

A Hated Prophet
1 Kings 22
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Thesis: I want to show the listen Ahab teaches us about listening to God.

Intro: 1. Ahab's foolishness & pride had a high price.
2. We can learn a lot from example, both good and bad.

I. Ahab & Jehoshaphat (**v.1-4**)

1. Ahab & Jehoshaphat agree to be allies in war against the Armeans.
2. Power and the desire for possession brings war against the Armeans.

II. Ahab & the prophets

A. The prophets of Ahab

1. The prophets of Ahab are men who do not prophesy truth. (**v.5-6**)
2. They advise Ahab to go to war (**v.10-12**)

B. The prophet of the Lord

1. The prophet as mentioned by Ahab (**v.7-9; Isaiah 30:10**)
2. The prophet (Micaiah) is brought before the King, but with a warning.
3. What he says (**v.13-15**)
 - a. The hated prophet then speaks the truth (**v.16**)
4. What he sees (**v.17-23**)
5. What he suggests (**v. 24-28**)

III. Ahab & the Armeans

A. Ahab's cowardice

1. Ahab doesn't dress in his usually royal apparel. (**v.29-30**)
2. The King of Syria commanded the captians of his chariots to kill King Ahab and no one else (**v.31-33**)

B. Ahab's disguise does provide escape from death

1. Ahab is killed by a random soldier shooting an arrow (**v.34-37**)
2. Ahab's blood is licked up by dogs just like God said in 1 Kings 21 (**v.38-40**).

IV. Lessons for us today.

A. Wisdom comes from listening to God & godly counsel. (**Isa 51:1**)

1. Those who follow God's words avoid disaster and disobedience.
2. Ahab hated the prophet of God because he didn't like hearing the truth provided by God.
3. Obedience to God instead of following after idols and such would of saved Ahab's life, instead he loses his life because of such.

B. The wicked cannot escape God (**v.34-35**).

1. The wicked sometimes only want to hear certain things, this however doesn't change the truth.
2. We find some take vengeance on God's messenger just as Ahab threatened Michiah (**v. 26-27; Jeremiah 18:18**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Ahab's pride & disobedience had a high price – death.
2. Are you like Ahab? Arrogance can close the ears of the righteous. Lets keep our ears open to God's Word & His commands.
3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9