

The Life of Elijah

Part 6

"Ahab and the Farmer"

1st Kings 21 --- Galatians 6:7

Some injustices stir our emotions and make us long for justice.

Our story today is one of those stories.

In Samaria King Ahab built his palace and next to his palace lived a simple, humble, Godly farmer named Naboth.

The story of Naboth is one of the greatest.....

It's a tragedy that involves 4 acts, each involving Ahab and another person.

It begins in 1st Kings 21 with:

I. Ahab and the _____. v1-2

In the 1st act Ahab approaches..... Ahab said, "Give me your land and I'll....."

Notice Naboth's response v3

Naboth wasn't trying to hold out for a better deal but Naboth's firmness was based on his commitment God.

For God told the children of Israel not to sell their land to one another.

Leviticus 25:23 "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is Mine."

Numbers 36:7 *So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.*

Naboth knew that if he sold his land violating God's Word.

So Naboth says to Ahab, "NOT FOR SALE" notice Ahab's reaction v4

The most powerful man in Israel pouting and weeping..... act 1 ends

II. Act 2 Ahab and the _____. v5-7

Notice 2 things about Jezebel, notice her:

1. _____ v25

Ahab was a _____ man married to a _____ woman.

She despised God and corrupted _____ kings and _____ kingdoms.

2. _____ v8-10

Everything Jezebel told the elders to do they did.

When we read 2nd Kings we discover not only did they kill Naboth but so that Naboth's inheritance couldn't be traced back to him.

Naboth and his sons were murdered by.....

When Jezebel heard the news that Naboth was dead she told her husband in v15

I'm sure when Jezebel and Ahab heard that Naboth and home free !

But remember God is.....

III. Act 3 Ahab and _____. Notice 2 things about Elijah:

1. Elijah's _____. v17-20

Now while Ahab is checking out his new real estate guess.....

2. Elijah's _____. v21-24

God's Word says in Numbers "You can be sure your sin will find you out."

PAY DAY SOMEDAY "whatsoever a man soweth that also shall he reap."

IV. Act 4 Ahab and _____. v27-29

That's the story of Ahab and the farmer.

Notice 3 things we can learn from this story today:

1. 1st of all we need to learn where _____ can take us.

We don't know a lot about Naboth but we do know Naboth like Elijah, were men full of courage. They would rather _____ than to _____ their God!

It's real easy today to just _____ in with this corrupt and woke generation.

Just go along to get along! Don't rock the boat. Don't offend anyone!

Well friends today like never before, we need to ask the Holy Spirit

to _____ the _____ of courage in our hearts as God's people and say with the Apostle Paul in Romans 3:4 "Let.....

Give us men and women today like Naboth and Elijah who will stand on the _____ of God and declare the _____ of God no matter the cost. Lord give us.....

2. We need to learn where _____ can reach us. **2nd Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

It's amazing that God would show compassion to a man who was as..... Thank God:

There's no _____ God can't forgive. There's no _____ God can't save.

3. We need to learn where _____ can leave us.

Here's the conclusion of the story 2nd Kings 10:_____ Key thought:

When God's mercy and grace is _____ God's wrath and judgment will eventually _____!

When we look at our world today that has largely denied.....

We need to remember Galatians 6:7

One day our God will repay all the injustices of this world and one day all the.....

MASTER the Lord Jesus Christ

We all have a choice how we're going to meet Jesus;

Either we will meet Him in.....

John 1:12