

NO BUYING OR SELLING

When Do We Sell Everything?

Saving the
CRUMBS.



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Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to **advance the cause of present truth**. I was shown that **it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance before the time of trouble comes**, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. **If they have their property on the altar, and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose of these things**. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down.

—EW 56.3

I saw that if any held on to their property and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, **He would not make duty known**, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: “**The cause was languishing**, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!” ...I also saw that **God had not required all of His people to dispose of their property at the same time**, but if they desired to be taught, He would teach them, in a time of need, **when** to sell and **how much** to sell.

Some may inquire, "**Must we actually dispossess ourselves of everything which we call our own?**" We may not be required to do this now; but we must be willing to do so for Christ's sake. We must acknowledge that our possessions are absolutely His, by using of them freely whenever means is needed **to advance His cause.**

WHEN DO WE SELL ALL?

- There will be a time when we should sell all.
- The selling of our assets may not be all at once, it may be over a period of time.
- It is an individual matter, God will make known the right time and right amount for each of us.
- We must be willing to sell all anytime God asks, and we must be willing to ask for Him to show us.
- Primary motive is for finishing God's work, not protecting ourselves.

HOW WILL WE SURVIVE?

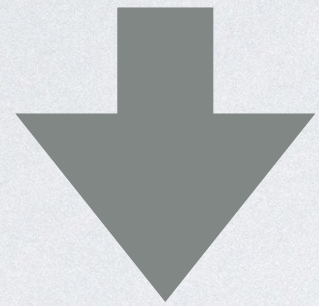
A Promise for the Time of Trouble

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.

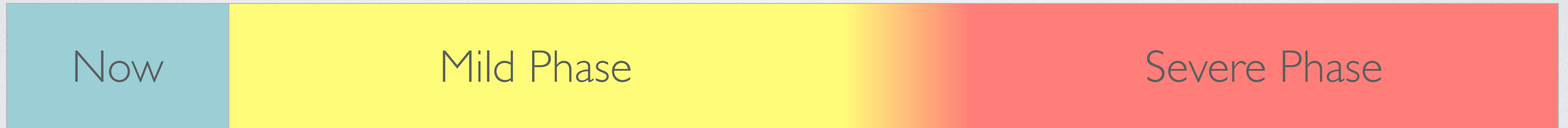
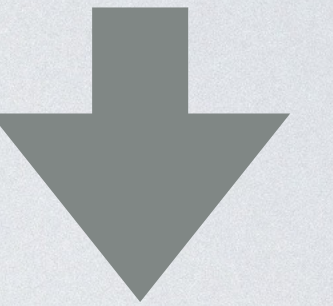
CAN WE KNOW THE SEASON?

SUNDAY LAW TIMELINE

National Sunday Law



Death Decree



Now

Mild Phase

Severe Phase

THE SUNDAY LAW COMES IN PHASES

- The light given me by the Lord at a time when we were expecting just such a crisis as you seem to be approaching, was that when the people were moved by a power from beneath to enforce **Sunday observance**, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by **refraining from their ordinary work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort.** [9T 232.2]

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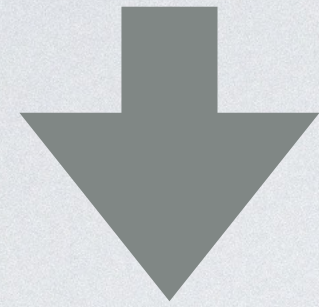
- To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. **Give them no occasion to call you lawbreakers...** When we devote Sunday to missionary work, the whip will be taken out of the hands of the arbitrary zealots who would be well pleased to humiliate Seventh-day Adventists. When they see that we employ ourselves on Sunday in visiting the people and opening the Scriptures to them, they will know that it is useless for them to try to hinder our work by making Sunday laws. [9T 232]

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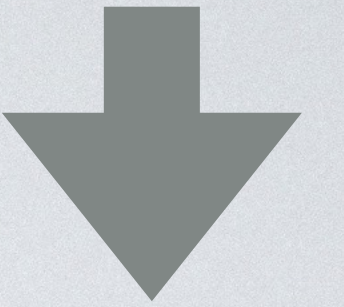
- The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and, in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes **more bold and decided**, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. [GC 607.1]

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- Still able to keep Sabbath, merely required to stop working on Sunday.
 - Not compelled to honor Sunday.
 - EGW recommends using Sundays during this period for missionary labor. (9T 232-233; CT 550-551)
 - Loud Cry, Final Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Latter Rain, Shaking, 4th Angel, persecution, great spiritual revival, etc. (GC 606)
 - Final decisions between Seal of God vs. Mark of the Beast.
 - Last great opportunity for evangelism.
- Compelled to Honor Sunday, Disregard Sabbath. (GC 607)
 - NSL becomes Universal Sunday Law (LDE 134-135)
 - No Buying or Selling (Rev 13:17), Imprisoned, Exiled, Enslaved (GC 608)
 - Close of Probation
 - 7 Last Plagues
 - Start of Great Time of Trouble

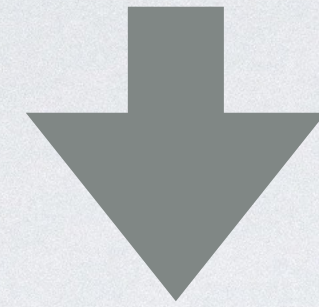
NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW

The Prophetic Point of No Return

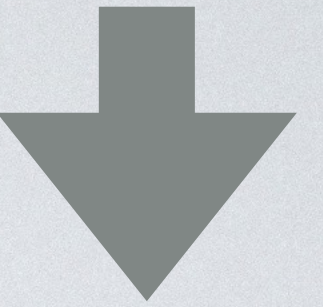
When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will **the papal sabbath** be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. **There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin.**

SUNDAY LAW & WHEN TO SELL

National Sunday Law



Death Decree



Now	Mild Phase	Severe Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delay still possible.• Run the race with patience. (Heb 12:1-2)• Occupy till He comes (Luke 19:13)• God may call us to sell anytime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last great window for evangelism.• Prophetic point of no return (LDE 133-134)• Sprint to the end.• Last Chance to Sell (Unknown how long this period lasts!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No buying or selling. (Rev 13:17)

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

Jesus has told His disciples to “watch,” but not for definite time. His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to **watch, wait, pray, and work**, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but no one will be able to predict just when that time will come; for “of that day and hour knoweth no man.” **You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years....** We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.

–Ev 221.1

Occupy till I come.

–Luke 19:13

Many will look away from present duties, present comfort and blessings, and be borrowing trouble in regard to the future crisis. This will be **making a time of trouble beforehand**, and we will receive no grace for any such anticipated troubles.

DO WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW

- Learn to live a simpler life, be content with what we have. Learn how much is enough and be satisfied with it.
- Get out of debt!
- Start or continue to give faithfully, regularly, and sacrificially now to advance God's work.

DO WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW

- Save and invest for our needs, but know when enough is enough.
- Have an exit plan for how to liquidate our investments in a quick and orderly manner. (Estate planning)
- Seek the Lord and He will make known the right time for you.
- Maintain a motive to finish the work, not merely to protect ourselves.

BE CAREFUL TO AVOID THE EXTREMES

- **“My Lord delays His coming.”** - Be willing to sell all whenever Jesus asks. (Remember the Rich Young Ruler and Lot's Wife)
- **“I'll sell everything now!”** - Do not neglect providing for the comforts and conveniences of your family in the meantime.

Brother Leininger's family lives in accordance with the principles of strictest economy. They did not have a carriage until I told them it was their duty to provide one for Sister Leininger. Brother Leininger had conscientiously decided not to build a convenient woodshed and kitchen for his large family because **he did not feel free to invest means in personal conveniences when the cause of God needed money to carry it forward.** I tried to show him that it was necessary for the health as well as for the morals of his children that he should make home pleasant and provide conveniences to lighten the labor of his wife.

—Letters and Manuscripts, Vol. 5, Lt 9, 1888, par. 8

But if any **provide not for his own**, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is **worse than an infidel.**

—I Timothy 5:8

There are poor men and women who are writing to me for advice as to whether they shall sell their homes and **give the proceeds to the cause.** They say the appeals for means stir their souls, and they want to do something for the Master, who has done everything for them. I would say to such: **"It may not be your duty to sell your little homes just now, but go to God for yourselves; the Lord will certainly hear your earnest prayers for wisdom to understand your duty."**



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