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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

By DONALD LOVE

Joseph was sold by his brothers and he finally ended up in Egypt as an overseer in the King's home. The relationship between Joseph and the King was unbelievable.

This king died and his successor did not even know Joseph and if he did, this tie did not exist.

Joseph was permitted by his King friend to bring his family from Canaan and to live in a certain area in Egypt.

The new king observed or was told how prosperous this family was and how they grew in population. He then had them enslaved. They continued to prosper and grow in size, however, until they were a nation within a nation.

They had no social life whatsoever. They were not permitted to mingle under any circumstances with the Egyptians. All of the hard manual duties were their responsibility under hard task masters.

This family was able to observe how un-godly the Egyptians lived, how they worshipped all makes and kinds of idols, and how they treated each other. They saw how people conducted themselves — men with other men's wives and women with other women's husbands. They stole and killed each other.

They were not able to partake of the social events. In the event that any person would venture into the social lives of the Egyptians, punishments of all descriptions were used to discourage others. This went on for hundreds of years and this family had a close-up view of the wrong exercised at its best.

God raised-up Moses, who was a member of this family, to be brought up in the king's home as a member or adopted child to the king's daughter, the princess.

Moses was educated and learned all the laws and rules of the Egyptians. Finally, he was forced to leave Egypt as a fugitive.

God prepared Moses one day at the burning bush to return to Egypt, to speak to the king and other officials and to release his family. Long before now, this family had a national name — Israelites. This name was given them because of their father, Jacob, who had his name changed when he wrestled with the angel.

With God as the general,

this family or the Israelites were able to be freed from the mighty iron hand of the Egyptian government.

across the Red Sea is where they stopped, and established their camp ground. They were free for the first time as a nation.

For forty years, they lived and rested and were able to enjoy a sociable life as a nation of people. They had worked so long in Egypt and so hard that they had nothing to do. God fed them daily from heaven, and their clothes and shoes lasted through this forty year period. No wells were needed to dig for water. Moses used his staff or rod to strike rocks to give them their water supply.

God called Moses and had Moses meet Him on the mountain. He gave Moses documents written on slate. These documents were God's Commandments for the Israelites and they were called the Ten Commandments.

The Israelites, while in Egypt had ring-side seats seeing how the Egyptians lived. These Commandments coming directly from God, indirectly through Moses to the Israelites, were for them to live there-by.

They were to center their living on God and Him alone. They knew they were there for the first time as a nation because of God's will. The first Commandment was loud and clear, "Thou shalt not have any gods before God." It vividly stated, do not seek any gods from heaven, earth or the seas, just God. The other part of the Commandments dealt with how they should live together and how they should treat each other. They saw how the Egyptians took advantage of each other, and they were to refrain from this kind of conduct. Do not steal from each other; do not kill each other. Living by these Commandments would be pleasing to God.

To live by part and not all you might as well not live by any.

The Constitution of the United States was drawn up around the Ten Commandments. If we only lived by the Constitution, the portion that is suitable for us and disregard the other, then it is useless to live by any part.

God requires us to do all or not at all.

Ushers Union Xmas Dinner Held Sunday

The 1972 Christmas dinner of the Advisory Committee of the Durham Usher Union opened at the Ranch House, Chapel Hill, Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m.

The Chairman, Mr. W.M. Gandy, and members met at the Roger-Herr Jr. High School with the motorcade being led by Mrs. Mary Vanhook and Thomas Strudwick and wife, Elsa Strudwick.

Against a background of gold and red, the Christmas party unfolded with the president of the Durham Ushers Union, Clyde Moore Jr., saying grace.

We, the members of the Advisory Board, are so grateful that the Lord has spared us to have a Christmas dinner with our many friends. As we look around the Ranch House and observed the old cookstove our mothers used we again whispered a prayer of thanks. What a wonderful provision God has made. Old things can pass away and new things can be taken on.

As we enter the new year of untrodden path, we can be assured of His guiding hand. Like the children of Israel, we are entering upon a new way. There will be temptations to meet, new sorrows to bear, new opportunities to grasp, new tasks to perform, new blessings to enjoy. Christ will always be standing by to guide us in the untrodden path if we but lean on Him. Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, who has promised that where two or three are gathered in thy name, that thou would be in our midst. We thank thee for being with us today and for all the blessings of life, especially for allowing us to witness this day — (14) days and a year yet before us, unscarred with sin, yet one which holds temptation in our untrodden paths. We pray that thou hands will continue to guide our paths so that when we can no longer remain among those with whom we love, we may go home to receive the reward promised.

Ship Hit

SAIGON The U.S. Command reported Wednesday that at least one 7th Fleet ship was hit by enemy fire off the coast of North Vietnam but refused to give any details. A spokesman indicated there were some American casualties but would not elaborate.



Chain Awards Certificates to Twenty-five People

The Durham Business and Professional Chain awarded certificates to twenty-five persons who completed a ten-week small business seminar held at North Carolina Central University.

The certificates were awarded at a dinner held for the participants where the president of the Durham Business

and Professional Chain, Reginald H. Gray, delivered the keynote address.

Those receiving certificates were: Sylvester Saunders, Miss Ann Howard, George Scott, James Brown, Jr., Phillip Bell, Jr., Junius H. Williams, Lewis Owens, Daniel French, Wyatt Fowler, Frank Payne, Willis

Gerald, B.D. Lakin, Edgar Thompson, Douglas McNeil, B. R. Paige, Lonnie Wilson, Willis C. Bryant, Mrs. Mary Fowler, David Jackson, Jr., Ralph A. Hunt, and Mrs. Carolyn H. Allen.

The Executive Board of the Durham Business and Professional Chain was present and many of its members participated in the graduation ceremony.

Also present were many of the consultants in the seminar along with Dr. S.B. Fulbright, Dean of the School of Business at North Carolina Central University.

The seminar, sponsored by the Durham Business and Professional Chain in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, was more successful than ones held previously.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Maude Cozart Pratt

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Cozart Pratt were held on Wednesday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. at White Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch officiated.

A long time resident of Durham, Mrs. Pratt was born in Grassville County, North Carolina. She was daughter of the late Sam and Viola Cozart.

Coming in Durham at a very early age, she was employed by Duke University for a number of years. Mrs. Pratt was married to J. Fred Pratt in September 1935.

Mrs. Pratt became a devoted member of White Rock Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Dr. Miles Mark Fisher and remained active in the church and its auxiliaries until her death.

Religious memberships include the Pals Sunday School Class, the Sylvia Williams Missionary Circle, the Effie W. Cotton District and the Joint Missionary Circle of the

church.

Community activities included membership in the Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary, the Lyon Park Community Club, Drucilla Chapter No. 19, Order of the Eastern Star and Zafra No. 41, Daughters of Isis. She was Marshal, Chairman of Sick Committee, Daughter of the Year—1970 and was honored on October 29, as a Twenty-Year Charter Member.

Survivors include her husband, J. Fred Pratt, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Cozart and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

PEACH CROP

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The Gospel Choir leading the Singing, Mr. Albert Cain, Director
Mrs. Virginia Alston, Organist

U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040
Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q My son earned nearly \$2,000 last year. Does he have to file a Federal income tax return?

A) If your son is single, you are not claiming him as a dependent and he did not have self-employment earnings of \$400 or more, he does not have to file a return because his gross income is less than \$2050. However, if you or someone else could claim your son as a dependent and he had income from dividends, interest or other types of unearned income, he must file a return if his gross income was at least \$750. He must also file a return if he had net self-employment earnings of \$400 or more.

Of course, he should file a return to claim any refund due him for income tax withheld.

Q I have all my tax records. Can I file without my Form W-2?

A) No. A withholding statement, Form W-2, for each job held during 1972 must be attached to your return. Failure to do so delayed the refunds of many taxpayers last year.

Q I plan to go to a commercial tax preparer to have my 1972 return filled out. Is he responsible for any errors on

the return?

A) No. Each taxpayer is responsible for the accuracy of his Federal income tax return, no matter who fills it out.

If you do use the services of a tax preparer this year, be sure he signs your return and enters on the form his social security number or employer identification number.

Q Is it true that this year taxpayers can designate \$1 of their tax to go to a presidential election campaign fund?

A) Yes. This year, taxpayers, at their option, may designate \$1 of their taxes (\$2 if a joint return) to go to the political party of their choice or to a nonpartisan general fund.

The "check-off" is made on a separate form—IRS Form 4875—which is included in your tax forms package, and not on the Form 1040 itself. If you want to designate a dollar for the fund, complete the Form 4875 and attach it to your Form 1040. If you do not wish to earmark money for this purpose, do not file Form 4875.

Q Will the IRS still figure out a person's tax, if he wants them to?

A) Yes. The Internal Revenue Service will figure out your tax if your adjusted gross income is \$20,000 or less and was only from wages, salary and tips, dividends, interest, pensions and annuities, and if you claim the standard deduction. For more details, see your tax form instructions.

Q What do you mean by "adjusted gross income"?

A) This is the total income that appears on line 17 of your Form 1040. Adjusted gross income is arrived at by subtracting business expenses and certain employee expenses, such as sick pay, moving expenses, etc. from your gross income. For most taxpayers, however, adjusted gross income is equivalent to their total income.

This year, your Form 1040 instructions contain a glossary of frequently used tax terms to make it easier for you to fill out your return.

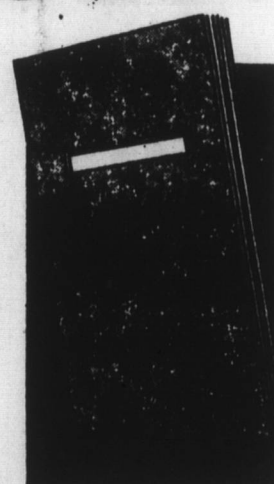
Q Are medical insurance premiums deductible in full?

A) If you itemize deductions, you may deduct in full one-half of the amount you paid for medical insurance, up to \$150. The balance of your premiums is added to your other medical expenses. Only your medical expenses in excess of three percent of your adjusted gross income are deductible.

For more information, write your Internal Revenue district office and ask for a free copy of IRS Publication 502, "Deduction for Medical and Dental Expenses."

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Friendly Circle Club Holds Meet

On Sunday, December 17th the Friendly Circle Club of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church held its monthly meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Mafor Geer, 313 Dunston Street. Devotional service was opened by the president, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Members present were:
Mesdames:
Sarah Cameron
Ida Roberson
Corine Brown
Elizabeth Brown
Margaret Bumpass
Mildred Jones

Louise Frazier
Juanita Barnes
Helen McNeill
Hattie Geer

Messers:

Leroy Roberson
Grover Bruthey

Mrs. Nannie Bartlow was a visitor to the club. After the business session, the hostess served a most delicious dinner which everyone enjoyed. Grover Bruthey thanked the hostess for a most enjoyable evening. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Frazier, 1806 South Alston Avenue, Sunday, January 21, 1973.

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