

**“He who increases his wealth by exorbitant interest amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.”**

**(Proverbs 28:8)**

Interest is applied in the process of money lending. The one who lend the money will require certain amount of profit that the person who receives the money will return the capital plus the interest that the lender had decided to put on.

The bible allow interest but in a small amount because the one who is lending the money, his money is stagnant and if he would only put it in a bank then he will receive interest, as Jesus recommended: **“Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.”** (Matthew 25:27)

Also in regard to the interest that is what is written, **“<sup>20</sup>You may charge a foreigner interest, but not a brother Israelite, so that the LORD your God may bless you in everything you put your hand to in the land you are entering to possess.”** (Deuteronomy 23:20) So God recommended us to take small interest from the foreigner or the non believer, but not to take any interest or take advantage of our brothers, **“If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not be like a moneylender; charge him no interest.”** (Proverbs 22:25) **“<sup>35</sup>If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you,**

**help him as you would an alien or a temporary resident, so he can continue to live among you. <sup>36</sup>Do not take interest of any kind from him, but fear your God, so that your countryman may continue to live among you. <sup>37</sup>You must not lend him money at interest or sell him food at a profit. <sup>38</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.”** (Leviticus 25:35-38)

But God abhor usury and excessive interest, **“<sup>13</sup>He lends at usury and takes excessive interest. Will such a man live? He will not! Because he has done all these detestable things, he will surely be put to death and his blood will be on his own head.”** (Ezekiel 18:13) Because that will put more pressure on the people and enslave them financially and the Lord will not be happy that His people are doing such an evil and harming others in such a way

### **My Prayer**

**Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that defines sin clearly and show me clearly your recommendation in regard to money interest. Lord I abide with your word and continue to walk with you and in your ways. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.**



**“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”**

**(Matthew 5:7)**

# **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

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**“For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.”**

**(Hosea 6:6)**

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