Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: Following 1st Service
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
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The Dark Road of Coveting

by Darrell Trammel

Last week's readings included 1 Kings 21, which is a story of greed and covetousness. King Ahab covets the vineyard of Naboth, and that leads him into several sins. The story becomes a warning for us about the dangers of coveting.

In our Wednesday night class on Colossians, we talked about idolatry from chapter 3:5 calling covetousness idolatry. Paul identifies it this way because it consumes us. We desire something we do not have and begin to devise ways to attain it. That is what Ahab did. He coveted the vineyard and began to devise ways to obtain it. It leads him into deceit, injustice and the death of Naboth. This is the ugliness of coveting. Many don't see that side of it. Through social media, advertisements, etc people are accustomed to looking at what others have and wanting it for themselves. For many, it leads down the same road as Ahab, though perhaps not the point of murder. We must be on guard against worldliness that would feed our desires and lead to this idolatry!

Ahab and Jezebel were both involved in the scheme to steal Naboth's vineyard. Jezebel not only comes up with a deceitful scheme to falsely accuse Naboth, but she impersonates Ahab to get it done! Once the scheme came to fruition, Naboth is killed for that false accusation. A terrible end for a man that, as far as is revealed to us, had done no wrong. He simply wanted to keep what was his and what he had worked hard to build.

If we were only considering a worldly view, Ahab would have gotten away with stealing the vineyard. No one was going to question the king, and perhaps everyone except those who knew Naboth well would believe the

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Ladies' Class - November 10

Our Next Gospel Meeting with Terry Slack is scheduled for November 1-4

Gospel Meeting in Georgetown - November 6-8

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

false accusation. But God was watching and He saw everything. Elijah is sent to condemn the idolatry of Ahab. He even calls Elijah his enemy. That's not because he was some sort of political rival, but because Elijah condemns Ahab and Jezebel's wickedness.

Ahab does actually show some remorse. He tears his clothes and puts on sackcloth, humbling himself before the Lord. (side note: what king of king could Ahab have been if he had a God-fearing wife instead of Jezebel?) Because of this remorse and humbling of himself, God waited until the time of his son to bring about the disaster on his house. Even Ahab could seek repentance and the favor of the Lord!

Beware, brethren! Coveting can seem so harmless, but it grows into an ugliness that can crowd out the righteousness in our hearts. It can lead down a dark and deadly road! That which we gain in Christ is FAR MORE than anything we can gain in the world. "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5)

Bible Reading for this week:

Monday: 2 Kings 6:8–8:6, John 9:19–41

Tuesday: 2 Kings 8:7–9:29, John 10:1–8

Wednesday: 2 Kings 9:30–10:36, John 10:9–21

Thursday: 2 Kings 11–12, John 10:22–42

Friday: 2 Kings 13–14, John 11:1–16

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Stinnett, Jim & Judy Trammel, Autumn Felps, Terry Berhns, Sylvia Stinnett, Margaret and Randall Vanaman

Doug Adair is recovering slowly.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dorthy Steadman, Dinah Williams, Terry Berhns.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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