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### **#43 – When No Man Can Buy or Sell**

The success of our entire economic system is dependent on buying and selling. There is nothing sinful about buying and selling. But when buying and selling becomes our paramount passion, it then becomes an idol on which we depend more than on God. Buying and selling is idolatry when we rate our personal self-worth by the bottom-line of our economic achievements of our work or the bottom-line of our portfolio. And when the economic security of such idolaters is threatened, then it can become both politically and economically expedient for them to shore up the economy and their personal bottom-line by sanctions against those who do not support the ideology (and idol) of their personal or national economic prosperity.

There is so much for to life than making a living. Sometime ago I saw this sign at a construction site:

*We work in the ditch  
to make enough money  
to buy enough food  
to gain enough strength  
to work in the ditch.*

Today God again wants to deliver His people from the taskmasters of slavery to our world economic system. In the Exodus from Egypt, God delivered them from the taskmasters whose slogans were “*Never enough*” and “*not good enough.*”

“*In it [the Sabbath] you shall do any work*” (Exodus 20:8). Through the Sabbath commandment God wants to topple all our economic idols in which we trust, not only to make a living, but also for our personal significance. Through Sabbath keeping we declare that we are not dependent on the idols of materialism, prosperity, and economic security as the ultimate source of our self-worth. And because our identity is securely anchored in our heavenly Father, we can let go of all fear and anxiety as

we rest in God's promises: *"If God so clothes the grass...will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"* (Matthew 6:31) *"Therefore, do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' Or 'What shall we drink?' Or, 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"* (Matthew 6:32,33).

When the political-religious machine of Babylon falls, her entire economic system falls with it. Listen to the lament of those who depended upon the idol of commerce, buying and selling – *"Alas, for in one hour such great riches came to nothing"* (Revelation 17:17). *"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore"* (Revelation 17:11). The decree that no man can buy and sell now becomes the pit into which economic idolaters themselves fall, because they themselves are not able to buy or sell.

When you accept the Sabbath commandment, you are not entering into slavery, but you are embracing freedom. After all, what is easier – to work or to rest? Let that rest be your total confidence that God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

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