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EMERGENCY PREPARATION

“Behold, I have told you in advance.”

Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 24:25)

A BIBLE-BASED PERSPECTIVE ON

FAMILY AND HOME EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A Study for Church Leaders

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INTRODUCTION

Life is uncertain

“In the world you will have tribulation...”

Jesus of Nazareth
John 16:33

TRIBULATION

Greek: *thlipsis* – literally means
pressure; i.e *trouble*

“[Further, there will be] wars... great earthquakes, and
in various places plagues and famines.”

Jesus of Nazareth
Luke 21: 9, 11

With all of these coming uncertainties, you need to be prepared!

ANALYSIS

Preparation is Scriptural; it is an act of faith

By faith, Noah being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence
prepared an ark for the salvation of his household... and became an heir of the
righteousness which is according to faith.

Paul of Tarsus
Hebrews 11:7

KEY ELEMENTS OF PREPARATION

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| 1) It is an act of faith | <i>By faith, Noah...</i> |
| 2) It is God working through you | <i>Being warned by God...</i> |
| 3) Regarding something future | <i>About things not seen</i> |
| 4) Causing you to take action | <i>Prepared an ark</i> |
| 5) Which is the right thing to do | <i>Became an heir of righteousness</i> |
| 6) Which is the outcome of faith | <i>According to faith</i> |

True faith always causes action

Faith, if it
has no works,
is dead...

James 2:17

A second example of this is Joseph:

Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "...God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. Behold, seven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt; and after them seven years of famine will come, and all the abundance will be forgotten... It will be severe.

Now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt... Gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food... under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard it. And let the food become a reserve... for the seven years of famine which will occur... that the land of Egypt... may not perish during the famine.

So Joseph stored up grain in abundance...

Moses, the servant of God
Genesis 41:25,28-32,33-36,49

KEY ELEMENTS OF PREPARATION

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| 1) It is an act of faith | <i>God...</i> [see Hebrews 11:1, 6] |
| 2) It is God working through you | <i>Has shown...</i> [Joseph is interpreting] |
| 3) Regarding something future | <i>What He is about to do</i> |
| 4) Causing you to take action | <i>Gather, store up, and guard food</i> |
| 5) Which is the right thing to do | <i>That no one should perish</i> |
| 6) Which is the outcome of faith | <i>So Joseph [acted and] stored up grain</i> |

True faith *always* causes action!

APPLICATION

Preparation is for the spiritually mature

And [for the first time], Jesus called the twelve [disciples] together... and He sent them out... and He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece."

Luke the Physician
Luke 9:1-3

[When Jesus sent the disciples out for the very first time], He sent them in a bare condition because they were not to go far, nor be out long. [In fact, Luke 9:1-10, seems to indicate they returned almost immediately.]

Matthew Henry
Commentary (1721)

And Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out without purse and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” And they said, “No, nothing.” And He said to them, “But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one.” And He came out... to the Mount of Olives... where they arrested Him.

Luke 22:35-36, 39, 54

[In contrast, in Luke 22, Jesus, about to be arrested—when the disciples would definitely be on their own and without Him immediately available], gives them notice of a very great change of their circumstances now approaching.

They must now expect [unforeseen] troubles, and must not think to have such an easy and comfortable life as they had had [when He was nearby].

No, the scene [was about to] alter... They must now expect that their enemies would be more fierce upon them than they had been, and they would need... stores [provisions]. [Further, the issue of a sword] is intended to show that the times would be very perilous, so that no man would think himself safe if he had not a sword at his side, [i.e. *intense* preparation].

Matthew Henry
Commentary (1721)

REFLECTION

“Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you.”

Jesus of Nazareth
John 15:9

1) If a “situation” were approaching, would Jesus, who loves you, want you prepared?

“... he [Satan], was a murderer from the beginning...”

Jesus of Nazareth
John 8:44

2) Who would want you *unprepared*?

CONCLUSION

Preparation demonstrates exceeding wisdom

Four things are small on the earth... but they are exceedingly wise:

The ants are not a strong folk...
but they prepare their food in the summer.

Agur the oracle
Proverbs 30:24-25

Ants have foresight to make provisions. They can teach us about preparation. The ants model the advisability of carefully planning ahead to meet future contingencies. The ants, minute animals and very weak, still are very industrious in gathering food in the summer, the proper time when there is abundance. This demonstrates a great degree of wisdom — to be wise for the future: While the lion, the king of beasts may lack and suffer from hunger, the hard-working and prepared ant has plenty and knows no want.

Four things are small on the earth... but they are exceedingly wise:

The badgers are not a mighty folk...
yet they make their houses in the rocks.

Agur the oracle
Proverbs 30:24, 26

Badgers find protective shelter. They can teach us about *secure* habitats. The badger's Hebrew name, *shapan*, signifies a hider, and is named for its habit of living in the cleft of rocks, a resourcefulness that gains for it a high degree of security. The badger, or as some understand it, field-mouse, is a weak creature, and very timid, yet it has the great wisdom to make its house in the secure rocks whose natural fortifications make it well-guarded.

Four things are small on the earth... but they are exceedingly wise:

The locusts have no king...
yet all of them go out in ranks.

Agur the oracle
Proverbs 30:24, 27

The locusts are also little and have no king, in contrast to bees who have a queen. Yet, they go forth and gather in concert, keeping together and helping and strengthening the hands of one another. Thus, locusts have an ordered community. They model organization and discipline, and teach us about cooperation and order.

Four things are small on the earth... but they are exceedingly wise:

The lizard you may grasp with the hands...
yet it is in kings' palaces.

Agur the oracle
Proverbs 30:24, 28

The lizard is bold and daring. They can teach us about fearlessness. They model the use of resources beyond one's own to enhance security and enjoyment of life — including staying alive — by residing in a king's palace. They are, thus, resilient, flexible, and very ingenious, all qualities of the exceedingly wise.

A prudent man sees evil and hides himself...
The naïve proceed and pay the penalty.

Solomon the Wise
Proverbs 27:12