**These Perilous Times**

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**“Not For Sale”**

We are living in a time when honesty seems to be something of the past! Judges, attorneys, politicians, the news media, and some people are being greatly influenced by money and positions of power, and Satan knows it! How much is your good name worth? Some people are willing to sacrifice a good name and their integrity for large bank accounts. Judas only charged 30 pieces of silver (See Matt. 26:15, 16, 48; Lk. 22:47, 48) and a kiss to betray our Lord!

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men-who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right, though the heavens fall…” [[1]](#footnote-1)

“A good name is better than precious ointment…”

Ecc. 7:1 KJV

“If you have to choose between a good reputation and great wealth, choose a good reputation.” Prov 22:1 TEV

**A little history lesson**

It has been said that after the American Civil War that the state of Louisiana wanted to start a state lottery. To promote their new money-making scheme, they were looking for a well-known, high-profile person to help promote their project. The newly formed lottery board approached General Robert E. Lee and asked if he would endorse the lottery, promising to make him a very wealthy man-to which he replied, “gentlemen, the only thing I have left after this terrible war (The American Civil War 1861-1865) is *my good name* and this *tattered uniform* and **neither of them are for sale**.”

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people, and elders of Israel… Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the **NAME OF JESUS CHRIST** of Nazareth whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by **HIM** this man stands before you whole. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone. Nor is there **SALVATION** in any other **NAME** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

 Acts 4:8-12 NKJV (Emphasis supplied)



1. E. G. White. Education, p.57. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)