

Ahab & Greed
1 Kings 21:1-7
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Thesis: I want to show the price of greed through the action of Ahab.

- Intro:
1. People often have plans when comes to carrying out evil actions.
 2. Such plans often harm the innocent.
 3. We will see today an evil plan is created due to greed and selfishness.

I. Ahab & the vineyard

A. Ahab's request (**v.1-2**)

1. Ahab desires a vineyard, he wants to own what is near his palace.
2. He offers Naboth money or to exchange it for a better vineyard.

B. Naboth's refusal (**v.3-4**)

1. Naboth declines because it is to remain in his family (**v.3**).
2. Ahab pouts like a child (**v.4**)
3. Ahab pouts to his wicked wife (**v.5-6**)

II. The wicked wife

A. Jezebel's wicked plan (**v.7-10**)

1. She begins by reminding Ahab he is King OVER Israel (**v.7**)
2. Her wicked plan is to bring false accusations against a innocent man, Naboth. She also uses fraud by writing and sealing letters as if they are from Ahab himself (**v.8-10**).

B. Death of a man over a vineyard.

1. "Scoundrels" carry out Ahab's (Jezebel's) evil plan (**v.11-13**)
2. Ahab takes possession of Naboth's vineyard without any questions about his death (**v.14-16**).

III. God sees & knows all things

A. Elijah brings word of God's anger (**v.17-19**)

1. God tells Elijah to go to Ahab and shows that he knows all things (**v.17-18**)
2. God tells Elijah what to say and why (**v.19**)

B. Ahab's attitude and itial response to Elijah's presence & his message from God. (**v.20-29**)

1. Ahab already views Elijah as his enemy(**v.20a**).
2. The wrath of God upon evil people & wicked deeds (**v.20b-24**)
3. More about Ahab's character is revealed (**v.25-26**)
4. Ahab mourns and God see's his actions. As a result the calamity proclaimed by God will come in the days of Ahab's son instead (**v.27-29**)

IV. Lessons for us today.

A. Greed is a sin!

1. The world sometimes has a different word for this. They sometimes call those who are greedy for worldly gain as ambitious. Being ambitious is not a sin, but greed certainly is.

2. God hear shows His wrath towards not only greed
- B. God keeps His Word.
1. Do you remember Jezebel's death? (**2 Kings 9:33-37**)
 2. Ahab's son's killed (**2 Kings 10:7-11**)
 3. Remaining members of Ahab's family killed (**2 Kings 10:15-17**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Many plans have been laid on the path of sin, but God exposes them all.
2. God ruins the plans of evil, as He brings them to light. The humbled sinner will repent, while the proud will perish (**Pro 11:21**)
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