



Payday Someday

Lesson 21 • 1Kings 21

*Remaining loyal in times of apostasy is hard – real hard! But you know what's even harder?
Remaining loyal to the LORD when you have been **UNJUSTLY** treated for being loyal to the LORD!*

What Is 1Kings 21 All About?

The Context 1Kings 20–22 focuses on the failures of Ahab the Apostate King of Israel. These three chapters are a powerful reminder...
Apostasy fails to prevail because God's Word rules over all!

The Big Idea There will be a **PAYDAY SOMEDAY** for those who rebel against the LORD by unjustly treating His loyal remnant.
*God's Word promises that one day there will be a payday when He pours out His **VENGEANCE** on His rebel enemies in order to **VINDICATE** His elect remnant who remained loyal in spite of being treated unjustly.*

What to Remember to Remain Loyal Until Payday Someday

1. Remaining Loyal Results in **SUFFERING** Injustice from the World. (1-16)

► The **PROPOSITION** by King Ahab to his neighbor, Naboth. (1-4)

1) The **proposal** by Ahab. (1-2)

2) The **refusal** by Naboth. (3)

*His refusal is due to **OBEDIENCE** to the LORD and HIS WORD: Leviticus 25:23-28; Numbers 36:7-9*

*His refusal is due to being loyal in the **LITTLE** things:*

*I will not **disobey** the LORD or **dishonor** my family...even if it's only a vineyard!*

*His refusal is due to being loyal to the LORD even when...it's **COSTLY**... it's **LONELY**... it's **DEADLY**!*

The INNER-WORKINGS of Naboth's HEART Are Revealed
Obedient, loyal, and filled with sacrificial love for God and others!

3) The **emotional** reaction by Ahab. (4)

The INNER-WORKINGS of Ahab's HEART Are Revealed
Stubborn, rebellious, bitter, and filled with selfish anger!

► The **QUESTIONS** by Queen Jezebel to her husband, Ahab. (5-7)

(5) **Question:** *Why are you so bitter and pouting like a baby?*

(6) **Answer:** *Naboth refuses to give me his vineyard...he won't sell it or even trade it for a better one!*

*But he said: "I will not"
"give you (= the king!)"
"my vineyard"*

*Ahab projects his own **stubborn refusal**...
his own **subversive** rebellion...
his own **selfish rejection** onto Naboth's heart!*

(7a) **Question:** *What kind of king are you? Are you the king or not?*

(7b) **Command:** *Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite!"*

The INNER-WORKINGS of Jezebel's HEART Are Revealed
Arrogant, willful, and speaks and acts like she is a goddess herself!

The INNER-WORKINGS of Ahab's Marriage Are Revealed

A reversal of God's design for marriage – Ahab is the passive husband and Jezebel is the domineering wife!

- The **MANIPULATION** by Queen Jezebel against loyal Naboth. (8-14)

The INNER-WORKING of Ahab's Leadership Is Revealed

Ahab may be the head of the nation but Jezebel is the neck that turns the head with wicked manipulation and abuse of power!

- (8) Her manipulation **exercises unjust AUTHORITY**,

- (9-10) Her manipulation **encourages unjust ACCUSATIONS**.

- (11-14) Her manipulation **ends in unjust ACTIONS**.

- The **POSSESSION** by King Ahab of Naboth's vineyard. (15-16)

- (15) Jezebel again **SPEAKS** like she a goddess: "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth...for Naboth is not alive, but dead!"

- (16) Ahab **OBEYS** like the WORD of Jezebel rules over all instead of the WORD of LORD: "Ahab arose to go down...and take possession of it!"

2. Remaining Loyal Requires **STRENGTHENING** Yourself in the LORD and His Word. (17-18)

Two Reminders for the Loyal Remnant

- The spiritually **WEAK** allow injustice to spread.

"The text is telling us that injustice flourishes not only by wickedness but by weakness, not merely from a lack of goodness but by a lack of guts." – Dale Ralph Davis

- The spiritually **STRONG** stand up to injustice.

3. Remaining Loyal Reveals the **SOVEREIGN** God We Worship. (17-26)

We Worship the Living God Whose Word Rules Over All!

He Promises to Vindicate the Loyal and Pour Out Vengeance on the Disloyal!

Remaining Loyal When Treated Unjustly...

- Reveals that we worship a **BIG / SOVEREIGN** God. (17-18)

- Reveals that we worship a **JUST** God. (19)

- Reveals that we worship a **JEALOUS / HOLY** God. (20-26)

The Question Today Is Whose Side Are You On?

Are you an ENEMY of the LORD or are you a part of His LOYAL REMNANT that He has preserved by His unconditional grace?

- Reveals that we worship a **MERCIFUL** God. (27-29)

At the Cross the INNER-WORKINGS of God's Heart Are Revealed

Our LORD God Delights in Showing Mercy While Dispensing Justice!

BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **Ephesians 2:4-9**

There's a payday someday for His rebellious enemies, so **humble yourself** before the LORD to receive His mercy before the judgment.
James 4:6-10

There's a payday someday for His elect remnant, so **strengthen yourself** in the LORD to remain loyal in spite of unjust treatment.
Luke 18:1-8