

Bible Class Notes – Studies in 1 and 2 Kings – Lesson 121

Sin and its Cure

This week – God sees all our sin – our thoughts, our attitudes, and our actions.

**And Ahab said to Elijah,
“Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?”**
1 Kings 21v20

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	1 Kings 21v1-16 (Ahab covets Naboth’s vineyard)	
Monday	1 Kings 21v17-29 (Ahab’s conscience is troubled)	
Tuesday	1 Kings 22v34-38 (God’s prophesy for Ahab comes true)	
Wednesday	2 Kings 9v30-37 (God’s prophesy for Jezebel comes true)	
Thursday	Psalm 103 (The LORD is plenteous in mercy, if we repent)	
Friday	Romans 10v1-21 (Call upon the LORD and be saved)	
Saturday	2 Peter 3 (The Lord is not slack concerning Judgement)	

Important Thought for us Today: One sin always leads to another. Sin is ugly and inexcusable. Sin deceives us. Today, our permissive society has the attitude that we can do anything we like without consequence; but God has declared that, **‘the wages of sin is death.’** Romans 6v23. Sin is the cause of all misery in the world, and especially in our own lives. Our fallen human nature wants to blame others – our circumstances, others around us; even God is blamed by some for the outcome of their evil deeds. But God has placed within our souls a conscience, and so we are without excuse because He has set in our conscience His Law of right and wrong. When we are sincerely troubled by our sin then God the Holy Spirit is working in our souls to bring us to repentance and faith in the Saviour. Do recognise this as God giving you faith to repent your sin and believe.

A hymn expressing the joy of personally knowing the Saviour: (210)

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| <p>1. Jesus, and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of Thee,
Ashamed of Thee, Whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?</p> <p>5. Ashamed of Jesus! – Yes, I may
When I’ve no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.</p> | <p>4. Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend
On Whom my hopes of Heaven depend!
No! when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.</p> <p>6. Till then – nor is my boasting vain-
Till then I boast a Saviour slain;
And O, may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me.</p> |
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Wounding The Conscience – Naboth’s Vineyard.

- **Two Opposite Attitudes – One Evil, and One Godly.**
 - **Ahab** – “My kingdom, and everything in it, is for me.” Ahab was arrogant. “I want Naboth’s vineyard.” 1 Kings 21 v2., Ahab was selfish, spoilt, and greedy.
 - **Naboth** – “All that I possess is given to me by God; it is not mine to give or sell. I must keep it as an inheritance for my family, and my descendants.”

Our present generation has thrown away God’s blessings of the past. The destruction of the family, of moral teaching, of integrity, faithfulness, honesty, and unselfishness. Many Churches have thrown away the Gospel of God’s truth, replacing it with error.

Have you lost the sense of obligation to your Creator God Who has given you your soul?

- **Jezebel’s Wicked Scheme – “I will give you Naboth’s vineyard.”**
 - **Jezebel panders to Ahab’s sulking mood.** “Leave it with me.” She planned Naboth’s death so that Ahab could take his vineyard for himself. She had no conscience and used lies, deceit, and murder to achieve her end.

Do we tell lies, blame others, and take things from others to satisfy our wants?

 - **Ahab**, without any pangs of conscience, calmly takes Naboth’s vineyard.
 - **Ahab** reveals his guilt to Elijah. **“Hast thou found me O my enemy?”** 1 Kings 21v20
- **God’s Justice For Ahab – “I will bring evil upon you.”** 1 Kings 21v21
 - **Ahab and Jezebel** thought they had got away with their evil deeds. **But God saw.** Elijah said, **“Thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.”** v20 **Elijah pronounces** God’s judgement on them both. 1 Kings 21 v19-26 **These are enacted** – See 1 Kings 22v34-38 for Ahab, and 2 Kings 9v30-39 for Jezebel.
- **God’s Grace To Ahab - Judgement Delayed 3 Years.**
 - **Ahab** showed some remorse, so God graciously postponed His judgement.
 - Sadly, his sorrow for his sin was short-lived. He soon returned to his old evil ways.
- **God’s Grace To Undeserving Sinners.**
 - **God has promised to save** all who look to the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. He graciously gives us faith, enabling us to repent and believe. With our sins forgiven, Christ presents us with His righteousness to The Father.
- **God’s Final Judgement at the End of Time is Sure and Certain.**
 - **God has promised to eternally judge** all who reject His kind offer of forgiveness. **On that Great Day of Judgement, it will be too late to seek forgiveness.**

We must acknowledge and expect that due to our pride, selfishness, unkindness, lusts, lies, and rebellious unbelief we are sinners who fully deserve God’s Righteous Judgement.

May our consciences convict us and take us to the Saviour Who died on Calvary to save us.

“But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children’s children; To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.” (Repentance and Faith) *Psalm 103 vs 17,18.*