

JACK P. AND DORIS T. LOWNDES SERMON COMPETITION

The Jack P. and Doris T. Lowndes Sermon Competition, sponsored by the Lord's Day Alliance, is named in honor of the Lowndes who faithfully served as executive director and administrative assistant respectively from 1992 to 2000.

Theme

The theme is "Sabbath/Sunday and a Society of Greed or Abundance and Jesus' Teaching about Money" using the passages Exodus 20:17 and Matthew 6:19-24.

Purpose

The purpose of the competition is to encourage preparation and delivery of a sermon for a local Christian congregation that highlights the importance of Sabbath in the life of Christians.

Eligibility

Practicing parish ministers, whether student pastor or full-time pastor, who have preaching responsibilities on a regular basis are eligible to submit an entry.

Dates

Manuscripts and audio recordings of the sermon must be postmarked by November 30, 2009. Winners will be notified by February 15, 2010 and announced publicly in the spring issue of **Sunday** magazine. The first-place winner will be invited to attend The Lord's Day Alliance's 2010 *Seeking Sabbath* conference to deliver this sermon.

Awards

- ❖ The following awards will be given for the top three sermons:
 - \$1,250 first prize
 - \$1,000 second prize
 - \$750 third prize
- ❖ Travel expense will be provided for the 1st place award recipient to attend the 2010 *Seeking Sabbath* conference.
- ❖ The award-winning sermon(s) will be printed in **Sunday** magazine

Rules

1. Sermons must be the original work of the submitter and must not have been published previously. Though copyright of the sermon will remain the property of the preparer, The Lord's Day Alliance will have initial rights to publish and print the sermon and any further use of the sermon in print will acknowledge the Lord's Day Alliance's Jack P. and Doris T. Lowndes Sermon Competition as the source of inspiration for the sermon.
2. The sermon must use the theme "Sabbath/Sunday and a Society of Greed or Abundance and Jesus' Teaching about Money."
3. The length of the sermon should be 2,500 words or less.

4. All quotations must be documented.
5. Participants should submit a double-spaced printed copy along with an audio copy of the sermon. The audio copy does not need to be professionally made, but should adequately record the sermon for the judges to clearly hear.
6. Winners will be contacted by the Lord's Day Alliance asking them for an electronic copy of their sermon for publication.

Judging

Sermons will be judged on the basis of the following:

- Biblical accuracy.
- Originality.
- Timeliness of topic.
- Quality of sermon construction.
- Ability to motivate/inform/call to action.

Presentation of Awards

Awards will be presented at The Lord's Day Alliance's 2010 conference *Seeking Sabbath*.

Submissions

- ❖ Include a brief cover letter giving any significant background about the sermon.
- ❖ Include a brief biographical sketch.
- ❖ Include your mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and E-mail address.
- ❖ All entries should be mailed to:

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