

ELIJAH "When the Judgment of God Falls" 1 Kings 20 - 2 Kings 1 July 13, 2025

Read 1 Kings 21:17-26 & 2 Kings 1:1-4

The People's Refusal

- 1) Their persistent evil choices
- 2) Their <u>confrontation</u> to bring <u>conviction</u> & change
- 3) Their continued compromise
- 4) Their certain consequences they are condemned
- 5) Their cataclysmic conclusion

The Lord's Requirement & Response

- 1) The Lord wanted them to <u>turn</u> from Baal and follow Him <u>alone</u>
- 2) The Lord wanted them & the world to clearly know He was the Lord 2 Kings 20:13; 28
- **3)** The Lord offered them so many opportunities to <u>repent</u> and <u>return</u>, but they <u>refused</u>. Exodus 34:6; Nehemiah 9:17, Psalm 86:15; Jonah 4:2
- **4)** The Lord will bring His justice in His time Numbers 14:18; Psalm 37:28; Isaiah 1:27; 30:18; Jeremiah 9:24; Isaiah 42:1,3-4

Our Response:

- 1) Why does Ahab respond with repentance in 1 Kings 21:27–29, and how does God respond? What does this interaction teach us about God's mercy—even toward wicked people?
- 2) Have you ever seen someone blessed by God despite rebellion? How do you reconcile that with God's justice?
- 3) Elijah calls down fire from heaven against his enemies. How do you understand the judgment of God on human sin?
- 4) The modern church doesn't often talk about very much about God's judgment. Is that Biblical? Is it wise? How much emphasis should be placed on the doctrine of hell and the final judgment?
- 5) What does this whole section teach us about God's patience, justice, and call to wholehearted obedience?