

ELIJAH – VII

INTRODUCTION: God repeatedly helps King Ahab defeat his enemy, and Ahab repeatedly refuses to honor God.

- God has had enough! **1 Kings 20:42-43**, **Proverbs 29:1**
- It happened to Sodom & Gomorrah, King Herod (Acts 12:23), Judah (2 Chronicles 36:16)

21:1-3 – “*covet*” = ‘to fix your desires on, stretch after, reach for’.

- To “*covet*” includes wanting what another has, or because they have it.
- “*Impulse Buying*” can be a form of “*covetousness*” ... a “*sin of impulse*” ... **1 Peter 5:8**
- We need to stop & evaluate our “*things*”.

21:2-3 – Naboth wouldn’t sell his vineyard – **Numbers 36:7**

21:4 – “*covetousness*” will spoil your spiritual appetite – **1 Timothy 6:10**

21:5-6 – King Ahab takes it as a personal rejection.

- Naboth only wanted God’s will, not his own.

21:7 – As a Christian, you can’t do as you please ... we are God’s children, and are supposed to act like it.

21:8-10 – This was done in the name of religion – **21:10**

- Much evil is done today under the color of “*religion*”.

21:11-13 – God’s judgment is more important than man’s judgment.

- Everything counts for eternity.

21:14-16 – Living for God is COSTLY – **Galatians 2:20**,
Matthew 16:24-25, **Romans 12:1-2**

21:17-19 – Ahab is just as guilty as Jezebel.

- “*sins of omission*” are “*indirect sinning*”, and just as accountable as “*sins of commission*” – **James 4:17**

21:20 – Christians are the enemy of Satan.

21:21-29 – Was he just “*sorry*” it caught up with him?

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

- God still had mercy on him, and he didn’t live to see the evil that would come upon his family.
- Without true repentance, punishment might be delayed, but never pardoned.

CONCLUSION:

- **LOST** – There may come a time when God says “*Enough!*”, and the Holy Spirit no longer convicts of sin..
- **CHRISTIAN** – There may come a time when God says “*Enough!*”, and He takes you home to shame His Name no more.