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Rates Going Down

The latest report from financial centers in New York is that a number of banks are nervously watching a certain group of big-city key banks who will be the first to reduce interest rates on loans. Smaller banks will not be able to resist the trend once these big banks make the move.

What is worrying many smaller banks is the fact that they have raised interest payments to depositors. As a result, charging reasonable, or better than reasonable, interest rates to borrowers, banks generally profited nicely.

It is true that they face a problem if, and when, interest rates must be reduced. For they may be unable to reduce interest rates paid depositors for a while, and a cost-profit squeeze may enter into the picture. However, most banks could probably reduce interest charged on loans a bit without actually endangering themselves financially, although profits may be slightly reduced.

In this connection, it is interesting to note ex-President Harry S. Truman's recent words on reducing the annual interest rate paid on the national debt. One of the Eisenhower Administration's moves to check inflation was the constant raising of

interest rates. As a result of this, the taxpayer is now paying a figure approaching eight billion dollars per year—in interest alone! If the interest rate had not been hiked, this figure could have been kept at five or six billion dollars.

Lowered interest rates would be a powerful anti-recession move. Lower interest rates for the working man means more money in his pocket to add to the country's buying power, and lower interest rates on the national debt benefit every taxpayer. In addition, lower interest rates stimulate sales, and will prompt a business expansion.

Lower interest rates will also stimulate automobile sales, appliance sales and home construction—and will reduce the cost of public works projects.

Vacation Time

This is the time of year to plan your summer vacation. Most American families utilize the summer months for their major annual vacation, although some like to break the monotony of their work in spring or fall, or even winter. For those who are planning to vacation in the summer, the hour is getting late for making final arrangements.

There are several precautions one can take to make certain that his vacation is not a bust. First of all, he should confirm his reservations and make them well in advance. Second, he should make his plans so as not to be hurried at the last minute or hurried on the highway once he has started out.

And now we come to the real crux of the question. Many Americans need a vacation after they have taken their annual summer vacation. They actually wear themselves out in a fit of frantic effort trying to see everything, do everything, and cram it all into the space of a few days.

All of which brings us around to the solution. A vacation should be a time of rest for the elder members of a family. For the youngsters, adventure, sight-seeing and a hectic pace may be

quite enjoyable. However, for the family, a happy medium must be struck.

Therefore, one should choose as a vacation spot a place where the parents can get some rest. It is better, in our humble opinion, to spend one week (or two) in one place and get a rest, and really enjoy the scenery and flavor of that vacation spot, than to see several places during one summer vacation.

Of course, no rules apply to all people, and these are merely suggestions. But the U. S. vacationer often makes the same mistake of his perhaps richer counterpart, who takes a summer cruise to Europe each year. Too many U. S. travellers, travelling abroad, attempt to see all of Europe in thirty days and that includes some ten countries or more.

In other words, they are on the train or on a bus or travelling by car or plane practically every day or two in a desperate bid to see it all. Their purpose would be served much better if they are seeking a vacation, and if they are seeking to understand the way the peoples of Europe live, and their habits and customs, if they were to go and stay in one country for a month or in one country for two weeks and another for two weeks. They would then enjoy a rest, would become well acquainted with the people and their ways in that section, and in that country, and they could return to another country some other year.

Likewise, the U. S. vacationer, choosing between the mountains, the sea coast or the big city, might profit by limiting his itinerary and seeing the other sights or another vacation spot some other year. In any event, take a vacation and make your plans now. Summer is only sixty days away.

MRS. SARAH J. SHAW

Mrs. Sarah J. Shaw, 83, widow of Harry H. Shaw, a former resident of Perquimans County, died last Saturday in a Portsmouth, Va., hospital. She was the daughter of the late Simeon and Mary Proctor Sutton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Annapolis, Maryland.

Sunday School Lesson

GOD'S LAW IN A NATION'S LIFE

International Sunday School Lesson for May 4, 1958.

Memory Selection: "If you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all people." —Exodus 19:15.

Lesson Text: Exodus 19:10; Deuteronomy 5.

Today's lesson shows the place of God's law in the lives of individuals and nations in the ordering of their relationships to him and to one another.

We start our lesson by studying the Scriptures in the Book of Exodus, Chapters 19 through 20, and in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 5. Through study of the former, we see Moses and the children of Israel camped before the mount, and we read an account of how Moses "went up unto God," and of how God exhorted the Israelites to keep his covenant, promising them that if they did, they would be to him "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." We read, too, of how Moses obeyed God's instructions, and carried the message to his people, which message was to become known as the Ten Commandments. These Commandments, as we all know, laid down the foundation of a Christian life, and are obeyed today by all true Christians, just as they were by the Israelites, because the Commandments have always been regarded as a summary statement of God's universal law. Christian ceremonies as we know them today, have not hesitated to incorporate the Ten Commandments as part of the worship ritual.

The Hebrew people regarded themselves as children of God's covenant. God had chosen them as a special group. A unique relationship existed between them and God. He had delivered them, established them, and protected them. (We have studied all this in previous lessons.) Then, he gave them guidance through his words. These laws of God were regarded in a dual fashion. They were given to the people for their own welfare. The laws were a protection, a guide; but these same laws also described man's duties to God under the covenantal relationship. God's goodness to the children of Israel put them under obligation to him. It became their duty to please God in reward for the many blessings he had bestowed upon them. The words of God's wisdom had brought them deliverance. Future words of the Lord should be obeyed because his former words had brought freedom for the nation. The Hebrews were God's chosen people, chosen for service. The entire nation had an obligation under God. The entire nation needed to be holy and law-abiding, because of their participation in the covenantal relationship. This was God's pattern.

It is remarkable to see how pertinent these laws of the Decalogue still are. The first four laws (those concerning the worship of the true God, vs. the worship of graven images, and the hallowing of the Sabbath-day) concern man's religion and his personal duties. The last five laws (those which concern killing, stealing, adultery, bearing false witness, and covetousness) concern man's social duties to his fellow men. The fifth commandment—"Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the earth"—has both personal religious and social implications. It is not difficult, upon analyzing these laws, for us to see that the last five commandments involve current problems in social relations, and that these problem areas have changed little over the centuries. God's laws can still, today, in our present civilization, serve as the framework of laws for any people, any nationality, anywhere in the world. They embody eternal obligations upon man.

The last seven laws of the Decalogue were not primarily laws involving personal righteousness. They were laws guaranteeing justice to all the people. These laws, when observed, would produce a moral person. The purpose of the laws, however, was not primarily for the creation of moral persons. The laws were, rather, for the protection of the individual citizen, and for the protection of society as a whole. Jesus showed that the principles of the Decalogue were to govern thoughts and desires, as well as actions, as we will see if we study Matthew 5:21-28.

NOBODY MADE A NICKEL

Too many pressing responsibilities in the Lord's work. The congregation couldn't afford to have its church painted. But painted it was! That was a glorious Saturday—no picnic or ball games, just hours of hard work. And what with the paint supplied at cost by a local dealer, and the brushes loaned by the very painter who might have hoped for the contract—nobody made a nickel!

But the remarkable thing is that nobody in town thought all this remarkable... You know Christianity has had a deep influence on the life of a community when we begin to take for granted the zeal and sacrifice of Christian neighbors. The next step is to add our strength and faith to theirs in the worship and work of the Church.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support his Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Leviticus	2	16
Monday	Leviticus	13	10-14
Tuesday	Psalm	64	1-12
Wednesday	Psalm	122	1-9
Thursday	1 Corinthians	3	5-9
Friday	Galatians	6	7-16
Saturday	Psalm	90	1-7

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Perquimans Church Services

HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
James O. Mattos, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
A. J. McClellan, Pastor
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock, 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
W. W. Dulka, Pastor
Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday 7:30 P. M.
Epworth Church: 1st Sunday, 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.
Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.

NEW HOPE WOODLAND
W. E. Pickett, Pastor
Worship services 1st and 3rd Sundays 11 A. M., at New Hope, 7:30 P. M., at Woodland.
Second and 4th Sundays 11 A. M., Woodland, 7:30 P. M., New Hope.
Strayday School each Sunday at 10 A. M.

ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:30 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Lowe A. Norman, Pastor
Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
Orval Dillon, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Philip Quillen, Pastor
Sunday School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Evening service 8 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
Earl Redding, Pastor
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
J. A. Auman, Pastor
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor
Church School weekly at 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M.
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.
Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.

BERRA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neal Pickett, Minister
Bible School Sunday 10 o'clock.
Church Services First and Third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock; evening services, first and third Sundays at 7 o'clock.
Communion is served each Lord's Day morning.

CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School every first and third Sunday at 1:00 A. M.
Sunday School every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 P. M.
Worship services every second and fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.

ASSOCIATE OF GOD
G. E. Lawrence, Pastor
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