

# Open on Sunday

**A** recent article by the LakeShore Press entitled "Open On Sunday", wrote about the rise and progress of Holland area merchant's "catching up with the times" by opening their doors for Sunday business. Is this really progress? What does the Bible say? \*\*Exodus 20:8: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.(4th Commandment)

🌐 Press Article: *"The retail ring that surrounds Holland now hosts a bustling Sunday trade as malls, an outlet center and big box retailers have popped around the Lakeshore community--mostly along U.S. 31."* \* Nehemiah 13:15-17: *In those days I saw in Judah some who were treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sacks of grain and loading them on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, and they brought them into Jerusalem on the sabbath day. So I admonished them on the day they sold food. Also men of Tyre were living there who imported fish and all kinds of merchandise, and sold them to the sons of Judah on the sabbath, even in Jerusalem. Then I reprimanded the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing you are doing, by profaning the sabbath day?"*

🌐 Press Article: *"The pressure of the times sometimes forces change," said a past mayor of Holland.*" \* Romans 12:2: *"And do not be conformed to this world."*

🌐 Press Article: *"I think it's wonderful to have something to do on Sunday," said a Holland Sunday shopper.*" \* Isaiah 58:13: *"If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure, And speaking your own word, Then you will take delight in the LORD, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

\* Press Article quoting Rev. James Slopsema: *"This is part of the whole moral decline of our society. What people do on Sunday is a barometer of the state of our moral health."*

🌐 Press Article quoting a Sunday visitor to Holland peering into the windows of closed up 8th Street shops: *"I wish some of them were open. I guess we'll go to Saugatuck."*

Think about it.

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