until 1954, 25 years later, that the market returned to pre-1929 levels.**

American economist Richard M. Salesman said, **"Anyone who bought stocks in mid-1929 and held on to them saw most of his or her adult life pass by before getting back to even."**

With the recent implosion of world markets, many today are concerned that we could be repeating history. Hundreds of billions of dollars have been lost. **Companies are going under.** Unemployment and foreclosures are climbing. **And entire industries are clambering for government bailouts.**

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Black Thursday in America

Stocks Plunge and Eleven Commit Suicide

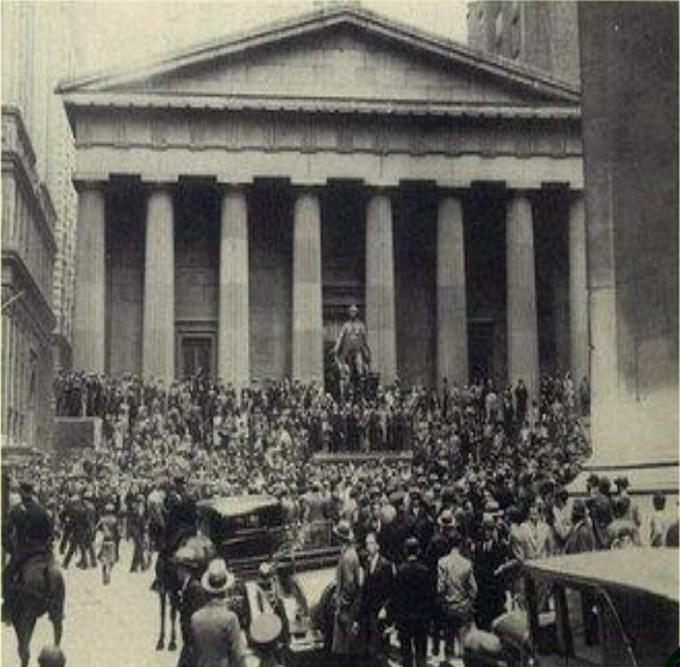
Panic selling hit the New York Stock Market yesterday as nearly 13 million shares changed hands in just one day.

Massive sales in the early morning created an extraordinary atmosphere of chaos and panic. Brokers flooded the market with orders from their investors to sell at any price.

As the situation reached crisis level, the market broke down entirely as the sea of brokers clamoured madly for non-existent buyers. Stocks were traded for any price and the value of some companies halved during the course of the morning.

The huge early morning sales followed a week of uncertainty on Wall Street and the bottom finally dropped-out of the market.

Washington also issued a statement to the effect that general business was still fundamentally sound and that the vast



Panicking investors gather around the statue of George Washington on Wall Street.



World leaders and Market analysts say...

World leaders are gravely concerned. At the start of the meltdown, U.S. president George Bush warned, "Our entire economy is in danger." Respected investor Warren Buffett calls this an "economic Pearl Harbor" and is concerned that the United States could be facing "its biggest financial meltdown in American history."

Market analysts are equally alarmed. "You have to throw out the history books because there's really nothing to compare this to," says Jim Dunigan, a chief investment officer at PNC. Art Hogan, chief market strategist for Jefferies & Co., agrees that we've not seen anything like this since the Great Depression. "We've never witnessed this before," Hogan warns. "There's no road map for this."



UBI, Stock market Crash? Does not matter: God is in control



Exodus 14:21 — And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go [back] by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry [land], and the waters were divided.

14:22 — And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry [ground]: and the waters [were] a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.



God Has a Road Map

Hogan may be correct when referring to human history, but God does have a map for this wild terrain. Centuries ago, His inspired writers clearly indicated that we would experience a time of great financial upheaval in the last days.

James 5:1 *Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.*

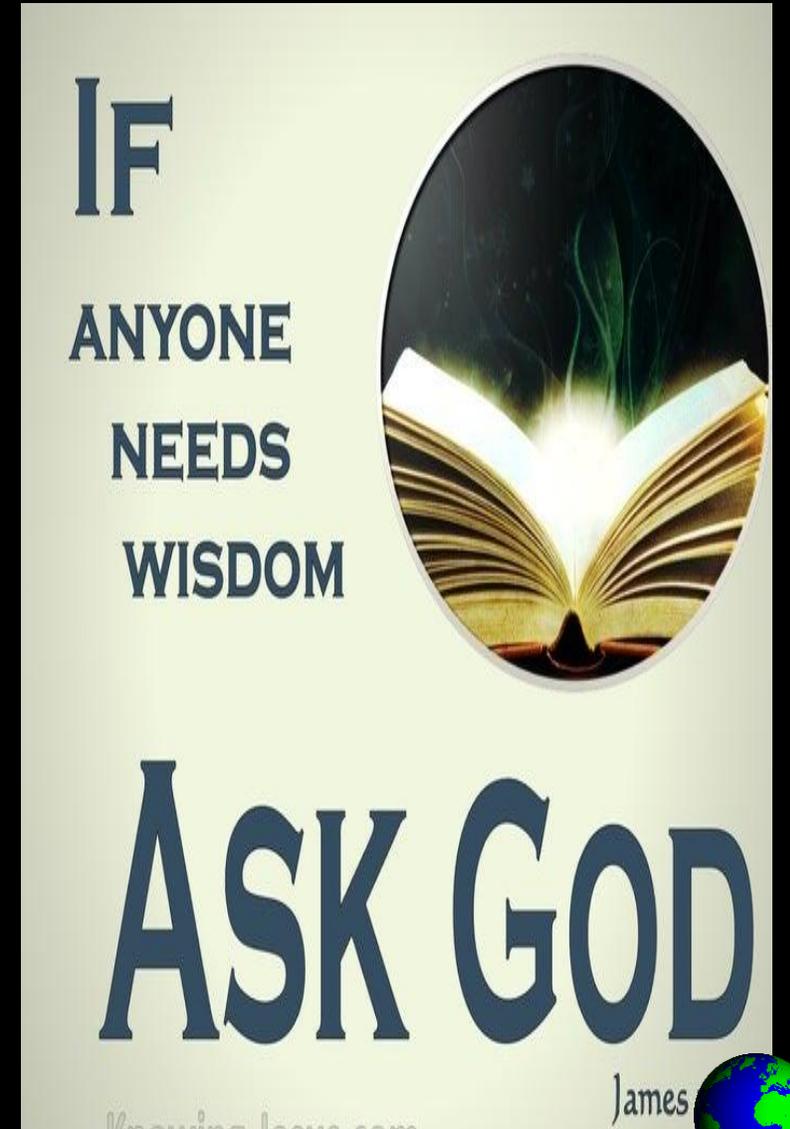
2 *Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.*

3 *Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.*

4 *Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath.*

5 *Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.*

In fact, **James 5:1-5** sounds like it came from yesterday's front page news. The greed of individuals and corporations causes financial disaster. Intense misery inflicts the world as the "treasure heaped together for the last days" evaporates.



God warns of the Economic Crisis

The book of Revelation also predicts a time of economic hardship. We are warned that the “merchants of the earth” will “weep and mourn” because no one buys their merchandise. There will come a time when “no one may buy or sell” except they worship the antichrist beast ([Rev. 18:11-17](#)).

[Revelation 13:17](#) - *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.*

Many Bible students see in these texts a pattern: economic hardship leads to economic controls, which ultimately leads to the ability to coerce worship. This is a pattern that could very well be in the making right now.



How Can This Happen?

Some may wonder how enforced worship could possibly happen in a freedom-loving country such as the United States. People do not easily give up their rights to buy and sell, or their right to worship or not. But a series of crises can whittle away at our psyches until society is ready to surrender virtually any freedom for the promise of security.

Look at what happened after 9/11. We took a quantum leap towards Revelation 13 when Congress quickly passed antiterrorism bills. Secret searches of homes and property, FBI access to medical and financial records without a court order, interrogation without probable cause, closed judicial hearings, and indefinite detention became reality post-9/11.

Add to this the world's response to recent financial difficulties. Entire economies and business sectors are being taken over through government bailouts that leave bureaucrats ultimately in control of buying and selling.



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Some will argue these moves are needed to protect society. Perhaps, in a sense, they are correct. But on the other hand, this could be part of the devil's plan. By creating crises that don't have good solutions, he traps us in a classic no-win dilemma. Without government intervention we are vulnerable to terrorism and financial collapse. And with it, we are put in an equally dangerous predicament through the loss of liberty.

So, how can we avoid Satan's traps? Especially when we see the economy collapsing and our earthly resources and freedoms disappearing?

How will you feed your family?

How will you keep a roof over your head?

These are the questions people are asking. Thankfully, God's Word tells us how to be secure during times of uncertainty.

- Here are three things you can bank on during tough financial time crisis.



1. Put your spiritual house in order.

Check your relationship with Jesus.

Is He first in your life? There is a law of physics that says two things cannot occupy the same place at the same time. **This is true in the spiritual realm, too.** Matthew 6:24 tells us that we “cannot serve both *God and Money*”. There is room enough for only one god in our lives. Whatever you serve will eventually consume your thoughts, feelings, and desires. **It will shape your very person.**

Satan knows this, so he stealthily lays traps for Christians. Some of his most effective snares lead Christians to sacrifice their faith on the altar of greed. They spend their best energies, talents, and resources for the almighty dollar instead of the Almighty God.

A real-time experience of a man who was doing this very thing. **While sitting together on an airplane and in due discussion he told, “I don’t serve God. I serve money.”**



Romans 1:21

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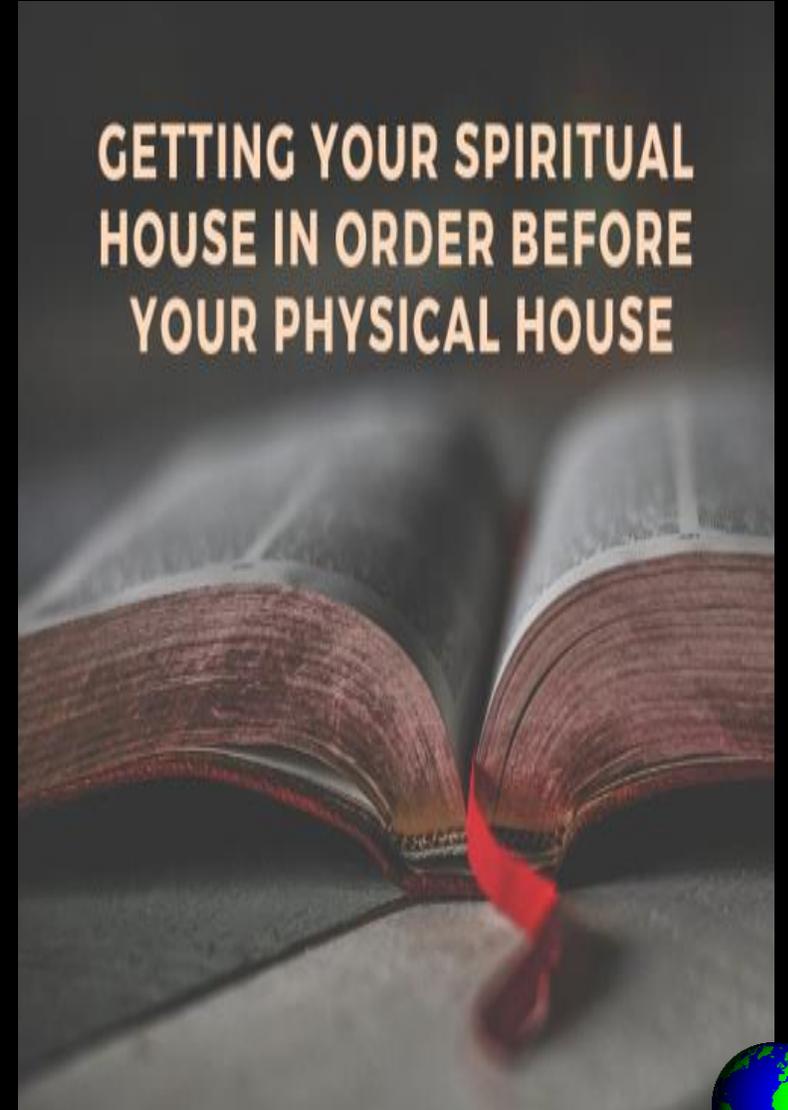


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Here was an intelligent person, holding several degrees already and currently studying to be a lawyer—but he was missing the wisdom of the ages. He didn't understand the number one principle to economic security—**Make God first in your life. He should have known better.** He was raised in a Christian family by dedicated Cristian parents. Yet he sadly chose money over God and was out of the church.

Many are making similar mistakes. They are serving money when they should be serving God. They work on God's holy Sabbath. They hold back the returning of offerings rather than trust God. They follow the business practices of the world instead of the principles of truth. And the irony is that in spite of their slavish service to money, they will lose it either in an economic collapse or certainly when Jesus returns. The only thing any of us will ever take into heaven is our character and our relationship with God. When you put your spiritual house in order, you invest in eternity.

GETTING YOUR SPIRITUAL
HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE
YOUR PHYSICAL HOUSE

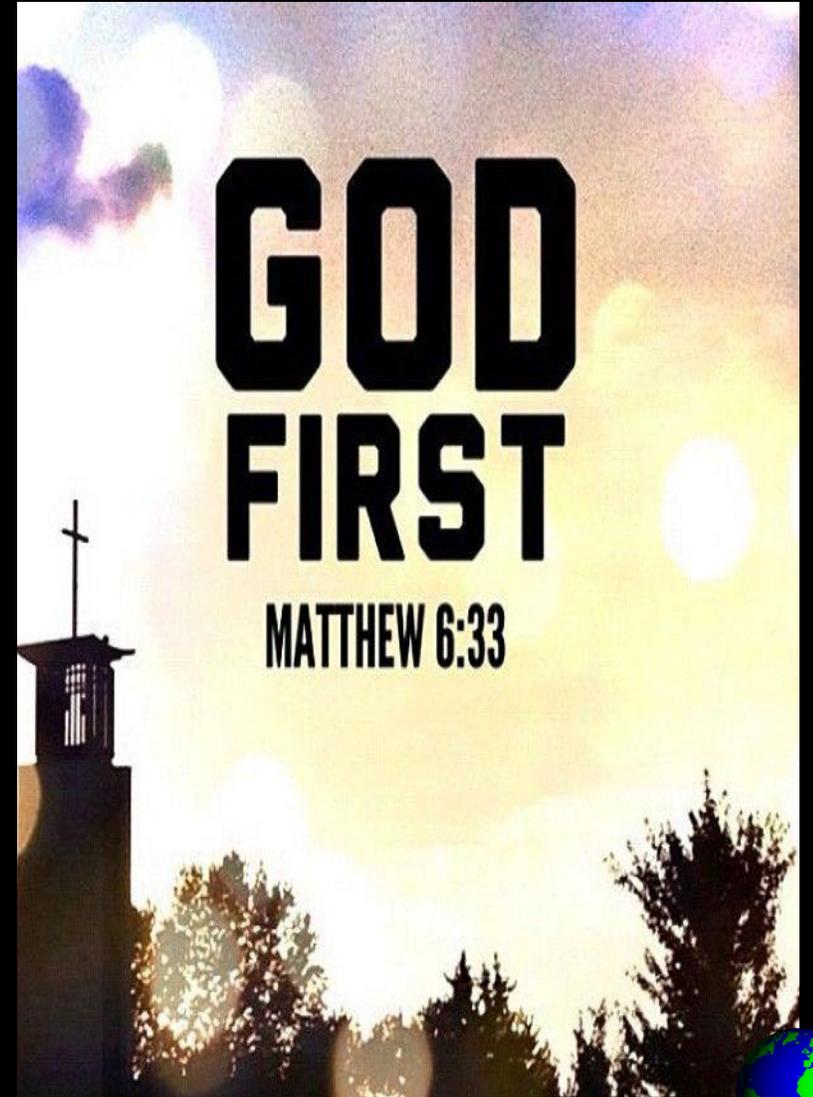


1. Put your spiritual house in order (cont'd)

A. God-first principle:

Genesis 1 declares that, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God also declares in Haggai 2:8 that silver and gold are His. The Bible clearly signifies God as Creator and Owner of everything on this planet and, as such, He holds the keys to everything. So, in all our planning we ought to put God first.

He knows what is ahead of us and encourages us not to worry about anything for tomorrow, but to seek the kingdom of God above all else and live righteously, and He will give us everything we need (see Matthew 6:31–33). Therefore, as the first step in your financial planning, prayerfully seek God. Let Him be your Financial Advisor, Manager of your budget, and Accountant and Auditor of all your financial transactions. He owns it all; we are managers for a temporary period. He has all ownership rights and we as stewards have only responsibilities.



1. Put your spiritual house in order (cont'd)

B. Be honest with yourself:

No-one can deny the fact that people suffer the consequences of decisions that are blindly made. Therefore, being honest with yourself is vital in every planning and decision-making process. Be honest in admitting how much of your current struggle is due to a lack of proper financial planning and management. Be honest in admitting the likelihood of future suffering and do not sugar-coat this or see it as less important.

Consider how a financial crisis will really affect your life and your family. Admit your weaknesses relating to your spending. Be honest with yourself if you lack knowledge and need assistance with your planning. Be honest with God and confess to Him if you have been unfaithful to Him in returning tithes and offerings and if you have not been consulting Him in all your spending and financial decision-making.

Admitting your weakness and repenting to God sets a proper foundation for your financial planning.



what is
most destructive
in your life
right now
is what you are
most defensive
about



1. Put your spiritual house in order (cont'd)

C. Sacrifice:

Our human tendency is to live it up during good times. The concept of sacrifice runs counter to this tendency.

We would rather spend in the present than set aside money for the future. But there is a good model in Christ's sacrifice that every Christian should adopt into their financial planning.

Jesus came into this world and sacrificed His life to set all people free from the burden of sin.

He sacrificed for the future of His people so they will have life to enjoy for eternity.

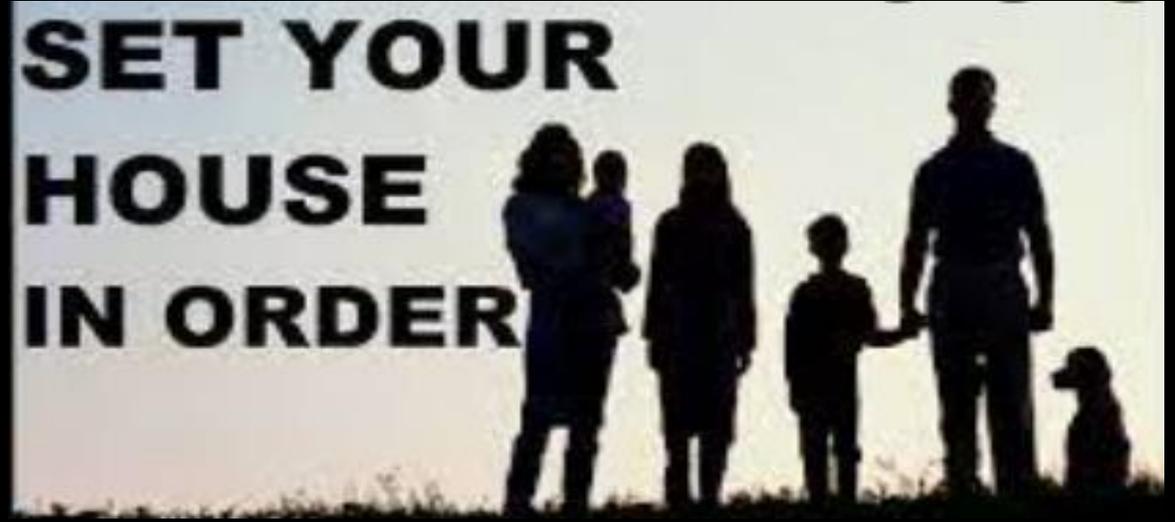
Jesus did not think of His position in heaven.

Instead, He left His position to come and die as a sinner for the future of His people (see [Philippians 2:5–8](#)). He was even mocked on the cross, but He chose to remain focused on His mission to save humanity. His experience can be our experience, if we choose to sacrifice for our future.



1. Put your spiritual house in order (*cont'd*)

Likewise, if we want to enjoy financial freedom in the future, sometimes we must sacrifice our lifestyle in the present. For example, if you are living a short distance from your office, you can sacrifice by not sitting in your comfortable vehicle to commute—instead take a walk every morning and afternoon. If you are someone who spends money every lunchtime on fast or processed food, you can look for cheaper—and healthier—alternatives. Or if you are someone who wants to gain a big name by making a splash at big parties with your family or tribe, you ought to sacrifice your position and limit your contributions—even though you might lose status in your tribe, as practised in some Pacific countries.



PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER



Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.
2 Kings 20:1

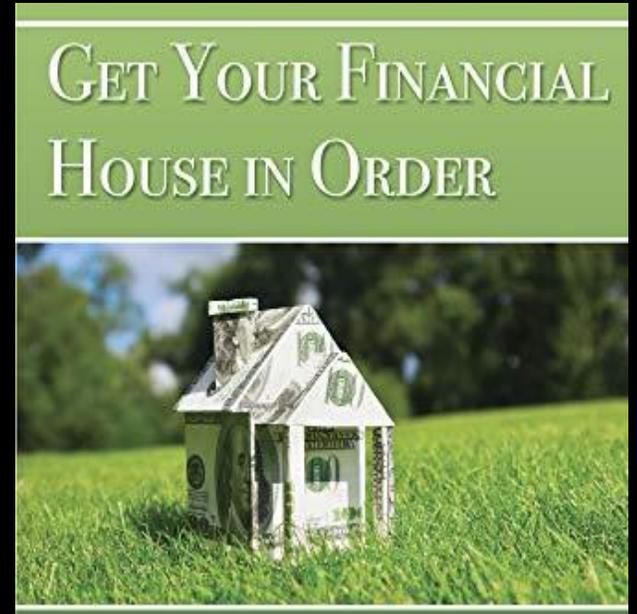


2. Put your financial house in order

One reason the economy is in such shambles is because people borrowed more than they could reasonably afford. They were led to do so by the greed of lenders. There are many biblical principles on how to put your financial house in order. Here are just a few.

Be free of debt: *"The borrower is servant to the lender"* (Proverbs 22:7). When we are indebted to someone else, we lose a degree of freedom. If you haven't yet done so, pay off your credit cards, car loans, second mortgages, and all other debts. Personal debt in the U.S. household debt climbed to a record high of \$15.0 trillion in the second quarter of 2021, as mortgage debt climbed to \$10.4 billion amid a refinancing boom.

According to the Wall Street Journal's "MarketWatch," the next big tidal wave to strike the markets is this debt. "Credit-card debt is on the brink of imploding and will be the next storm to hit the fragile finance industry." This is very concerning. The economy has already suffered a succession of financial tsunamis. How much more can it handle?

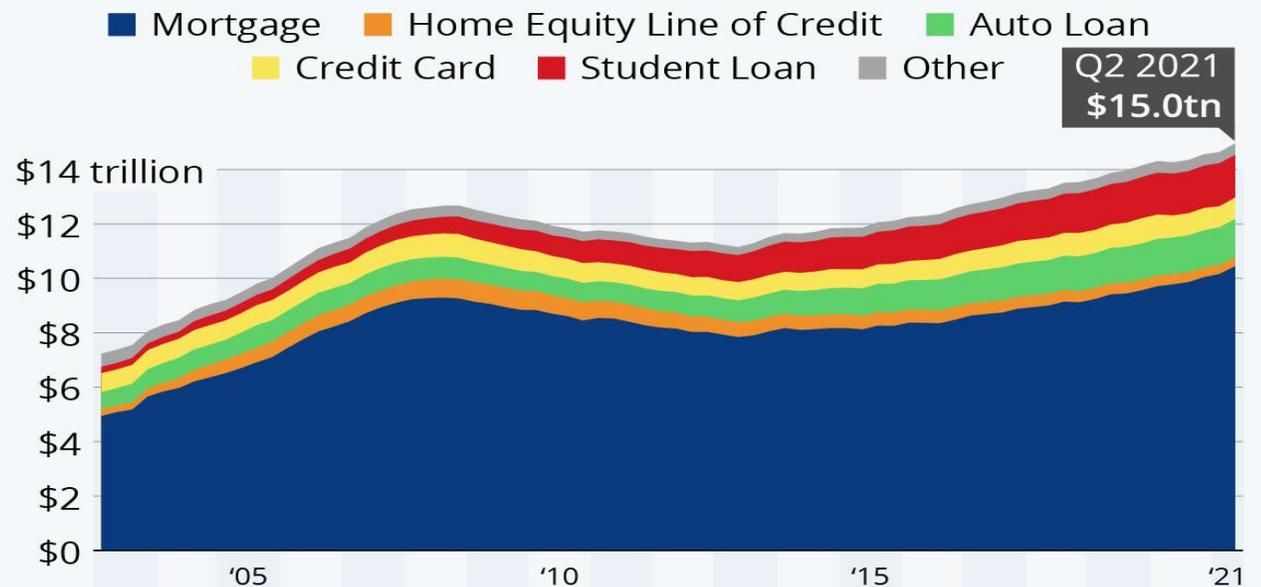


2. Put your financial house in order (cont'd)

If you don't want to be servant to your lenders, cut back on spending, sacrifice if need be, and pay down your debts. Start with the highest interest debt you have by adding an extra amount to your monthly payments until it is paid off. Next, take what you were paying on this retired loan every month and add it to the payment of your next highest interest loan. With this extra payment you will soon pay off your second loan. Then put the amount for these two loans towards the third loan every month. Keep doing this until all your loans are paid off. By following this plan, you will soon be free from debt and not as vulnerable to wide swings in the economy.

Driven by Mortgages, Household Debt Hits New High

Total household debt balance in the United States, by category



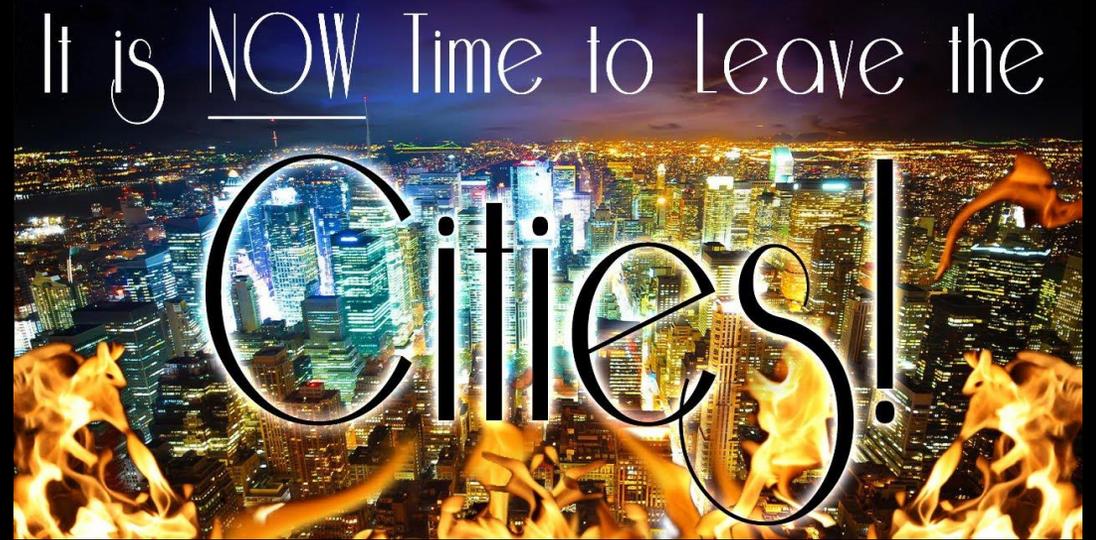
Source: New York Fed Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax



2. Put your financial house in order (cont'd)

Now is a good time to discuss with your family your standard of living. **Is it possible for you to live more simply?** Have your “wants” become “needs,” consuming every dollar you make and then some? Perhaps you don't need the large house or the extra car. Selling them could provide important relief and allow you to refocus on other priorities such as your relationships with loved ones and God.

You may even want to prayerfully consider a move to a more rural location. The Spirit of inspiration has long urged God's people about the dangers of the big cities, especially during the end-times. A home in the country, or a small town, could be a safe harbour in times of urban stress. Certainly, most everyone could find the fresh air and open space a benefit even in stable times.



3. Put God's house in the proper order

Too many people have their priorities backwards. They earn their money, spend it on their needs and wants, and then see what is left over that they can contribute to the church.

However, God's house must be at the top of our priorities if we plan to survive economic collapse.

This is no time to be stingy with God. We must resist the natural tendency to hoard money.

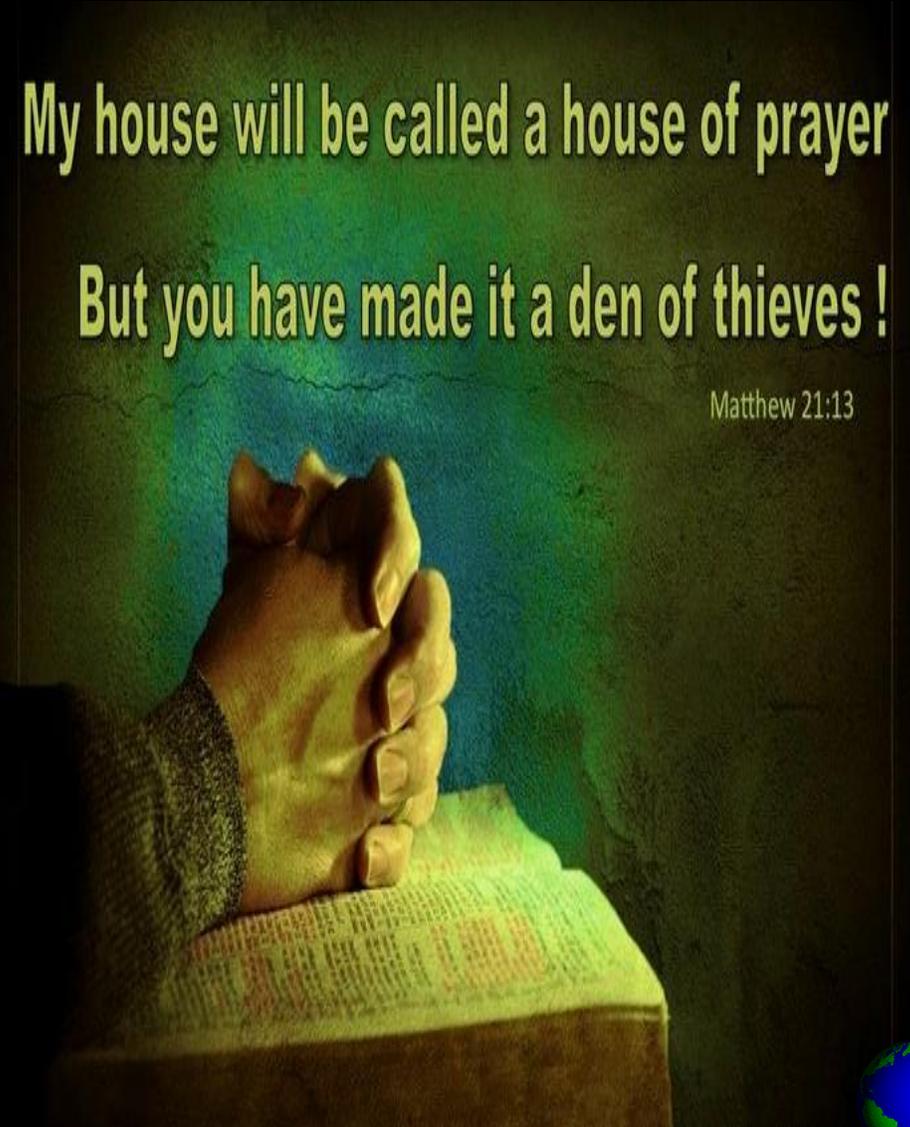
Now is when we need to be the most liberal with God's cause.

Did you know that people respond more readily to God during times of financial uncertainty than compared to stable periods? It is not hard to understand why. Once the earthly god of money is removed, people start looking for a more dependable God in whom they can trust.

Right now, we can be most successful in sharing God's last-day message with millions who are looking for hope.

My house will be called a house of prayer
But you have made it a den of thieves !

Matthew 21:13



3. Put God's house in the proper order (*cont'd*)

But we can only do so as the gospel work is financed by you and me. If we don't return faithfully to God, we are allowing Satan to deceive and destroy people.

How, you ask? Consider this—God owns everything. “The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” ([Psalms 24:1](#)). “‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts” ([Haggai 2:8](#)).

Everything God owns is invested in saving and benefiting lost humanity—to lead people to Christ and eternal life. Now let me ask you a question: if God wants to invest His silver and gold into saving souls, where is He going to get it from?



3. Put God's house in the proper order (cont'd)

Remember, God has no pockets. **The only pockets He has for His money are our pockets.** He lends us the bounties of the earth and allows us to hold them for Him. **Then, when He needs something for His work, He calls upon us to reach into our pocket and give it back to Him.**

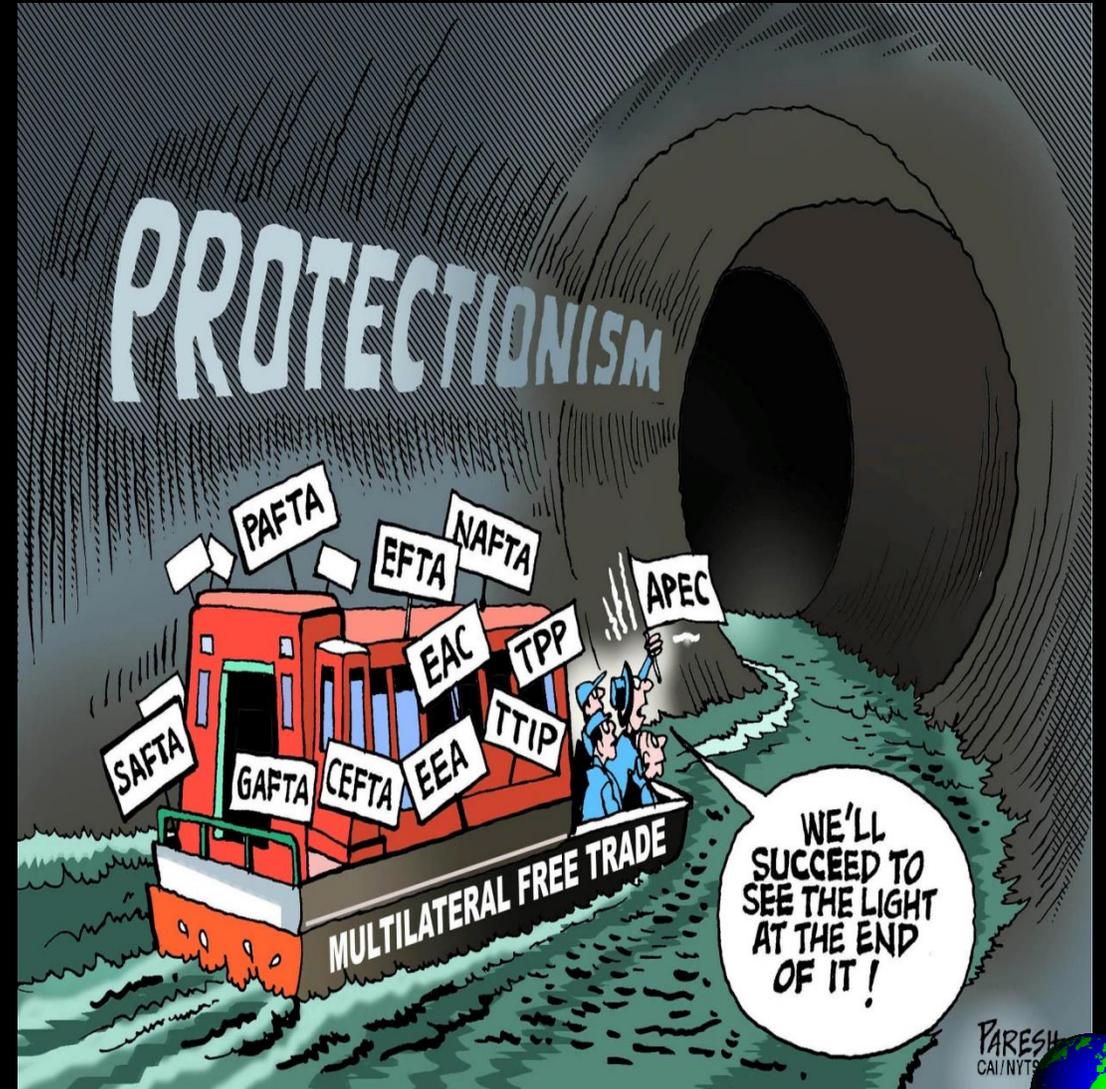
We can't do any better than to liberally invest in God's work. Especially during these uncertain economic times. Remember, the sooner the world is introduced to Jesus, the sooner He will return.

The rich man carries God in his pocket, the poor man in his heart.



Summary: Jesus Is Coming Soon

Recent events are unmistakable reminders that we live in the last days. The stock market, banks, and world economies have been in a free fall. Tensions are mounting around the globe. Meanwhile, terrorists are plotting their next attack. If they manage to catch us at this vulnerable economic time, it will certainly mean exponential chaos. In spite of all their promises to the contrary, politicians do not have the answer for these problems. Look at the billions of dollars they've thrown at this black hole—and it only keeps growing larger and larger.



Summary: Jesus Is Coming Soon (cont'd)

Let's begin committing ourselves to the truth because Sunday worship non-biblical that was incorporated into Roman Christianity, replacing what the Lord God commanded in the Bible - [Matthew 15:7-9](#) & [Daniel 7:25](#).

The Sunday Religious System will be a global law which is the mark of the beast and that will affect all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave - [Revelation 13:16](#).

Without it, people cannot perform basic economic functions as buying or selling and those who will receive it will experience the wrath of the Creator God forever - [Revelation 13:17, 14:9-11](#).

Truly, Sunday law would outlaw worshipping on Saturday, thus beginning a period of persecution of those who faithfully keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Christ Jesus - [Revelation 12:17](#)

The **MARK**
Of The **BEAST**
REVELATION 13:16-18; 14:9-11

IS NOT

- ✗ A microchip
- ✗ A tattoo
- ✗ A barcode
- ✗ An identification card
- ✗ A credit card
- ✗ Something visible



THEN, WHAT IS IT?

It is the enforcement of Sunday observance as a Sabbath ([Daniel 7:25](#)), instead of the Seventh day, the day ordained in the Scriptures by our Creator ([Genesis 2:3](#)).



Summary: Jesus Is Coming Soon (*cont'd*)

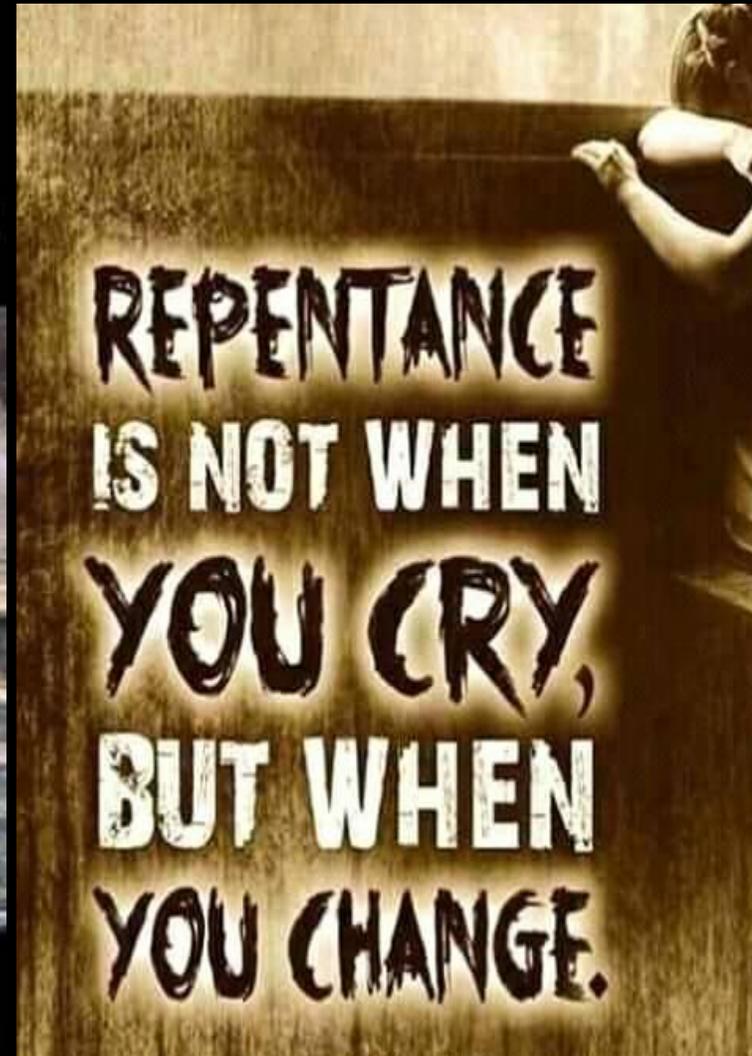
**THEY LAUGHED, THEY
MOCKED, THEY SCOFFED...**

**UNTIL THE ARK DOOR SLAMMED SHUT AND
THE FLOOD WATERS CAME POURING IN!**

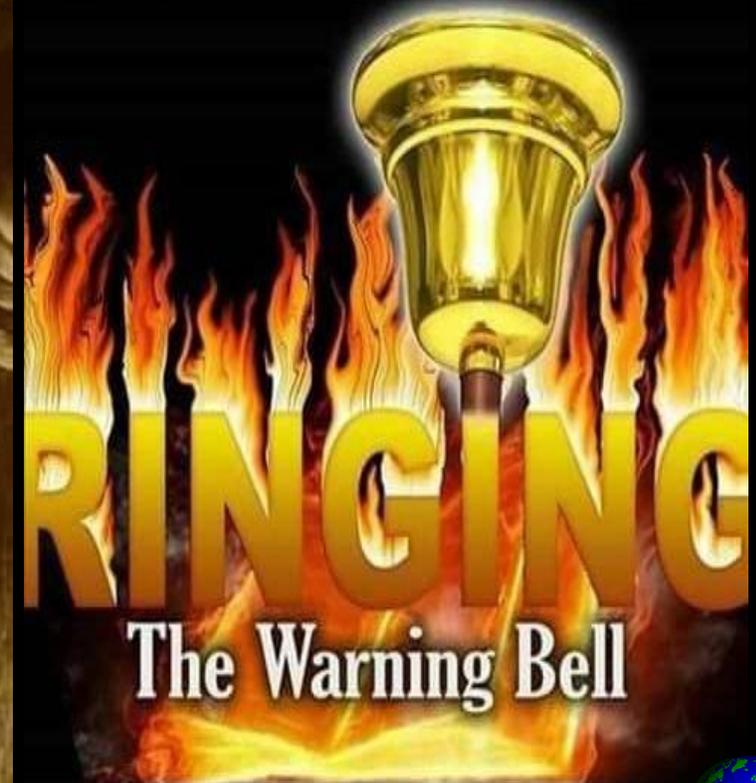
GENESIS 6:6



**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!
REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!**



**THE HOUR has come
for you to wake from sleep.**



Conclusion

This is why God's people must help desperate men and women find the only true Answer. If we don't warn them now, many will play directly into the enemy's trap to accept a false christ as the healer of this world's troubles.

People need to know what you and I have known for years—Jesus is coming!

This is the time, more than ever, not to panic, but to trust God and faithfully follow the instructions He has outlined for us in His Word. When we do this, we will survive anything that might happen in the financial markets.

God Himself guarantees it.



CLIMATE CHANGE

will lead to **Sunday Law** enforcement

March 7, 2017: EU Bishops Commission calls for work-free Sunday.

March 7, 321 AD: First Sunday law by Constantine.

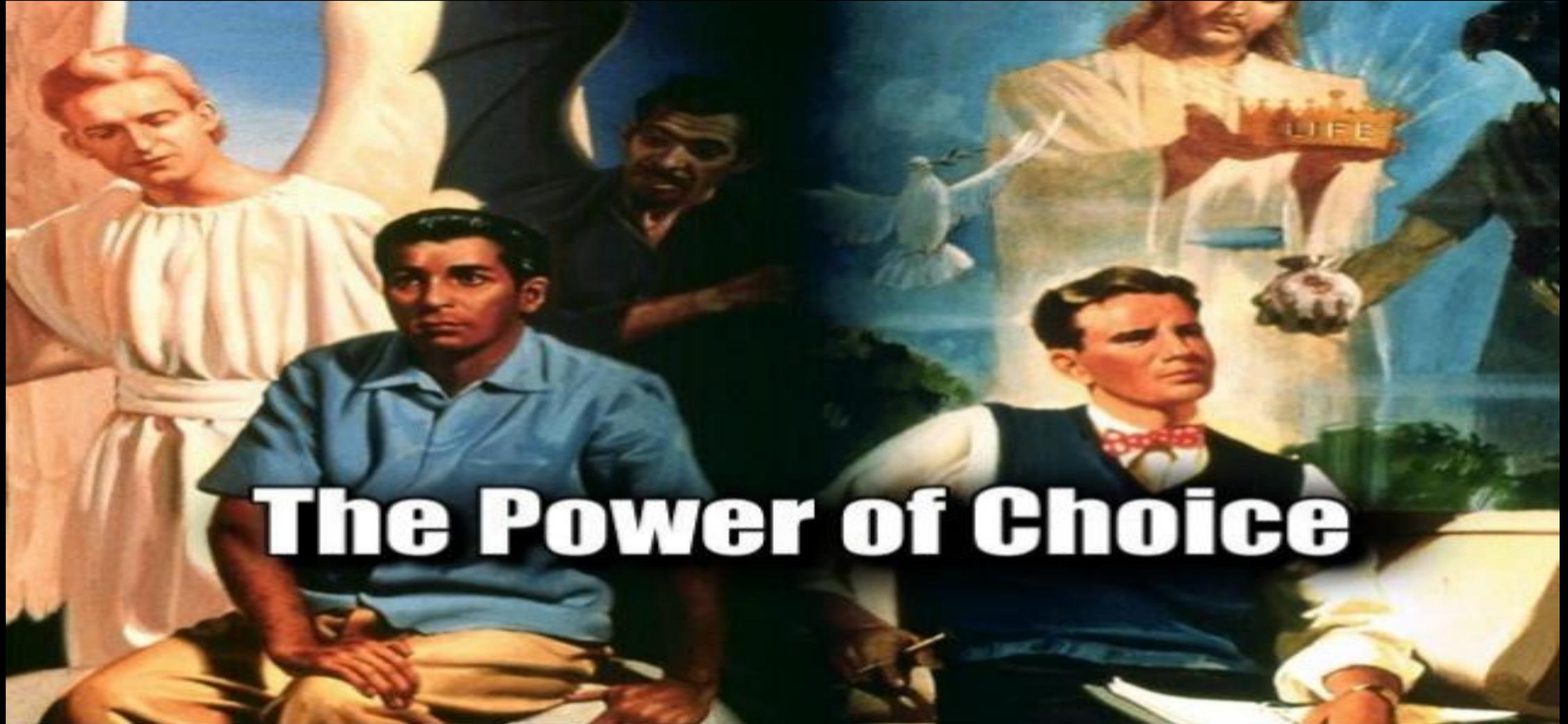
Satan will impersonate Christ and claim he changed the Sabbath to Sunday.

If you accept the Vatican's SUNDAY Laws, you will accept its MARK and receive God's 7 plagues and die. (Revelation 16; Psalm 119:126)

If you obey God and keep His 10 commandments, including His 7th day Sabbath commandment, you will become His saint and be with God in heaven! (Revelation 14:12; Revelation 22:14)

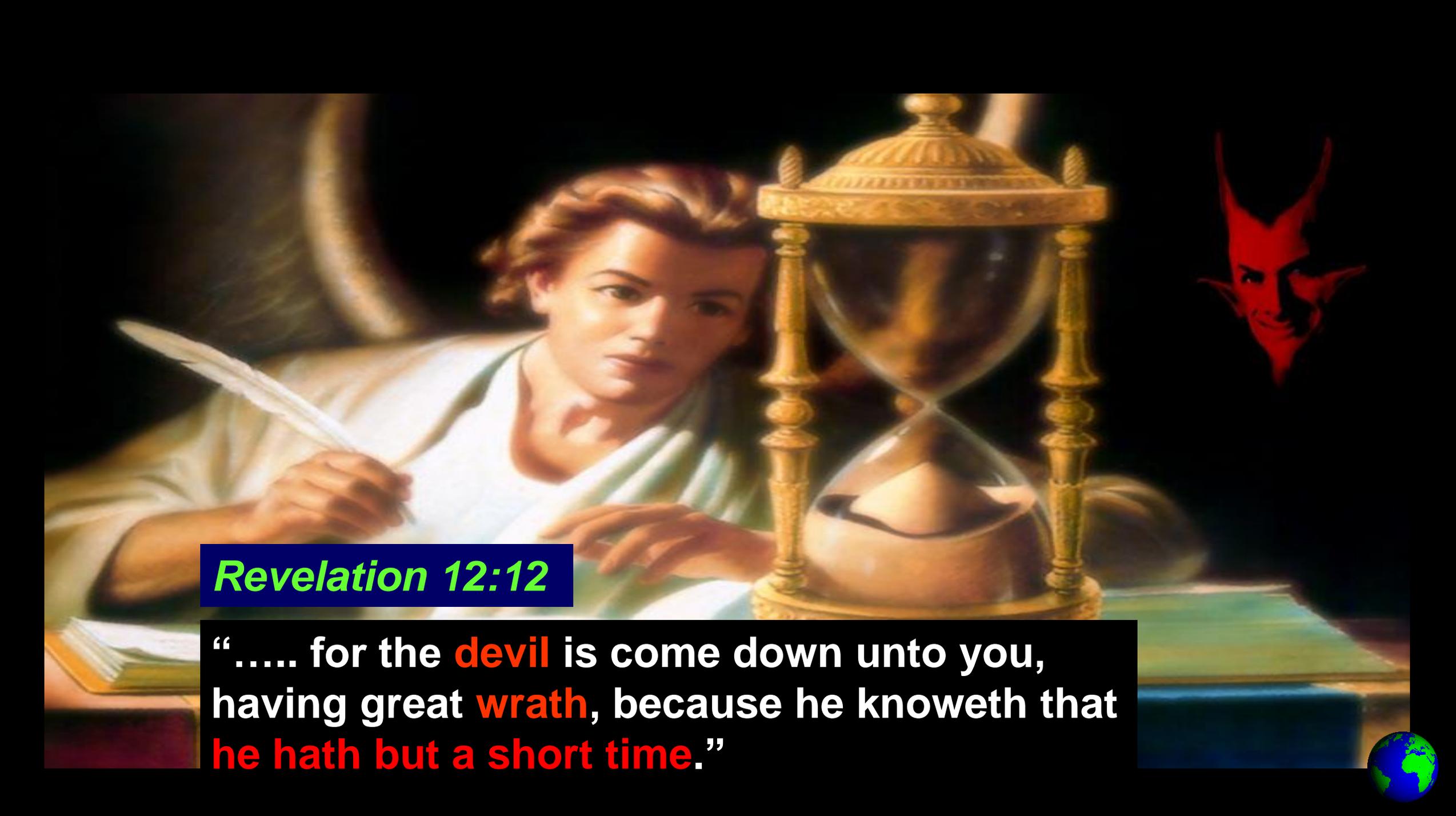


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?