



The Ministry of Elijah

Lesson 5: The LORD is My Judging God

Intro: Joshua 24:14-22

Service of God is both

- a.
- b.

Summary of 1 Kings 20: More grace towards Ahab!

I. Ahab and Jezebel Condemned - 1 Kings 21

Naboth Refuses Ahab's Offer - 1 Kings 21:1-4

Numbers 36:7-9

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Jezebel's Reaction - 1 Kings 21:5-16

Which commandments of God were broken...

by Ahab?

by Jezebel?

Elijah Announces God's Judgment - 1 Kings 21:17-29

Judgment on Ahab... but Delayed Fulfillment

Judgment on Jezebel

Digging Deeper 1:

In his Large Catechism, Luther explains coveting as "being unwilling to see our neighbor enjoy what God has granted him." Give some modern examples of the continuing truth of that statement.

Digging Deeper 2:

Jezebel and Ahab used the legal system as a cover-up for their covetous greed.

How is the same done today? Should a Christian always exercise their "rights"? If not... why not?

Fulfillments:

1 Kings 22:29-38

2 Kings 9:20-26

2 Kings 9:30-37

The End of Ahab

Digging Deeper 3:

God was patient with Ahab, but judgment finally fell.

How do you answer the often heard criticism: "I just can't believe in a God like that! I believe that God is love"

II. Judgment on Ahaziah - 2 Kings 1

Background on Ahaziah

Beel-Zebub, god of Ekron

Digging Deeper 4:

What clues does the text provide us as to why the first two units of soldiers were destroyed?

Examples of similar attitudes today?

III. Judgment on Jehoram, King of Judah - 2 Chronicles 21

Jehoshaphat's misguided plans - 2 Chron. 20:35-37

Marriage into Ahab's family

A pointed letter from Elijah

Digging Deeper 5:

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.
Consider Jehoshaphat's actions in light of this passage from Paul.

*BUT – then – are we to be "separatists" from society?
How can we witness to unbelievers if we have no interaction with them?*

How do we, as the salt and light of the world, resolve this tension?