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Questions and Answers

**Should a Christian prepare and
must we share?**

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Are you prepared to meet the Lord Jesus?

The first act of preparedness, to be ready to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

1 John 3:1-3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but **we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Matthew 25:1-7 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.** For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the **wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.** As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

Matthew 25:8-12 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, **go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.**' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.** Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, **open to us.**' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Matthew 3:1-6 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: **'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'**" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, **confessing their sins.**

Matthew 24:42-44 Therefore, **stay awake**, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore **you also must be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Should a follower of Jesus Christ prepare for what is about to happen in this world?

I see Noah as the **very first human prepper**.

Yet, was Noah's prepping an **act of Obedience to Almighty God?**

And if it is an act of obedience to Almighty God, then where should we be today?

Was Noah warned, what God was about to do?

Are we not warned as well, in His Holy Word?

Was Noah warned, what God was about to do?

Genesis 6:11-13 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and **the earth was filled with violence**. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "**I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.**"

Genesis 6:14-18 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. **But I will establish my covenant with you**, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Genesis 6:19-22 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark **to keep them alive with you.** They shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. Also **take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up.** It shall serve as food for you and for them." **Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.**

In the text from **Genesis 6**, we not only see that **Noah prepared** for what was about to take place, but he did so **out of obedience** to God.

Noah was warned, and readied his family for what was to happen.

But what about the rest of the people on earth?

Proverbs 1 gives that answer, as you will see, in just a few slides.

Genesis 7:1-5 Then the LORD said to Noah, "**Go into the ark**, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. **For in seven days** I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And **Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.**

Genesis 7:10-12 And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day **all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.**

Genesis 7:16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And **the LORD shut him in.**

Proverb 1:24-28 Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. **Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.**

Proverb 1:29-33 Because they hated knowledge and **did not choose the fear of the LORD**, would have none of my counsel and **despised all my reproof**, therefore **they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices**. For the simple are killed by **their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them**; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

Genesis 41:14-16 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." Joseph answered Pharaoh, "**It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.**"

Genesis 41:25-28 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; **God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.** The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; **God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do.**

Genesis 41:33-36 Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. And let them gather **all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.** That food shall be a **reserve for the land** against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land **may not perish** through the famine."

Genesis 41:46-49 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, and **he gathered up all the food of these seven years**, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and **put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance**, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

Genesis 41:54-57 and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. When all the land of Egypt was famished, **the people cried to Pharaoh for bread.** Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do." So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and **sold to the Egyptians,** for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, **all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph** to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Genesis 47:13-16 Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. And **Joseph gathered up all the money** that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, **in exchange for the grain** that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "**Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes?** For our money is gone." And Joseph answered, "**Give your livestock**, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone."

Genesis 47:17-19 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. **He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.** And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord's. **There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land.** Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? **Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh.**

If you do not prepare as God has directed ...
Then you could fall as the people of Egypt did and
become slaves, loosing everything, just for food.

Matthew 24:4-6 And Jesus answered them,
"See that no one leads you astray. For many will
come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and
they will lead many astray. And **you will hear of
wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not
alarmed, for this must take place, but the end
is not yet.**

Matthew 24:7-13 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be **famines** and earthquakes in various places. All these are but **the beginning of the birth pains**. "Then they will deliver you up to **tribulation** and put you to **death**, and you will be **hated** by all nations for my name's sake. And then **many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another**. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because **lawlessness will be increased**, the love of many will grow cold. But **the one who endures to the end will be saved**.

Nehemiah 4:12-14 At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, **I stationed the people by their clans**, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, **"Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you **keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness** and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, **that we might not be a burden to any of you**. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**

2 Thessalonians 3:11-15 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, **do not grow weary in doing good.** If anyone **does not obey** what we say in this letter, **take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him,** that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but **warn him as a brother.**

1 Peter 1:13-17 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As **obedient children**, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "**You shall be holy, for I am holy.**" And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

1 Peter 5:8-11 Be sober-minded; be watchful.

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will **himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.** To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Joshua 1:10-11 And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, '**Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.**'"

Be ready for the call of Almighty God, to be about His Business, for His glory!

Revelation 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To the one who conquers** I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Revelation 2:26-27 **The one who conquers** and **who keeps my works until the end**, to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

Revelation 3:5-6 The **one who conquers** will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Revelation 3:12 The **one who conquers**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

Revelation 3:21-22 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Share in **suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus**. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But understand this, that **in the last days there will come times of difficulty.** For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. **Avoid such people.**

Matthew 24:36-39 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, **so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

Matthew 24:42-46 Therefore, **stay awake**, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have **stayed awake** and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore **you also must be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? **Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.**