

## 1 Kings 19:12–13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> ... And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And a voice said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

1 Kings 19:15, 18 (NLT)

Then the LORD told him, “Go back the same way you came...” <sup>18</sup> Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!”

## 1 Kings 20:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> Then a certain prophet came to see King Ahab of Israel and told him, “This is what the LORD says: Do you see all these enemy forces? Today I will hand them all over to you. Then you will know that I AM the LORD.”

1 Kings 21:25–26 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup> No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the LORD's sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel...

...<sup>26</sup> His worst outrage was worshiping idols just as the Amorites had done - the people whom the LORD had driven out from the land ahead of the Israelites.

# **A Portrait of EVIL**

**1 Kings 20-21**

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**“Go BACK the same way you came... (NLT)**



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who have NEVER bowed down to Baal... (NLT)

## Hebrews 11:36-39 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated

## Hebrews 11:36-39 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. **They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.** <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

**Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)**

For God is not unjust. **He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him** and how you have **shown your love to HIM**

**BY caring for other believers**, as you still do.

So send I you to labor unrewarded, To serve  
unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,  
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing  
So send I you, to toil for Me alone.

So send I you to loneliness and longing, With heart  
a-hungering for the loved and known,  
Forsaking home and kindred, friend and dear one  
So send I you, to know My love alone.

So send I you- by grace made strong to triumph  
O'er hosts of hell, o'er darkness, death and sin,  
My Name to bear and in that Name to conquer -  
So send I you, My victory to win.

So send I you- My strength to know in weakness,  
My joy in grief, My perfect peace in pain,  
To prove My power, My grace, My promised  
presence - So send I you, eternal fruit to gain.



So send I you- to bear My cross with patience,  
And then one day with joy to lay it down,  
To hear **MY voice, Well done, My faithful servant-**  
Come share My throne, My kingdom and My crown!

## To make Seizure of the Vineyard LEGAL...

- Corrupt Judges made **FALSE** accusations
- Naboth had to **DIE**
- His **sons** also had to **DIE**

An innocent man and his sons lay dead;  
an **Evil king and queen** had made a mockery  
of justice; responsible citizens had engaged  
in this great Evil. And God had not intervened  
to prevent this from taking place.

**EVIL** appeared to have won to have  
spoken the last word.

But although **God's judgment is NOT always  
IMMEDIATE, it is Always CERTAIN.** HOTC

Isaiah 45:5–6 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is **NO OTHER**;  
apart from **ME** there is no **God**...

<sup>6</sup> ...know there is **none besides Me**. I am the  
**LORD**, and there is **NO OTHER**.

Praise the Lord! **His MERCY is more**  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, **His MERCY is more**

The best of life on Earth is a glimpse of **Heaven**;  
the worst of life is a glimpse of Hell.

For **Christians**, this present life is the closest they will come to **Hell**. For **unbelievers**, it is the closest they will come to **Heaven**. RAlcorn

Psalm 73:25-26 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but **YOU**?

**I desire YOU more than anything on earth.**



<sup>26</sup> My health may fail, and my  
spirit may grow weak,  
but **God remains** the strength of my heart;  
**HE is mine forever.**

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