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## CAN'T OUTWIT GOD

### INTRODUCTION

“Can’t” - not happening; won’t take place; cannot.

“Outwit” - plot; scheme; outsmart; circumvent; baffle; trick; thwart; foil; get around.

“God” - the living God; the Almighty; Creator; Deity; Divine.

In the days of the kings, there is one that stood out for all of the wrong reasons: Ahab.

(1 Kings 21:25-26) “was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness ... “

(1 Kings 21:19) “Thus says the Lord: in the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.”

(v1-16) is the story of Jezebel, Ahab, and Naboth.

(v17-19) God sends Elijah with the prediction of Ahab’s death.

Ahab thought he could beat (outwit) God’s prediction, so he planned a battle that he thought he could win. Conspires with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, to re-capture the city of Ramoth, which was in the hands of the king of Syria.  
He tries to “outwit” God by putting on a disguise.

Here’s the story: (1 Kings 22:29-40).

### LESSONS WE LEARN FROM THIS STORY

#### 1. YOU CAN’T HIDE FROM GOD’S WILL

Elijah warned Ahab of God’s judgment, and Ahab thinks he will outsmart God.  
Do you think, like Ahab, that God’s judgment can be outwitted by you? (Ecc. 12:13-14)

#### 2. YOUR FAULTS WILL HURT OTHERS

Ahab’s decision affected Israel, Judah, and Syria; and he still did not win.  
(Romans 14:7) “None of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.”

Can’t say, “It’s my life, and I’m not hurting anyone.” - you hurt many who care.

#### 3. YOU WILL GET WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED

Ahab got it three years later: (1 Kings 22:1)  
(Titus 1:2) “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised ... “

#### 4. DRESS AND ACT LIKE WHO YOU ARE - (Matthew 5:14-16)