Three Men Meet In Israel

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INTRODUCTION

- We're going to encounter three men, three very different men who will their past will converge in Israel in 1 Kings chapter 22.
- These three men are Ahab, the king of the northern tribes of Israel, Jehoshaphat, the king of the southern tribe of Judah, and a prophet by the name of Micaiah.
- Ahab is wondering if it's time to end the truce and go and attack Ramoth Gilead.

1 Jehoshaphat: A Desire to Know God's Will

Hebrews 5:14

- From Jehoshaphat, we learn and we see that he had a desire to know God's will.
- That should be our pattern. Before we do anything, let's stop and ask God.
- We have the spoken and written word of God. And so we need to consult that.
- He was not only interested in knowing the truth, he was able to discern between truth and error.
- But solid food belongs to those who are a full age. That is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
- A good man was able to discern and to desire God's will, to discern between good and evil, but he had a very bad habit of picking bad friends and bad allies.

2 Micaiah: The Majority May Be Wrong

Matthew 7

- One thing we can learn about Micaiah is that the majority may be wrong.
- The majority is wrong simply because the majority often chooses the wrong way.
- Broad is the way, easy is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be that find it.
- He was, and we will probably be persecuted for doing right. He was thrown into prison for speaking up and saying what was right.
- Will we have the attitude of Micaiah? I'll say and do what God says, no matter what.
- The third lesson we learned from Micaiah is that we must guard the truth and our reputation.

3 Ahab Did What He Wanted to Do

- Ahab went to battle against the Syrians, despite being warned not to. Because that's what he wanted to do.
- He tried to prop it up by having false prophets who would tell him what he wanted to hear.
- Here's what I want to do. Now let me see if I can find a verse that I can twist that'll let me do that.
- We'll be humble enough to listen to what God says. And say, even though that's not what I want to do.

- Like Micaiah would say, I'll only speak what God says. Ahab should have said, I'll only do what God says.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What do you need to do in order to be saved? How about like Micaiah? Let's just ask God and do what He says.**

MY NOTES