

Lesson X.

CONQUERING EVIL

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1 Kings 21 : 11-20 ; Ephesians 5 : 11-18. Study 1 Kings 21 : 1-29 ; Ephesians 5 : 6-21.

*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 5, 8, 9.

Golden Text—Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them.—Ephesians 5 : 11 (Rev. Ver.).



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- 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

THE LESSON RETOLD

King Ahab was a wicked king who lived in the land of Israel long before Jesus came to the world. Ahab had a very wicked wife named Jezebel. Now it happened that there was a beautiful vineyard next to the palace of King Ahab. It belonged to a poor man named Naboth. Day after day King Ahab looked out of his window and longed to have that vineyard to make a garden for himself. He went to Naboth and offered to give him another vineyard in place of that one or to pay him for it in money. But Naboth would not sell his vineyard for any amount of money, because it had been given to him by his father

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jer'ebel had sent unto them, *and* as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Na'both on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Be'lial, and sat before him: and the men of Be'lial witnessed against him, *even* against Na'both, in the presence of the people, saying, Na'both did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jer'ebel, saying, Na'both is stoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to pass, when Jer'ebel heard that Na'both was stoned, and was dead, that Jer'ebel said to A'haz, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Na'both the Jez'reelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Na'both is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass, when A'haz heard that Na'both was dead, that A'haz rose up to go down to the vineyard of Na'both the Jez'reelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of the Lord came to Eli'jah the Tish'bite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet A'haz king of Is'rael, which is in Samaria: behold, *he* is in the vineyard of Na'both, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Na'both shall dogs lick thy blood, *even* thine.

20 And A'haz said to Eli'jah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee*: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

Eph. 5 : 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

and had been owned by his family for many years.

King Ahab was very angry when he found he could not buy the vineyard, and what do you think he did? He went into the palace and flung himself down on a couch like a cross, petted child and turned his face to the wall and would not touch any food all day. Queen Jezebel came in and found him lying there. "What is the matter?" she asked. Then Ahab told her all about it. "O never mind," she said, "I'll manage it. I'll get the vineyard for you."

So away she went and sat down in her room

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