

Following is the outline from a message by Pastor Dave Tietjen at Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton IL
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Message Notes

“And Can It Be? – Part 1”

1 Kings 21:15-21 (ESV)

April 30, 2017

A Theft Completed: Lessons from “D. B. Cooper”

- ◆ **He Worked Thoughtfully**
 - ◆ **“On the Afternoon of Thanksgiving Eve, November 24, 1971 . . .”**
- ◆ **He Won Briefly**
 - ◆ **“10,000 Unmarked \$20 Bills”**
 - ◆ **Four Parachutes (Two Primary, Two Reserve)**
- ◆ **He Withdrew Mysteriously**

“Despite an extensive manhunt and protracted FBI investigation, the perpetrator has never been located or identified. The case remains the only unsolved air piracy in commercial aviation history.” (Wikipedia)

An Accomplished Theft: Lessons from King Ahab

- ◆ **The Circumstances Reveal God’s Patient Purposes**
 - ◆ **Amid Turbulent Events**
 - ◆ **Israel’s Warfare**
 - ◆ **Elijah’s Witness**

“Surely the Spirit of the Most High, like the hound of heaven, pursues petulant people; perverse people; proud people with incredible tenacity. God, in His grace, declines to destroy any stubborn souls as long as there is even a shred of hope that they might yet repent, reverse their ways and turn to Him for newness of life.” (Phillip Keller)
 - ◆ **After a Treacherous Eviction**
 - ◆ **The Act: Sin Unknown?**
 - ◆ **The Assessment: Sin Unpunished?**
- ◆ **The Sentence Reveals Sin’s Problems**

“Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Have you killed and also taken possession?”’ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.”’” (1 Kings 21:18-19)

◆ **We Have a God Who Sees All**

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13)

They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; and they say, “The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive. . . . He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see? . . . He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness.”

(Psalm 94:6-7, 9, 23a)

◆ **We Have a God Who Seeks All**

◆ **By Seeing that Sin Disturbs Our Peace**

◆ **The King’s Desire**

◆ **The King’s Disappointment**

“Sin always holds out a pleasant vineyard to entice us, but it never mentions the Elijah who comes with the vineyard – an Elijah to gaze solemnly into our hearts and to declare boldly that God’s judgment will ultimately fall on our sins.”

(Roger Ellsworth)

◆ **By Showing How Sin Distorts Our Thinking**

◆ **When Aligning with Companions**

◆ **When Abandoning Church**

◆ **By Securing that Sin Destroys Everything**

◆ **His Own Life**

◆ **His Own Family**

“God Almighty saw to it that the hungry dogs despised the brains that conceived the plot that took Naboth’s life. God Almighty saw to it that the mangy lean dogs of the back alleys despised the hands that wrote the plot that took Naboth’s life. God Almighty saw to it that the lousy dogs which ate carrion despised the feet that walked in Baal’s courts and then in Naboth’s vineyard.”

(R. G. Lee)

◆ **By Sending One Who Overcomes Sin’s Effects**

“Christ’s death bought me deliverance. His resurrection means I will meet the proof of God’s pardon personally as my Redeemer, not my Judge. Embrace that truth for yourself; extend it effectively to others.”

(Pastor Dave)