1 Kings - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 3, God’s Words

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DECEMBER 11

And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.

1 Kings 22:14

Micaiah had been told by the king’s messenger that he must speak good words to the king. Micaiah’s response is our verse today. He would not be intimidated by others or have his thoughts changed by man. He would speak only what God told him to speak. This takes real courage, especially when the majority is against you. But God always rewards faithfulness.

CareLines: Volume 3, Evil

DECEMBER 17

There was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord.

1 Kings 21:25

Ahab has gone down in Bible history as an extremely wicked person. He SOLD himself to work wickedness. He played right into Satan’s hand and caused untold damage in Israel. But he paid the price. Today Ahab is still in hell, in torments because of his evil life. Don’t be like Ahab.

CareLines: Volume 3, Sulking

DECEMBER 10

And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased . . . and would eat no bread.

1 Kings 21:4

Ahab was mad. So he sulked. The verse also tells us that he laid on his bed and turned away his face. Why? The same reason that most of us sulk. He couldn’t get what he wanted. He wanted another man’s property. The man, Naboth, wouldn’t give it to Ahab. Covetousness, if not satisfied, will cause you to sulk and when it is satisfied you’ll still want more. Learn to be content with what you have and, if the Lord wants you to have more, He will give it to you.

CareLines: Volume 7, First

Make me thereof a little cake first.

1 Kings 17:13

Just as Elijah had to be served first before the poor widow had much blessing, so we must give God first place in our lives if we are to be blessed. Our world encourages the “me first” syndrome. But God’s Word teaches us to put the Lord first, others next, and ourselves last.

CareLines: Volume 2, Commitment

1KI 15:14

Asa’s heart was perfect with the Lord all his days.

1 Kings 15:14

Another way to say this is “Asa’s heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life.” Two words really stand out in this - fully and all. Compare this to Solomon who started out well but finished in shambles. David is another example who made a very serious mistake because his commitment quit for a while. That’s the way it is with Satan. As soon as our commitment to the Lord fades, the devil’s right there with a whopping big temptation to make us trip up. Let’s make Asa’s example a motto for ourselves - to be committed to the Lord all our life.

MAY 10

When the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon’s wisdom . . . there was no more spirit in her.

1 Kings 10:4,5

The Queen of Sheba was totally awe-struck. Here was the most incredible array of kingly wisdom, power, wealth, respect and glory that she had ever seen. It’s just a little picture of what heaven will be like. When we see our King on His throne, and all His wisdom, power, wealth, respect and glory - then we will be totally awe-struck too - forever!

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