

WHEN DESIRE TURNS DEADLY

1 Kings 21:1–29

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 21:1–29; Proverbs 6:16–19; 15:3; Isaiah 53:7–8; Matthew 10:18, 28;

Galatians 6:7–8; Joel 2:12–13; 2 Thessalonians 1:6–7

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. When have you struggled to accept “no” from God (21:1–4)? Where is your own heart tempted to covet what God hasn’t given? How are you discontent with your circumstances, position, possessions, or relationships?
2. Where are you facing situations where obeying God comes at a personal cost—whether financially, socially, or relationally (21:3)? How do you feel the tension between choosing faithfulness and choosing comfort? What would it look like to step into that uncomfortable place of obedience, and what would it cost you?
3. In what areas of your life are you tempted to compromise or cut corners to get what you want, even if it means doing something wrong (21:5–16)? Where are you turning a blind eye to injustice, or avoiding confrontation because it’s easier than standing up for what’s right? How are you letting passivity or avoidance hurt your relationships, work, or ministry? How does the fear of conflict keep you from standing for what God commands?
4. When have you felt like injustice is winning, and evil people seem to get away with their sin (21:15–16)? How does God’s promise of justice give you hope when it seems like evil is unchecked? In what ways has God entrusted you with influence or authority, and how are you using that to bring about justice? Where is God calling you to act with courage to address injustice around you?
5. How do you respond when God’s Word confronts your sin (21:27–29)? Do you humbly repent or harden your heart? When God exposes your weaknesses or failures, do you resist or make excuses, or do you open your heart to His correction? Is there any sin He is bringing to light in your life today? What is the first step you need to take toward genuine repentance?”

RECOMMENDED READING

Brian S. Rosner, *Greed as Idolatry: The Origin and Meaning of a Pauline Metaphor* (Eerdmans, 2007)
Thaddeus J. Williams, *Confronting Injustice without Compromising Truth: 12 Questions Christians Should Ask About Social Justice* (Zondervan Academic, 2020)