

# Not Him, The Other Guy

## *Micaiah*

(1 Kings 22)

- Introduction:
1. Who was the prophet that King Ahab hated?
  2. Most would answer, "Elijah," and they would be right, but I'm not talking about him, but the other guy, "Micaiah."

### I. Background to the Story

- A. (1 Kings 22).
- B. Ahab was a really wicked King (1 Kings 16:30-31; 1 Kings 21:25).
- C. Ahab, king of Israel, asked Jehoshaphat, king of Judah to help him in battle against the king of Syria (1 Kings 22:3-4).
- D. Jehoshaphat asked Ahab to inquire what the Lord thinks about his plan (1 Kings 22:5).
- E. Ahab gathered around 400 "prophets" who all said, "Go for it" (1 Kings 22:6).
- F. Jehoshaphat asks for a better prophet, a prophet of the Lord (1 Kings 22:7).
- G. This prophet, Micaiah, told him that his plan would fail (1 Kings 22:17).
- H. Micaiah was then put in prison for telling the truth (1 Kings 22:27).

### II. Lessons We Can Learn from Micaiah

- A. We should have a reputation like Micaiah.
  1. (1 Kings 22:7-8).
  2. (Mark 12:14) Jesus cares about no one...
  3. (Matthew 5:37) Let your yes be yes...
  4. If we can't be trusted, what influence will we be for the Lord?
- B. Don't be afraid to tell the truth.
  1. Fear is one of the reasons behind many lies.
  2. There's a reason why 400 men told Ahab what he wanted to hear and only one told the truth.
  3. Ahab and killed prophets, and as far as Micaiah knew, he was going to be his next victim – but he told the truth anyway.
  4. Many think lying is not as bad as Rev. 21:8 says it is.
    - a. "Lying is universal - we all do it; we all must do it. Therefore, the wise thing is for us diligently to train ourselves to lie thoughtfully, judiciously; to lie with good object, and not an evil one; to lie healingly, charitably, humanely, not cruelly, hurtfully, or maliciously" (Reformer).
    - b. "Today I bent the truth to be kind, and I have no regret, for I am far surer of what is kind than I am what is true...Love expressed in kindness hides some truths (facts) that are better hidden than revealed. Truth can be 'bent' because love is kind. But be very

careful that you have the right motive, the greater good” (The Examiner).

5. Ills. Of man who told me it would be better to deny Jesus and live than to confess him and die.
- C. Not everyone will believe the truth.
1. (1 Kings 22:29).
  2. How many people today argue with the word of God?
  3. Proving something and proving something to someone are two different things (Acts 17:1-4).
- D. There will always be false prophets.
1. (2 Peter 2:1).
  2. (1 John 4:1).
  3. (1 Timothy 4:1-2).
  4. Whose voice will you listen to?
  5. Nathaniel Hawthorne – The New Adam and Eve – If you love me, come away.
- Conclusion:
1. I believe there are valuable lessons to be learned from this overshadowed prophet.
  2. I wish I knew whether or not Micaiah survived or not, but I’m confident he could not be shaken.