

and wrote letters to the chief men in the city where Naboth lived, and she signed the king's name to the letters. In the letters she told those men that they must take Naboth and bring him before the people and call two witnesses who would say that they had heard Naboth curse God and the king, and for this they must have Naboth taken to a place outside the city and stoned to death. Then she waited to see how her wicked plot would turn out.

The men did exactly as the letters told them to do, and they took Naboth outside the city and stoned him to death. Then they sent word to the wicked Queen Jezebel, saying, "Naboth is dead." She went to the king and said, "Go and take the vineyard for your garden, for Naboth is dead." And King Ahab went out into the vineyard and took possession of it.

Do you think God would let this wicked deed go unpunished? No, indeed, as we shall see.

While King Ahab was walking around in the vineyard thinking what a fine garden he would have, he saw Elijah, the prophet of God, coming toward him. Elijah told him that God knew all about the wicked deed that had been done, and God had sent him to tell King Ahab that he would die in the very same place where Naboth had been stoned to death.

Our Golden Text says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Ahab? 2. Who was Jezebel?
3. Who owned the vineyard that King Ahab wanted for a garden? 4. What did King Ahab ask him to do? 5. Why would Naboth not sell his vineyard? 6. How did King Ahab act? 7. Who found him lying there?
8. What did she say? 9. What did she do?
10. What did the men do when they got the letters? 11. What message did they send to Queen Jezebel? 12. What did she run and tell the king? 13. What did he do?
14. Whom did God send to him? 15. What was God's message to King Ahab? 16. What would have been the right thing for King Ahab to do? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

My Saviour, as Thou wilt :
If needy here and poor,
Give me Thy people's bread,
Their portion rich and sure.
The manna of Thy word
Let my soul feed upon ;
And if all else should fail,
My Lord, Thy will be done ! Amen.

—Hymn 288, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 112. What is meant by the wine in the Lord's Supper ?
The blood of Christ, shed for our sins.

The Question on Missions

10. What do the women do in their homes ?
The young girls have to mind the babies, and watch the gate, and as soon as they are old enough they learn to sew and spin the cotton thread for their clothes. They make the cloth and paper soles for shoes, and some do very beautiful embroidery.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

These words of the Tenth Commandment (to be copied) teach us that we should not

THOU SHALT NOT COVET
--

allow evil thoughts and desires to remain in our hearts.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD OVERCOME TEMPTATION