



Ezekiel in Babylon

In Case you were wondering....



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B.H. Roberts

I hope you have followed me with patience in this reference to eugenics, because it leads to the consideration of a very great truth, one that is sometimes overlooked; and that is, parentage aside, environment aside, and inherited privileges aside-

God holds each individual of every race and family responsible, individually, for the keeping of this law. And we must not forget, either, the operation of the great truth that "the Lord is no respecter of persons."

I have here a chapter of scripture I want to consider.. I will advise you, therefore, as teachers, to read this whole chapter. It is the eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel. (*"Improvement Era, August, 1916*)

Ezekiel

Ezekiel 18



Question

**What are
the Sour
Grapes in
your life?**



Elder Holland

“If there is one lament I cannot abide—and I hear it from adults as well as students—it is the poor, pitiful, withered cry, “Well, that’s just the way I am.” If you want to talk about discouragement, that phrase is one that discourages me. Though not a swearing man, I am always sorely tempted to try my hand when I hear that.

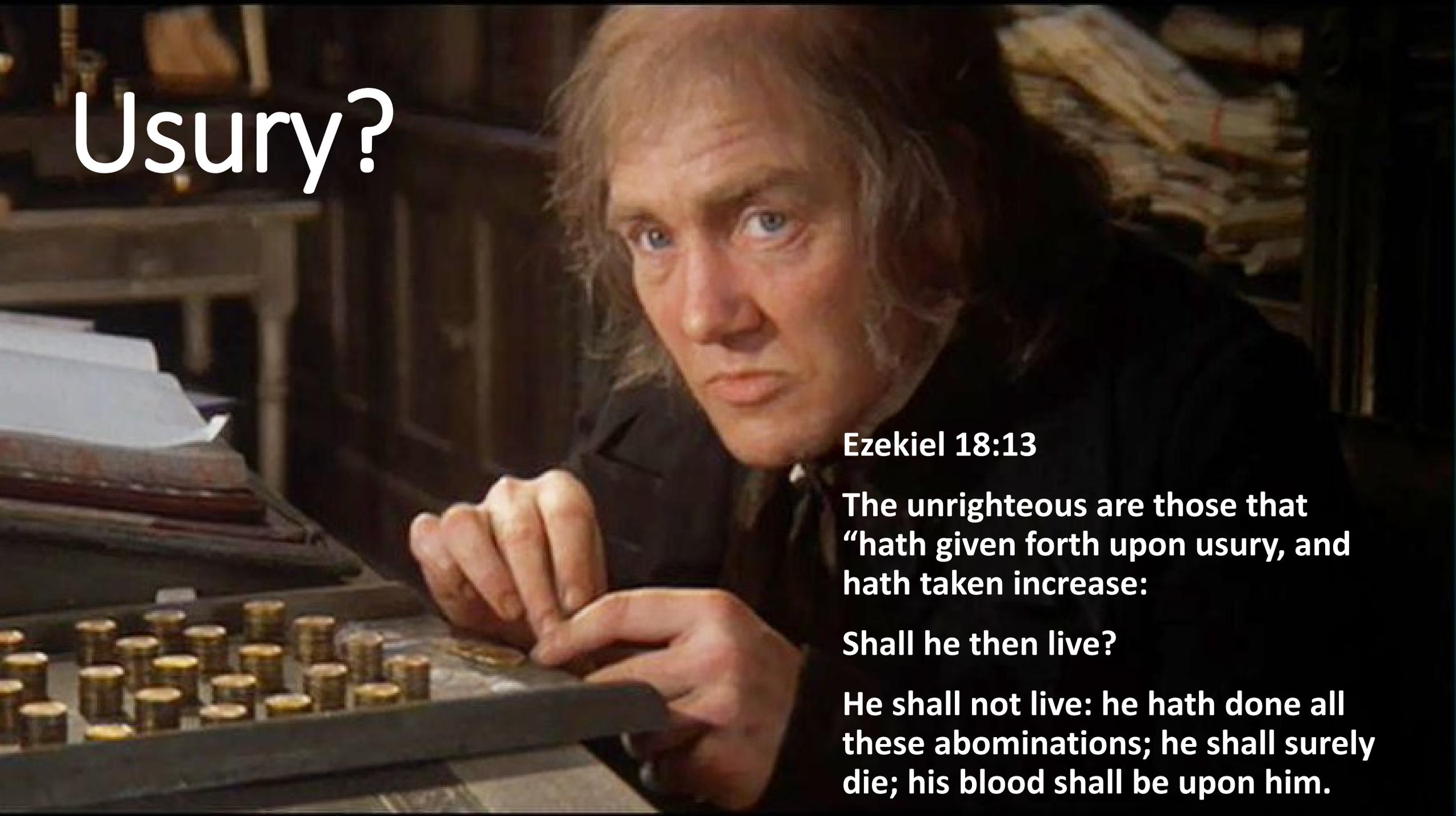
Please spare me your speeches about “That’s just the way I am.” I’ve heard that from too many people who wanted to sin and call it psychology. And I use the word *sin* again to cover a vast range of habits, some seemingly innocent enough, that nevertheless bring discouragement and doubt and despair.

You can change anything you want to change, and you can do it very fast. That’s another satanic suckerpunch—that it takes years and years and eons of eternity to repent. It takes exactly as long to repent as it takes you to say, “I’ll change”—and mean it. Of course there will be problems to work out and restitutions to make.

You may well spend—indeed you had better spend—the rest of your life proving your repentance by its permanence. But change, growth, renewal, and repentance can come for you as instantaneously as for Alma and the sons of Mosiah.”

For Times of Trouble, BYU Devotional Address, 3/1980

Usury?

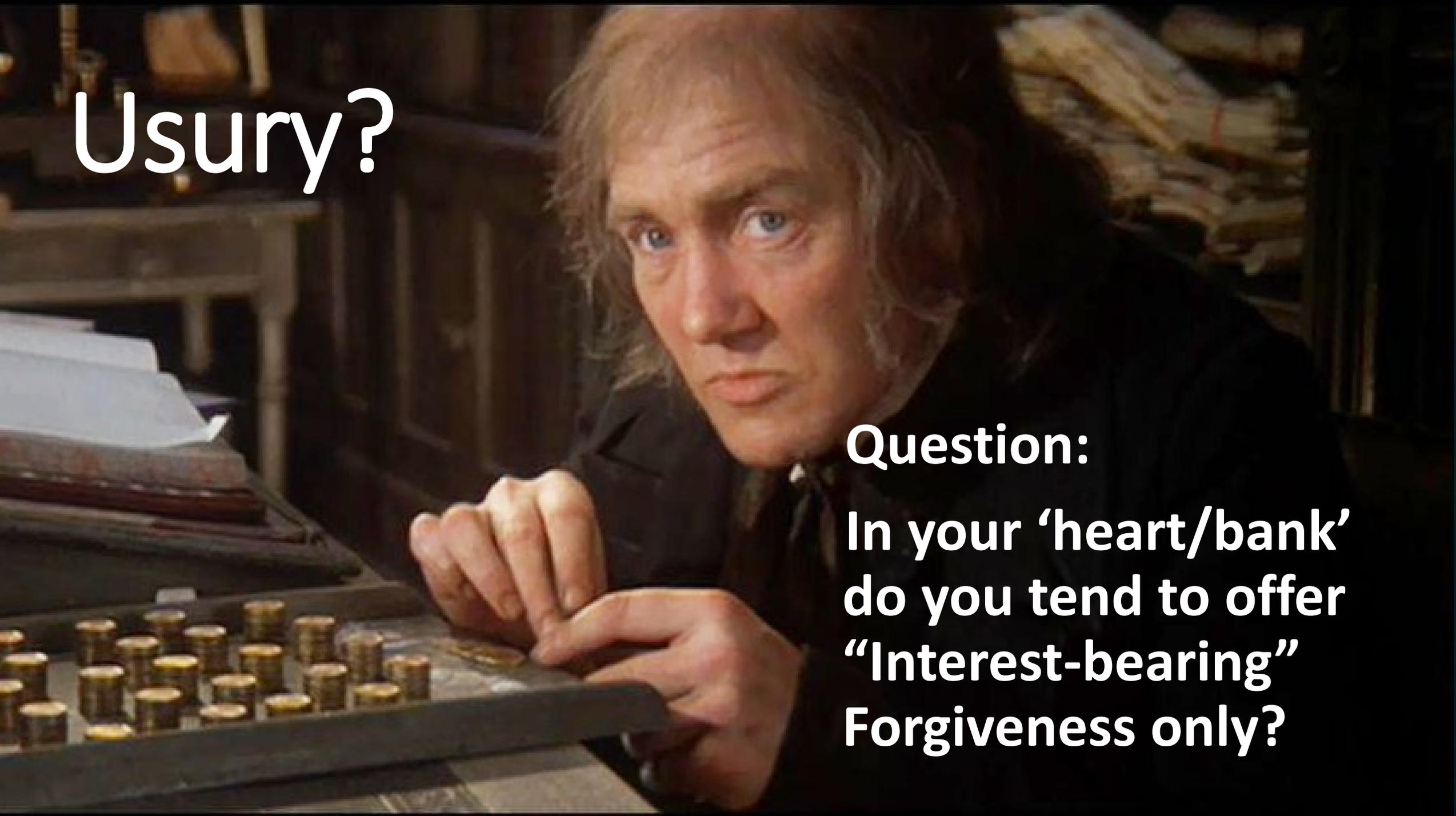
A man with long, wavy, light-colored hair and a serious expression is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark suit jacket and a dark tie. He is leaning over a dark tray filled with numerous gold coins, which he is counting with his hands. The background is dark and appears to be an office or a study, with some papers and a stack of books visible on a desk to the left.

Ezekiel 18:13

**The unrighteous are those that
“hath given forth upon usury, and
hath taken increase:**

Shall he then live?

**He shall not live: he hath done all
these abominations; he shall surely
die; his blood shall be upon him.**

A man with long, wavy, light-colored hair and a serious expression is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark suit jacket and a dark tie. He is leaning over a wooden tray filled with numerous small gold coins, which he is counting with his hands. The background is dark and appears to be an old-fashioned office or a counting room, with some papers and a wooden structure visible.

Usury?

Question:

In your 'heart/bank' do you tend to offer "Interest-bearing" Forgiveness only?

A shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep that is moving up the slope. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The shepherd is silhouetted against the bright sky, holding a staff. The sheep are densely packed, filling the lower half of the frame.

The Shepherds of Israel

Ezekiel 34:1-3

President Kimball

“Stake presidents, bishops, and branch presidents, please take a particular interest in improving the quality of teaching in the Church. The Savior has told us to feed his sheep.

I fear that all too often many of our members come to church, sit through a class or meeting, and they then return home having been largely uninformed. It is especially unfortunate when this happens at a time when they may be entering a period of stress, temptation, or crisis.

We all need to be touched and nurtured by the Spirit, and effective teaching is one of the most important ways this can happen. We often do vigorous enlistment work to get members to come to church but then do not adequately watch over what they receive when they do come.”

(In Conference Report, Oct. 1980



Cloudy and Dark Day

Ezekiel 34:11

