

# The Dangers Of Naboth's Vineyard

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## 1 Kings 21:1-3

1) And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2) So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, 'Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.'

3) But Naboth said to Ahab, 'The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!'

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## 1 Kings 21:4-6

4) So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, 'I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.' And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.

5) But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, 'Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?'

6) 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 another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'

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## 1 Kings 21:7-9

7) Then Jezebel his wife said to him, 'You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.'

8) So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth.

9) And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people;

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## 1 Kings 21:10-12

10) and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, 'You have blasphemed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die.

11) So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

12) They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people.

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## 1 Kings 21:13-15

13) And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, 'Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!' Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died.

14) Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, 'Naboth has been stoned and is dead.'

15) And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, 'Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.'

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## 1 Kings 21:16-18

16) So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

17) Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18) 'Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who lives in Samaria. There he is, in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it.

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## 1 Kings 21:19-21

19) You shall speak to him, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Have you murdered and also taken possession?'" And you shall speak to him, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.'"

20) Then Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD:

21) 'Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free.'

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## 1 Kings 21:22-23

22) '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 made Israel sin.'

23) And concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'

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## 1 Kings 21:24-25

24) “The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field.”

25) But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

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- Consider the story of Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21:1-25).
- We face the same dangers today.

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## I. The Danger Of Covetousness.

- Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard.

# The Old Law On Covetousness

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's” (Exodus 20:17).

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- Covetousness is a real danger today.

# Beware Of Covetousness

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

9) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

10) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

# Beware Of Covetousness

“For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God” (Ephesians 5:5).

“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Hebrews 13:5).

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## I. The Danger Of Covetousness.

## II. The Danger Of Feeling "Entitled."

- Ahab felt "entitled" to Naboth's Vineyard.
- The feeling of "entitlement" is a real danger today.

# Feeling “Entitled”?

“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses’” (Luke 12:15).

“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Timothy 6:7).

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# Ahab's Evil Companion

“But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up” (1 Kings 21:25).

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# The Danger Of Evil Companions

“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits’” (1 Corinthians 15:33).

# Where Is The “Wrong Crowd”?

## 1 Corinthians 5:9-10

9) I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.

10) Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

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- IV. The Danger Of Progression Of Sin.
  - Ahab's first sin led to many others.
  - The progressive nature of sin is a real danger.

# Sin Makes Progress

## James 1:14-15

14) But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

15) Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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# Naboth Stood For The Truth

“So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers” (Numbers 36:7).

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- Naboth took a stand for what was right.
- Standing for what is right can be dangerous at times.

# Will You Take A Stand?

“Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle” (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:13).

# Is It Worth It To Compromise?

## Mark 8:36-38

36) For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

37) Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

38) For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

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