

LIFE OF ELIJAH: A Study by Bill Jones
“When Patience Gives Way to Judgment”

1 Kings 21

I. Three truths about God’s judgment:

A. Although God’s mercies are great, there is an end to God’s patience.

(Genesis 19:1-29, 2 Chronicles 36:11-16, Daniel 5, Acts 12:21-23, 2 Peter 3:9)

B. Although God’s judgment does not always come quickly, it does come suddenly.

(Proverbs 29:1. Ecclesiastes 8:11)

C. Although God sometimes waits long in pronouncing judgment, once promised, it cannot be stopped.

(Proverbs 6:12-15, Revelation 21:5, 22:6)

II. Although God bestows many blessings, all we have belongs to God, and we are merely His tenants.

(1 Kings 21:3, Leviticus 25:10,13-17,23-28,34, Numbers 36:7-9, Ezekiel 46:16-18, Matthew 25:14-30)

III. Although God’s law is perfect and good, wicked men and women will use it for their evil purposes.

(1 Kings 21:9-10, Exodus 22:28, Leviticus 24:14, Numbers 35:30, Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15, Luke 4:9-12)

IV. Although we rationalize our sin so as to justify it, our sin will find us out.

(1 Kings 21:16, Numbers 32:23)

V. Although we obediently follow God, we can expect persecution and the cost is always our life either as living sacrifices or through physical death.

(1 Kings 21:13-14, Daniel 3, Matthew 5:10-12, 10:39, 16:24-25, Mark 8:34-35, Luke 9:23-24, John 16:33, Acts 7:1-60, 12:1-19, 14:22, Romans 5:3-5, 8:35-39, 12:1,12, James 1:2-4,12, 5:10, 1 Peter 1:6-7, 3:14, 4:12-19)

VI. Although sin has its fleeting pleasure, it also has its consequences.

(1 Kings 21:16-24)

A. Sin disturbs our peace.

(1 Kings 21:16-17)

B. Sin distorts our thinking.

(1 Kings 21:20)

C. Sin finally destroys everything.

(1 Kings 21:19-24, 22:34-38, 2 Kings 9:24-26, 30-37, 10:6-7,9-17)

VII. Although we speak the truth, we will often be hated for it.

(1 Kings 21:20)

VIII. Although God's judgments are sure, God honors and acknowledges humility.

(1 Kings 21:27-28, 2 Chronicles 7:14, 33:12-13, Psalm 51:17, Jeremiah 18:7-10, Joel 2:13, Luke 13:6-9)

IX. Although God's judgments are sometimes slow in coming, comparison and procrastination are dangerous responses.

(Joel 2:12-13, Matthew 7:21-23, 13:20-21, Luke 12:15-21, Acts 1:16-20, 8:9-24, 2 Corinthians 13:5, 2 Timothy 4:10, Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-39, 12:16-17, James 2:19, 2 Peter 1:10-11, 3:9, 1 John 2:18-19, 5:13)