

SERMON SERIES: Life in His Name

SERMON TITLE: Payday – Someday

TEXT: 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:5

FULL TEXT OF SERMON – 1 Kings 16 – 2 Kings 9

**Discussion Questions:**

There are two common axioms: There is no free lunch. And, there is a Payday Someday.

- What do these two axioms tell you?
- Axioms are truths. Do people think and live today as if these are not true?

**Theme:** There are eight scenes between 1 Kings 16 and 2 Kings 9 that paint word pictures of King Ahab, king of Israel, and his wife Jezebel. Through the prophet, Elijah, we viewed God's Payday – Someday on Ahab and Jezebel.

**Examination of Scripture:**

**In 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:5** what is the description of Ahab, king of Israel?

Here we see the first appearance of the prophet Elijah. What is your impression of him?

**In 1 Kings 18** we see a further description of Ahab and Elijah.

How would you describe Ahab?

What does Elijah do in this event?

Who gets the glory from what happens?

**1 Kings 19** – What happens to Elijah and why?

What do we see about the character of God in Elijah's situation?

**In 1 Kings 21** there is an event that takes place. Describe the event.

What did Naboth do that he deserved his outcome?

What is God's prophecy through Elijah?

**In 1 Kings 22** – how does God's payday take place for Ahab?

Jehu appears in Israel's history as King of Israel. What is your impression of Jehu from the passage – **2 Kings 9:1-20**?

**2 Kings 9:30-37** How does the prophecy from God through Elijah play out for Jezebel? (compare 1 Kings 21:22)

**DISCUSSION OF APPLICATIONS:** Discuss the following six lessons or truths, and how they relate to the saga of Ahab and Jezebel.

- God's Word is authentic and comes to pass in detail.
- Our sin is transparent before God.
- Our problems, illnesses, and tragedies are not necessarily God's judgment on us. (thinking of Naboth)
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- There is a payday for sin.
- On the Cross of Jesus, sin met its payday.
- Sin must be Confessed, Forgiven, and Forsaken.