



# 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?*