

## WHEN KINGS COVET 1 Kings 21

**Big Idea:** *A humbled heart finds grace; a hardened heart faces justice.*

<sup>1</sup> “Now it came about after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, ‘Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden because it is close beside my house, and I will give you a better vineyard than it in its place; if <sup>3</sup> you like, I will give you the price of it in money.’ <sup>3</sup> But Naboth said to Ahab, ‘The Lord forbid me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.’ <sup>4</sup> So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, ‘I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.’ And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food. <sup>5</sup> But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, ‘How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating food?’ <sup>6</sup> So he said to her, ‘Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a vineyard in its place.’ But he said, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’”

1. We are fully \_\_\_\_\_ for our sin, even when others \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>21</sup> “Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel; <sup>22</sup> and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and *because* you have made Israel sin. <sup>23</sup> Of Jezebel also has the Lord spoken, saying, ‘The dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.’”

Romans 5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

John 19:11 “Jesus answered, ‘You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has *the* greater sin.’”

2. God is pleased to \_\_\_\_\_ when there is even a small measure of \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>28</sup> “Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>29</sup> ‘Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house in his son’s days.’”

Ezekiel 18:21-23 “But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>22</sup> All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live. <sup>23</sup> ‘Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,’ declares the Lord God, ‘rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?’”

Psalms 51:17 “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

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