THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: CRITERIA FOR COUNTRY PROPERTY

WEEK #11 OF A LIVE BIBLE STUDY SERIES

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Christ Triumphant p. 56: "We are living in the very last days of this earth's history. The terrible calamities that have recently visited our country show that the judgments of the Lord are falling on the world. The destruction of these cities is a warning to us to prepare for what is coming upon the earth. ...

God gave direction that an ark was to be built for those who desired to be saved from the coming destruction. He was about to speak in determined language against the wickedness that had grown to fearful proportions. He was about to clothe Himself with vengeance and execute His judgment against the transgressors of His law."

Letter 5, 1904 par. 3: "Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one."

"We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies."

- Away from the city
- Able to Raise Provisions
- Rural
- Houses not crowded
- Free from interference of enemies

Selected Messages, Volume 2 p. 356: "He wants us to live where we can have elbow room. His people are not to crowd into the cities. He wants them to take their families out of the cities, that they may better prepare for eternal life. In a little while they will have to leave the cities.

If we place ourselves under objectionable influences, can we expect God to work a miracle to undo the results of our wrong course?—No, indeed. Get out of the cities as soon as possible, and purchase a little piece of land, where you can have a garden, where your children can watch the flowers growing, and learn from them lessons of simplicity and purity."

- Elbow room
- Garden

Country Living p. 21: "For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country Places, where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crises."

- Retired Country
- Cultivatable
- Raise Produce
- All for the Crisis

Medical Ministry p. 310: "To parents who are living in the cities the Lord is sending the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the cities as fast as possible.

Parents can secure small homes in the country, with land for cultivation where they can have orchards and where they can raise vegetables and small fruits to take the place of flesh meat, which is so corrupting to the lifeblood coursing through the veins. On such places the children will not be surrounded with the corrupting influences of city life. God will help His people to find such homes outside of the cities."

- All for the Crisis
- Land, Orchards, Vegetables, small Fruits

Country Living p. 29: "As far as possible, our institutions should be located away from the cities. We must have workers for these institutions, and if they are located in the city, that means that families of our people must settle near them. But it is not God's will that His people shall settle in the cities, where there is constant turmoil and confusion. Their children should be spared this; for the whole system is demoralized by the hurry and rush and noise. The Lord desires His people to move into the country, where they can settle on the land, and raise their own fruit and vegetables, and where their children can be brought in direct contact with the works of God in nature. Take your families away from the cities is my message."

- Able to Settle / Homestead
- Direct contact to nature

Country Living p. 32: “It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.”

-Secluded places among the mountains

Genesis 19:12-20: “And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

“And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.”

- Not flat plains without mountains

3LtMs, Letter 4a, 1881, par. 12: “Father has excellent health. He has worked hard on the place here; put in more than one acre of strawberries, some raspberries, more than an acre of potatoes, several acres of corn, fifty hard maples, many peach trees, pear trees, and two long rows of pie plant. I have been gathering up shrubs and flowers until we have quite a garden.”

- 6 Acres Total

17LtMs, Ms 23, 1902 par. 2: “Just at that time different ones solicited us for building sites, saying, “I want a small piece of land on which to build. Cannot you sell me a lot?” Ever since we settled here, such requests have been made of us. But I did not want many buildings and families crowded up close to my home. And if I were to sell a piece of land to one person, and refuse to sell to others, I should be regarded as unfair. Besides, we had agreed with the managers of the food factory not to consent to sell small lots and allow families to crowd in on every spare piece of uncultivated land.”

- Space enough for uncultivated area

14MR 256 p. 1-2: "The Paradise Valley Sanitarium cost the original owners $25,000....We purchased this building, with 20 acres of land, for $5,000. Since then eight acres of land have been bought for $800. There is a piece of property adjoining, consisting of ten acres of orange orchard, a packing house, a dwelling house, and a large barn. This property was offered for $3,500, and we may buy it if it can still be secured for this price. In order to do this, I should have to borrow money, but I do not think that the property ought to be allowed to pass into the hands of worldlings."

Christian Experience and Teachings, page 217.1: "Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Woodland, and the large cities in the United States must hear the message of truth."

Oakland - Between 10.5k - 34.5k
Sacramento - 17k - 18k
S. Fran - 149k
Woodland - 100 - 125k

Publishing Ministry p. 186.4: "The workers connected with the publishing house must be closely guarded. Our young men and young women must not be placed where they will be in danger of being ensnared by Satan."

Fundamentals of Christian Education p. 492.3: "Instruction has also been given that the Pacific Press should be moved from Oakland. As the years have passed by, the city has grown and it is now necessary to establish the printing plant in some more rural place, where land can be secured for the homes of the employees. Those who are connected with our offices of publication should not be obliged to live in the crowded cities. They should have opportunity to obtain homes where they will be able to live without requiring high wages."

21MR 90.3: "Be assured that the call is for our people to locate miles away from the large cities. One look at San Francisco as it is today would speak to your intelligent minds, showing you the necessity of getting out of the cities."

Publishing Ministry p. 186.3: "In regard to establishing the institution in New York, I must say, Be guarded. I am not in favor of its being near New York. I cannot give all my reasons, but I am sure that any place within thirty miles of that city would be too near."

Last Day Events p.107.5: "As I have looked over this property I pronounce it to be superior in many respects. The school could not be located in a better spot. It is eight miles from St. Helena, and is free from city temptations...."

- Minimum 2 Hours from a Large City

- Land – How much?
- Water – How to get it?
- Wood – How much?

Garden/Greenhouse
Livestock
Logging
Food Preservation
Household Essentials
Water System/Storage
Energy and Power Management
Natural Remedies
Construction
Education
Emergency

Garden: 5 Acres
Wood: 10 Acres
Buildings area: 1-3 Acres
Roads: 1 Acre (min)
Pasture: 10 Acres
Pen/Paddock: 1 Acre
Root Cellar

= 31 Acres -- (my recommended size = 40+ Acres)

Early Writings p. 34: In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages, but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with a sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell as powerless as a straw."