

HOLY BOLDNESS

THE WAGES OF SIN

1 Kings 21:17-29 Jeff Schreve

Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him.

1 Kings 21:25

What do we learn about God from Ahab and Jezebel?

1. God sees everything we say, do, and think.

A. None of us can hide our actions from God.

The eyes of the LORD are in everyplace, watching the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3

B. None of us can hide our motives from God.

All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives. Proverbs 16:2

2. God can be our friend, or He can be our enemy.

And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD. 1 Kings 21:20

A. If you make friends with sin, you make enemies with God.

B. There is a big difference between struggling and surrendering.

3. God has great patience, but it is not without limits.

A. His patience must not be misunderstood.

Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil. Ecclesiastes 8:11

B. His patience must not be taken for granted.

A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy. Proverbs 29:1

4. God is the real Sovereign, no matter who might sit as king.

- A. When He decrees a matter, it is done.

Even from eternity I am He; And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?" Isaiah 43:13

- B. Even in judgment, God longs to be gracious.

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him. Isaiah 30:18

Will you leave today yielded to God or entrenched in your sin?