

“Naboth’s Field”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 29 – 1 Kings 21:1-29
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I. Naboth’s Vineyard – Modern Connections

A. Justice and Injustice

1. Naboth was not guilty of the kind of legal injustice so often condemned in Scripture.
2. The fact of inequality is not condemned as injustice in Scripture (See Ex. 23:6; Pr. 17:23, 21:25; Is. 1:17; Hab. 1:4.)
3. This account condemns coveting on all levels: Governmental, Societal, and Personal.

II. Naboth’s Vineyard – Gospel Connections

A. Both Naboth and Jesus were innocent and faithful.

B. Both had enemies who were seeking their inheritance.

Matthew 21:38 - But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.”

C. Both were condemned through false accusations.

Matthew 26:59–60 - ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰ They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward.

D. One death cried for judgement, the other for mercy.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:1 - Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

E. One man is still dead; the Other is risen.

Romans 5:8–10 - ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!