

NABOTH'S VINEYARD

The conflict between Naboth and Ahab is found in I Kings 21. The vineyard of Naboth was “hard by the palace of Ahab.” They were next door neighbors and Ahab wanted the vineyard to plant a garden of herbs. He made what seemed to be a fair offer for the land, but Naboth was not interested in selling. He also knew that to do so was contrary to the will of God (Leviticus 25:23; Numbers 36:7. In fact, Naboth said, “The LORD forbid it me”(verse 3). Naboth thought it was important to obey God rather than man. This upset Ahab to the point he went home and pouted like a small child not getting his way. He was use to getting his way and did not know the meaning of NO! Jezebel then enters the picture and takes care of whatever it is that is causing Ahab to be displeased. There is no evidence that Jezebel had any conscience at all. She evidently was without fear of either God or man. Elam’s Notes, (1927) states, “She was one of the most, if not the most, ungodly, impious, and daringly wicked women who has ever lived...Her name is synonymous with wickedness and rebellion.” Jezebel came up with a plan to falsely accuse Naboth and have him killed. She carried out her plan and then delivered the vineyard over to her husband Ahab. The scriptures indicate that she also had Naboth’s sons killed as well (II Kings 9:26). All seemed well at the time, but Elijah is waiting to address this wickedness. *L. Cole*

MORE PREACHERS LIKE PAUL

What kind of preaching do you like to hear? Who is your favorite preacher (if you have such a thing)? What is your favorite kind of sermon?

If you are a preacher or an elder, what kinds of sermons are preached the most from your pulpit? More specifically, what topics are dealt with regularly? What topics are dealt with occasionally? What topics are never touched?

What would your congregation be like if the Apostle Paul was your regular preacher? Would the sermon topics or the sermon content be any different? Preachers (and churches) would do well to model their preaching after the pattern of Paul, who “*have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God*” (Acts 20:27). Paul did not pick and choose his favorite topics or avoid unpopular ones! He did not leave out certain portions of Scripture or certain doctrines because they did not match his philosophy or because it might be offensive to some. He preached the WHOLE counsel of God! What would it be like if preachers followed that same pattern today?

Paul preached about and against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31; 2 Timothy 4:3-4). Paul preached about and against false doctrines (I Timothy 4:1-3; Colossians 2:8-23). How often does that happen in pulpits today?

Paul preached about marriage, divorce and remarriage (I Corinthians 7); withdrawing of fellowship (I Corinthians 5:1-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15); God’s role for women in the church (I Corinthians 14:34-35; I Timothy 2:8-15); the exclusive nature of congregational singing in worship (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16); the sinfulness of homosexuality

(Romans 1:18-32; I Corinthians 6:9-11); adultery (I Corinthians 6:9; Galatians 5:19); fornication (I Corinthians 6:9-20; Ephesians 5:3-5); drinking (Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:21) and social drinking (Ephesians 5:18; I Thessalonians 5:4-8); the importance of modesty (I Timothy 2:9; Romans 12:2). How often are any these heard from today's pulpits?

Paul preached against religious division (I Corinthians 1:10), and therefore, against denominationalism, although it did not yet exist (cf. I Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3-4). Paul preached the absolute essentiality of baptism for salvation from sins (Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 5:25-27). Paul preached the exclusive nature of the Lord's one church (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23), to which one must belong in order to be saved (Ephesians 5:23) and to go to heaven (I Corinthians 15:24). How many pulpits today ring out these same messages? How often?

Paul reached the whole counsel of God! And he shunned not from doing it! He did not budge, waver or compromise the fullness or the content of the message! He did not read a verse and then tell funny stories and anecdotes. Paul preached the Word! What if that was still happening today?

—David Sproule, copied from FOCUS on Findlay, 1/14/18

IF...

IF Christ stood before you right now and said, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*" what would you do?

IF the Lord will save us without baptism, why did Peter command it (Acts 10:47-48)?

IF the Lord promises us salvation without baptism, why did Peter say it saves (I Peter 3:21)?

IF sprinkling and pouring are scriptural baptism, why did Paul say there is ONE baptism (Romans 6:1-6; Colossians 2:11-12)?

IF we can receive remission of sins without baptism, why did Peter say baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)?

IF we get into Christ without baptism, why did Paul say we are baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27)?

IF we get into the body of Christ without baptism, why did Paul say we are baptized into the body (I Corinthians 12:13)? The body and the church are the same (Colossians 1:18).

IF Jesus Christ grasped your hand and said, "*If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments,*" would you love and obey Him? —copied

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

Jan 21, 2018

Coordinator Steve Anderson
Announcements Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.. Phul. 4:15-17... Dallas Eddie

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer. George Clay

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Gavin Spurlin, Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—Evangelism
PM Sermon—Greater Things of God

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Reading...I Jo.3:19-21 Dallas Eddie
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord's Supper Roger Draper
. Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... George Clay
Song Leader Dallas Eddie
First Prayer. Justin Draper
Opening Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.
Closing Prayer Mitchell Brooks

**Prepare Communion for JAN
Karen H. & Diana P.**

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

01/14/18

Wednesday.	37
Worship Sunday AM	59
Bible Study Sunday AM	54
Daily Bible Readers	26
Worship Sunday PM	40

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 21st. Annual Treasurers Report

Jan. 28th. Fellowship Meal

Pantry Item: Spaghetti Sauce

READING SCHEDULE FOR JAN

01 Gen. 1-3	11 Gen. 33-35	22 Exod. 20-22
02 Gen. 4-6	12 Gen. 36-38	23 Exod. 23-25
03 Gen. 7-9	13 Gen. 39-42	24 Exod. 26-28
04 Gen 10-12	14 Gen. 43-46	25 Exod. 29-31
05 Gen. 13-15	15 Gen. 47-50	26 Exod. 32-34
06 Gen. 16-19	16 Exod. 1-2	27 Exod. 35-37
07 Gen. 20-23	17 Exod. 3-5	28 Exod. 38-40
08 Gen. 24-26	18 Exod. 6-8	Lev. 1-2
09 Gen. 27-29	19 Exod. 9-11	29 Lev. 3-5
10 Gen. 30-32	20 Exod.12-14	30 Lev. 6-8
	21 Exod.15-19	31 Lev. 9-11