

“GOD IS NOT MOCKED!”
(Galatians 6:6-10)

Introduction:

1. In this passage Paul is speaking of our responsibility in giving.
 - a. Those who learn from a teacher are to support the teacher.
 - b. The church must help the poor as opportunity presents itself.
2. The law of sowing and reaping is the underlying principle of our giving.
 - a. We reap what we sow.
 - b. If we sow to the flesh (spend our money on selfish pursuits), we will reap corruption (eternal punishment).
 - c. If we sow to the Spirit (give generously to the Lord’s church), we will reap everlasting life.
3. God is not mocked.
 - a. Some mock God by giving less than they should or not giving at all.
 - b. Some mock God by giving to other causes in place of His church.
 - c. But God will not be mocked - He will hold us accountable.
4. King Ahab learned too late that God is not mocked.

Discussion:

- I. **AHAB WAS ONE OF THE WORST OF ALL THE BAD KINGS OF ISRAEL.**
 - A. He was weak, selfish, and immature.
 - B. He was encouraged in wrongdoing by his wife, Jezebel.
 1. She was a pagan who persecuted the prophets of God.
 2. She was behind much of Ahab’s evildoing: “There was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up” (1 Kgs. 21:25).
- II. **AHAB COVETED THE VINEYARD OF NABOTH IN JEZREEL (1 KGS. 21).**
 - A. The vineyard was Naboth’s family inheritance (Lev. 25:23-28).
 1. Ahab wanted to buy it for a vegetable garden.
 2. When Naboth refused to sell, the king went home and pouted like a spoiled child.

3. Jezebel told him she would take care of the matter.

B. Jezebel wrote letters to the elders of Jezreel.

1. She commanded them to proclaim a feast with Naboth as a guest of honor.
2. During the feast, two men were to accuse Naboth of blaspheming God and the king.
3. It was done as she ordered; Naboth and his sons were stoned to death on a false accusation of blasphemy (cf. 2 Kgs. 9:26).

C. Ahab went to take possession of the property purchased by murder.

1. Elijah the prophet met the king with a message from God.

“Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and made Israel sin. And concerning Jezebel, the Lord also spoke saying, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel’” (1 Kgs. 21:21-23).

2. God is not mocked! We always reap what we sow!
3. Ahab humbled himself before the Lord, but it did not last.

III. JEHOSHAPHAT, KING OF JUDAH, CAME TO VISIT AHAB (1 KGS. 22).

A. Ahab invited Jehoshaphat to go to war with him against Syria.

1. Jehoshaphat wanted to inquire of the Lord first.
2. Ahab’s 400 paid puppet prophets said, “Go up and prosper.”
3. Jehosaphat asked, “Is there not still a prophet of the Lord that we may inquire of him?”
4. Ahab replied, “There is Micaiah, but I hate him because he only prophesies evil concerning me” (cf. Gal. 4:16).”

B. Ahab sent for Micaiah to please Jehoshaphat.

1. The servant who brought him encouraged Micaiah to say what would please the king.
2. Micaiah replied: “Whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak” (1 Kgs. 22:14).
3. When Ahab asked, “Shall we go to war?” Micaiah sarcastically replied, “Go and prosper.”

4. Then Micaiah said he saw the Lord on His throne.
 - a. God asked, “Who will persuade Ahab to go to war that he may fall?”
 - b. A spirit volunteered to be a lying spirit in the mouth of Ahab’s 400 false prophets.

IV. ISRAEL AND JUDAH WENT UP TO DO BATTLE WITH SYRIA.

- A. Ahab thought he could still mock God.
 1. He did not wear his kingly garb but dressed as an ordinary soldier.
 2. The king of Syria had told 32 of his captains not to fight with anybody else but the king of Israel.
- B. An archer in Syria’s army shot an arrow at random.
 1. The arrow struck Ahab between the joints of his armor.
 2. The blood from his wound ran down into his chariot; Ahab died that evening.
 3. God is not mocked! Whatever a person sows, he will reap!
- C. Ahab’s chariot was taken to a pool in Samaria where the blood was washed out; dogs came and licked it up.
 1. Ahab’s sons were killed by Jehu, a commander in his army.
 2. When Jehu came to Jezreel, he commanded Jezebel be thrown down from the window of the palace; he drove his chariot over her (2 Kgs. 9).
 3. When they came to bury her body, the dogs had eaten it.
 4. God is not mocked! Whatever a person sows, he will reap!

Conclusion:

1. Why does feeble man think he can hide anything from God who sees and knows all.
2. “For God will bring every work into judgment including every secret thing, whether it is good or whether it is evil” (Eccl. 12:14).
3. Many think they can ignore God’s plan of salvation and still go to Heaven.
4. God will not be mocked (Mark 16:15,16; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)!