

Naboth's Vineyard

Welcome to Ampt online with Ruth.

Today we hear more about King Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel. We learn that we need to be happy with what we have. We also learn that God is just and is more powerful than powerful men.

Prayer

Let's pray together.

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you that you love us and care for us and ask that you would help us to remember everything that we have to be thankful for.

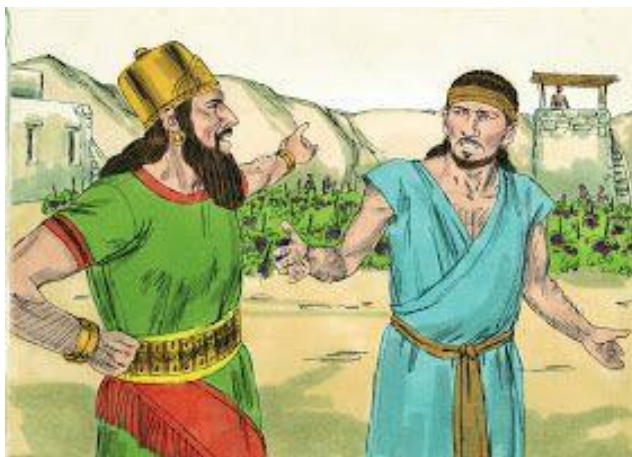
Amen

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Bible passage: 1 Kings 21:1-22 (CEV)

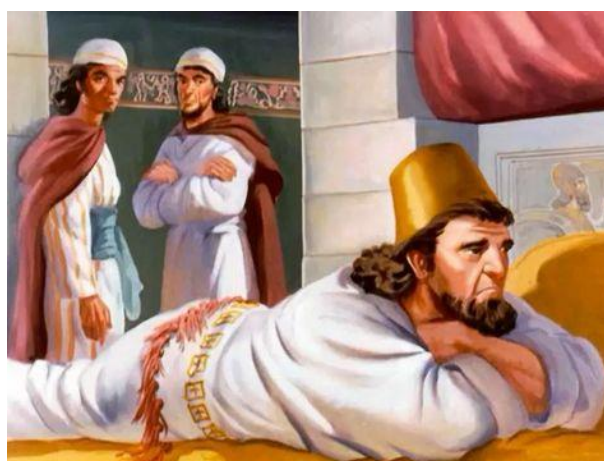


21 Naboth owned a vineyard in Jezreel near King Ahab's palace. ²One day, Ahab said, "Naboth, your vineyard is near my palace. Give it to me so I can turn it into a vegetable garden. I'll give you a better vineyard or

pay whatever you want for yours." ³Naboth answered, "This vineyard has always been in my family. I won't let you have it." ⁴So Ahab went home, angry and depressed because of what Naboth had told him.

He lay on his bed, just staring at the wall and refusing to eat a thing.

⁵Jezebel his wife came in and asked, "What's wrong? Why won't you eat?" ⁶"I asked Naboth to sell me his vineyard or to let me give him a better one," Ahab replied. "And he told me I couldn't have it."



7 "Aren't you the king of Israel?" Jezebel asked. "Get out of bed and eat something! Don't worry, I'll get Naboth's



vineyard for you. 8-

10 Jezebel wrote a letter to each of the leaders of the town where Naboth lived. In the letters she said: Call everyone together and tell them to go without eating^[a] today. When they come together, give Naboth a

seat at the front. Have two liars sit across from him and swear that Naboth has cursed God and the king. Then take Naboth outside and stone him to death! She signed Ahab's name to the letters and sealed them with his seal. Then she sent them to the town leaders.

11 After receiving her letters, they did exactly what she had asked. 12 They told the people that it was a day to go without eating, and when they all came together, they seated Naboth at the front. 13 The two liars came in and sat across from Naboth. Then they accused him of cursing God and the king, so the people dragged Naboth outside and stoned him to death. 14 The leaders of Jezreel sent a message back to Jezebel that said, "Naboth is dead." 15 As soon as Jezebel got their message, she told Ahab, "Now you can have the vineyard Naboth refused to sell. He's dead." 16 Ahab got up and went to take over the vineyard.

¹⁷The LORD said to Elijah the prophet, ¹⁸“King Ahab of Israel is in Naboth’s vineyard right now, taking it over. ¹⁹Go tell him that I say, ‘Ahab, you murdered Naboth and took his property. And so, in the very spot where dogs licked up Naboth’s blood, they will lick up your blood.’”



When Elijah found him, ²⁰Ahab said, “So, my enemy, you found me at last.” Elijah answered: Yes, I did! Ahab, you have managed to do everything the LORD hates. ²¹Now you will be punished. You and every man and boy in your family will die, whether slave or free. ²²Your whole family will be wiped out, just like the families of King Jeroboam and King Baasha. You’ve made the LORD very angry by sinning and causing the Israelites to sin.

Review questions

1. Why did Naboth say no when King Ahab asked if he could buy his vineyard?
2. How did King Ahab respond to Naboth’s answer?
3. What did Jezebel do so King Ahab could have what he wanted?

Application

We can stop ourselves from feeling jealous by remembering the good things in our life and thanking God for all he has given us. Write a list of what you have to be thankful for.

Elijah & Naboth's Vineyard

1. What did Naboth have that King Ahab wanted?



2. How did King Ahab feel about Naboth telling him no?



3. Who helped King Ahab get it?



4. How did King Ahab get the vineyard?



5. Did God like what King Ahab and Jezebel did to get the vineyard?



Green Eyed Monster and Happy Face Biscuits

An old saying is that someone is green with envy, or that jealousy is imagined as a "green eyed monster".

Remember to keep thanking God for all his goodness to us and not wish for what our friend

has. You could decorate some biscuits as the green-eyed monster and the rest as happy faces reminding us to be happy with what God has given us.



Ingredients

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tablespoon water or fruit juice
- 1 packet of plain sweet biscuits
- Smarties or m and m's
- Bag of mixed lollies

Method

1. Sift icing sugar into a bowl; add enough water to make a spreadable paste.
2. Spread a teaspoon of icing onto the biscuit and then use the lollies to make the faces.

Another option is to make the faces on a slice of bread and butter using veggies or fruit.