

THIS IS THE TIME!

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The economic system of this world is being shaken. Along with the economic system people's lives are also being shaken. I read the other day about a very wealthy man in New York City who committed suicide after having lost a lot of money in a huge investment scheme which turned out to be the biggest Ponzi scam in history.

In our society, money is everything for so many people. Just imagine, a man coming to the conclusion that his life was no longer worth living just because he had lost his money.

The Apostle Paul said, *"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God..."*

I Timothy 6:17

Note that Paul is telling us that the riches of this world are fleeting and uncertain. They can be here today and gone tomorrow, and that is why we cannot put our trust in them, but only in the Living God, the Steadfast One whose WORD is solid and sure. So sure, that we can always trust in and build our lives upon Him and know that He is always True.

In times like this, the best thing that we can do is to sow seed into the fertile soil of the Gospel. Remember that *"your seed today is tomorrow's harvest!"*

The Bible tells us in Genesis 26:1, *"And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham..."*

Then verses 12-14 tells us what Abraham's son, Isaac, did in that time of famine:

"Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him."

Isaac sowed in the time of famine and God responded with abundant blessings. God blessed him so much so that the enemy envied him. After that we see Isaac going into a well-

digging spree in the desert during that time of drought and famine, and each well that he dug yielded forth water. God was blessing him!

Finally, in verse 24 God said to Isaac, *"...fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed..."*

So, this is time to sow seed. But it is also time for another very important thing; namely, **it is time for harvest!**

Our Lord Jesus said, *"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."* John 4:35-36

With the shaking of the economic situation in the world today, people who have put their security in the uncertain riches of this world are also being shaken. Because of this, people are open to hearing about Jesus and the Eternal security that He gives, more than ever before. We who are Christians must therefore share Christ with the people around us. We must preach the Gospel. This is the time!

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14

Each of you who are reading this have your own circle of friends and relationships, and that circle may be looked at as your "Mission Field". That is where God has planted you and that is where you can start by sharing Christ with those around you. Remember that just "living the Christian lifestyle" isn't enough, because there are also a lot of good people around who are not Christians! Furthermore, this is not about you or me or our godly lives; this is about Jesus and His Life which He gave for sinners. That is why the Gospel must be preached.

"...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." 1 Corinthians 1:21