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FOUND OUT I Kings 21

We should always be mindful of the Almighty God's gaze. He sees. He knows. He rebukes and He punishes.

I. **ROYAL CORRUPTION** (1-16)

A. AHAB'S POUTING (1-4)

- 1. Because he was never satisfied
- 2. Because Naboth rejected a very reasonable offer on religious grounds
- 3. Because he is extremely immature

B. JEZEBEL'S CONSPIRING (5-10)

- 1. Determination (5-7)
 - I will give you the vineyard (7)
- 2. Deception (8-10)
 - a. The decree (8) > A fraudulent abuse of power
 - b. The declaration (9-10) > Aimed at using the Law to her advantage
 - c. The decision > Giving an appearance of justice

C. CITIZEN'S COMPLYING (11-13)

- 1. The Leaders (11-12)
- 2. The "Witnesses" (13a)
- 3. The Commoners (13b)

D. AHAB'S GRABBING (14-16)

- 1. Jezebel's Information (14-15)
- 2. Ahab's Excitement (16)

II. **RIGHTEOUS CONFRONTATION** (17-26)

A. THE MESSENGER (17-19)

- 1. Who: Elijah (17)
- 2. Where: Samaria (18)
- 3. What: Question and condemn Ahab (19)

B. THE MEETING (20)

- 1. Ahab's Greeting
- 2. Elijah's Explanation

C. THE MESSAGE (21-24)

- 1. For Ahab (21-22)
- 2. For Jezebel (23)
- 3. For Ahab's Courtiers (24)

D. THE MEMO (25-26)

- 1. Ahab's Evil (25)
- 2. Ahab's Idolatry (26)

III. **REAL CONTRITION** (27-29)

A. AHAB'S REPENTANCE (27)

- 1. Sincere
 - a. True humility
 - b. No excuses
- 2. Surprising
 - Confrontation brought contrition

B. GOD'S MERCY (28-29)

- 1. Ahab's humility restrained God's hostility
- 2. Judgment is deferred but not dismissed

CONCLUSION:

"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

- Hebrews 10:31

We can hide nothing from the omniscient gaze of God.

Let us seek to live right so He has nothing faulty to find.