

MY NAME IS NABOTH 1 Kings 21

At this time in Israel, Naboth was in a small _____, one who truly feared God and sought to obey His law. His beliefs were unpopular and politically _____; in the eyes of others he worshipped an outdated God.

I. _____ IS THE COMMON LOSS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A. The Persecution of Naboth Was _____

- 1) Jezebel sought to destroy the _____ of Yahweh; it was a factor in her seeking to kill Naboth
- 2) Jezebel's plot made Naboth the scapegoat—God's blessing was forfeited because he _____ God

B. The Persecution of Naboth Was _____

- 1) In Muslim, Communist & Hindu nations, it is the _____ system that is persecuting God's people
- 2) In our country, we still live by and large in an _____, protected by the First Amendment
- 3) But our Lord Jesus has promised His people will suffer persecution, even from _____ members

C. The Persecution of Naboth Was _____

- 1) The description of Jezebel's plot is matter-of-fact, with no emotion as if human _____ is not involved
- 2) 2 Kings 9:26 indicates that it was not just Naboth that was killed: his entire _____ was wiped out

D. The Persecution of Naboth Was _____

- 1) It was not just Jezebel; the _____ of Jezreel who had known Naboth for years did not bat an eye
- 2) We must not expect that other Americans will take up our cause; bible-believing _____ are being so marginalized by the Leftists that many cannot even conceive of us as _____ beings

II. GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE PERSECUTION OF HIS PEOPLE IS _____

A. God Does Not Always Intervene to _____ the Persecution and Martyrdom of His People

- 1) This principle is illustrated in the pages of the _____ as well as the pages of church history
- 2) This disparity continues today: we have liberty while believers elsewhere face persecution & _____
- 3) Why does God intervene for some but not others? He is _____ and we are not: His way is perfect

B. God Has Supplied a "Naboth" Who _____ When We Suffer Persecution

- 1) Finally God did not spare His own _____ because it was not part of His plan for our good His glory
- 2) Both Naboth & _____ were accused by 2 false witnesses & executed by an unjust justice system
- 3) If we must ever face persecution & injustice, we can run to Christ; He will understand our _____

C. God Will Ultimately _____ Those Who Wrong His People

- 1) At the end of the story, it all seems to have gone wrong: Ahab and Jezebel seem to have gotten away with it; there was no one to deliver Naboth from wickedness clothed in absolute _____
- 2) But it's not the end of the story! _____ has seen and thru Elijah He promises to avenge Naboth
- 3) God's people may be powerless to right wrongs, but God says, "Vengeance is _____, I will repay"
- 4) The book of _____ was written to assure God's people—in the end God will right the balances