

Ahab - continued

Some want a quick fix to life's problems, so they follow man's wisdom (Hebrews 11:25).

When the Righteous Sell Out

Nations will fall into disarray when they sell out and abandon their righteous (Christian) principles (Proverbs 14:34).

Christians will fall from grace when they sell out and abandon their faith (1 Timothy 1:19).

Preachers will fall from their privileged work when they sell out and abandon the word of God (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Local churches of Christ will fall from their influence in the community when they sell out and abandon the truth (Revelation 2-3).

Don't Sell Out

When you sell yourself to the devil, you become his slave (John 8:34; Romans 7:14). Selling your soul to the devil is just not worth the price of eternity in hell (Matthew 25:46). Friend, don't sell out!

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- You should never graduate from the school of experience as long as you live.
- Treasures in heaven are laid up when treasures on earth are laid down.
- A kind word picks a man up when trouble weighs him down.
- Nothing can hold liquor like a bottle, so why not leave it in the bottle?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Ahab Sold Himself to Do Evil

“And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah” (1 Kings 21:20).

“But there was none like unto Ahab, who did sell himself to do that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up” (1 Kings 21:25).

Are you a sell-out? Have there been times in your life when you stood strong for what was right, but under certain circumstances you “caved” and gave into what was wrong? You sold out the Lord and abandoned him. If so, then you can learn from others who have done the same thing. You can learn how it happens and be determined to never let that happen again. Friend, you don’t have to be a sell-out to the devil.

We are told in the Bible that King Ahab sold himself to do that which was evil and we are told why. If we find ourselves having the same approach to life as Ahab did, we may find ourselves selling ourselves to do evil as he did.

Ahab Sold Himself

First, Ahab was unconcerned about

sin (1 Kings 16:30-33). How do you view sin? Is sin a “big deal” to you, or nothing?

Second, Ahab was set against truth (1 Kings 18:17-18). What is your view of truth in the Bible? Do you want to hear it and obey it, or do you care nothing for it?

Third, Ahab was lenient toward God’s enemies (1 Kings 20:42). What is your approach toward those people and things that are contrary to God’s wishes? Do you give them aid, or do you reject them?

Fourth, Ahab was greedy of personal gain (1 Kings 21:2; 22:39). What is your view of material things? Do you value material things and money more than God’s word?

Fifth, Ahab was influenced by his wife to do evil (1 Kings 21:25). Do you let others influence you to do wrong, or do you hold fast to what is right in the word of God?

Sixth, Ahab was open to falsehood (1 Kings 22:8, 18, 20-23). Who do you listen to? Do you listen to people who say all kinds of erroneous things, or do you listen to the truth of God’s word?

These are the reasons that caused Ahab to sell himself to do evil. In short,

Ahab sold out to the devil (2 Kings 17:17)!

Why Some Sell Out

Today, many people, including some Christians, sell themselves to do evil. They do the very things Ahab did and often for the same reasons.

Some believe they can’t go on and keep being faithful (Genesis 25:27-34; Hebrews 12:16).

Some are not committed to the cause of Christ like the former generations (Judges 2:10).

Some love money more than God (Matthew 27:3; 1 Timothy 6:10).

Some love this world too much and do worldly things (Mark 8:36).

Some give into peer pressure and fall away from Christ (Matthew 26).

Some lose sight of their mission and their goal of heaven (Galatians 5:7).

Some pay the cheap price of sin and give up (Romans 6:23).

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