

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

### “Reality Check”

#### 1 Kings 21:25-29 (ESV)

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#### Change in Status of Library – Transition Considered

- ◆ Some Items Ended
- ◆ Some Items Endure
- ◆ Some Items Entertain
  - ◆ “They’re Singing Our Song”
  - ◆ “You Know You’re from Chicago”
  - ◆ “Being a Christian Is Like Being a Pumpkin”

#### Change in Sinful Lifestyle – Repentance Considered

Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD. Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.” . . . (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited.) . . . And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster upon his house.”

(1 Kings 21:20-21, 25, 27-29)

- ◆ A Surprising Expression
  - ◆ Ahab’s Insufficiency – Hiding His Heart
    - ◆ Did Not Rebuke
    - ◆ Did Not Restore
    - ◆ Did Not Repudiate
  - ◆ God’s Intention – Highlighting His Mercy
- ◆ A Serious Examination
  - ◆ Formally – “Metanoeo” or “Change of Mind”
  - ◆ Actually

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:36-38)

*“Belief is persuasion as a result of reflection on sufficient evidence and, where that persuasion exists, it will be reflected in one’s perspective and lifestyle.”*

(Earl Radmacher)

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret,  
whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

◆ **Fruitfully**

◆ **Reprieve of Sentence**

“The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.” (Matthew 12:41)

◆ **Return to Solidarity (with God)**

◆ **Reward Your Search**

About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter.” . . . “He will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.” (Acts 10:3-5; 11:14)

“The only condition of eternal life is faith in Christ. However, repentance may make a person more receptive to the gospel and may incline God to bring the gospel to that person.” (Bob Wilkin)

◆ **A Satisfying Enjoyment – “The Pumpkin Picture”**

Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live . . . (Ecclesiastes 9:3b)

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)

“From all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ezekiel 36:25b-27)

**“God carves you a smiling face  
and puts His light inside you for all to see.”**