

SERMON OUTLINE

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Lessons from King Ahab

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I. Ahab's Information: **I Kings 16:29-33**

- A. 22-Year reign
- B. Evil, more than all who were before him
- C. Married Jezebel (daughter of Sidonian king) - molded his character
- D. Served Baal, made Asherah

II. Lessons from the Life of Ahab

- A. Are We Willing to Look in the Mirror?
 - 1. Ahab's Relationship to the Prophets:
 - a. **I Kings 17:1** - Elijah pronounces drought - 3 years
 - (1) Ahab searches for Elijah - **I Kings 18:10** - why?
 - (2) **I Kings 18:4** - Jezebel destroys prophets of the Lord
 - (3) **I Kings 18:17-18** - Troubler of Israel
 - b. **I Kings 19:1-2** - Jezebel seeks to kill Elijah
 - c. **I Kings 21:20** - [To Elijah] "O, my enemy!"
 - d. **I Kings 22:8** - [Of Micaiah] "I hate him!"
 - e. **I Kings 22:27** - Micaiah thrown into prison
 - 2. The Epic Battle We All Face: EGO vs. God: **Hebrews 5:8-9**
- B. Are We Willing to Get to Know God?
 - 1. **I Kings 20:1-3** - King of Aram against Israel
 - 2. **I Kings 20:13** - God will deliver them - know the Lord
 - 3. Do we know the Lord???
 - a. **Acts 17:27** - He is NOT far from any of us! Look and find!
 - b. **Romans 1:20** - His existence clearly seen - He's there
 - c. His working in your life - obvious - **James 1:17** - name it!
 - d. Test for Knowing Him
 - (1) **I John 2:3-4** - keep His commandments? TRUST
 - (2) **I John 4:8** - loving others? CHARACTER
- C. Are We Willing to See Our True Value?
 - 1. **I Kings 21:1-4** - Request denied, can't have what you want
 - 2. Jezebel's plan (you're the king!!!) - You want it - take it
 - 3. **I Kings 21:19-20** - Elijah finds Ahab - Sold yourself to do evil!
 - 4. How much are YOU worth? **I Cor 6:19-20** - You are worth Christ's blood. Don't sell yourself short for worthless things.