

## Regicide

### I. Slide1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide2 Stuff the Bus/helping teens in crisis (in Riv.) - now til Nov.1.
- B. Slide3 Movie *Same Kind of Diff as Me* - if you didn't get tickets...At Edwards/Tem. Begins this Fri 20th. check for showtimes.
- C. Prayer: Read Jehoshaphat's prayer in 2 Chron.19:6-12.

### II. Slide4a **Intro:** *Regicide*

- A. **Story:** The only survivor of a shipwreck washed up on a small uninhabited island. He cried out to God to save him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to **build a rough hut** and put his few possessions in it. **But** then one day, after hunting for food, he arrived home to find his **little hut in flames**, the smoke rolling up to the sky. **The worst had happened**; he was **stung with grief**. Early the next day, though, **a ship drew near** the island and **rescued him**. *"How did you know I was here?"* he asked the crew. *"We saw your smoke signal,"* they replied. [Though it may **not** seem so **now**, your *present difficulty* may be instrumental to your *future happiness*]
- B. Slide4b **Outline:** God **Knows** The Future. God **Sees** The Heart. God **Keeps** His Promises

### III. Slide5a **GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE (1-6)**

- A. Wow, this Shunammite woman experienced 3 tragedies: the death of her son, the uprooting of her household, & the loss of the property.
  1. Yet, she was faithful to the Lord **and** was kind to God's servant.
  2. God helped her escape the famine **and** then used the miracle of her son's resurrection to help her regain her property.
    - a) She could cry out, *And I know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.* Rom.8:28
    - b) Of course you are going to wonder **why** God permits some of your trials...**but wait and see how He will use them.**
- B. Slide5b Nothing happens in our **life** **or** in the **world** apart from the *divine appointment for permission.*

1. Behind every event and incident there is divine providence.
  2. But this must have looked like an *accident* or a *coincidence* from the king or Gehazi's perspective. **But if we abide** in the will of God, **life** will be sown with **divine coincidences**.
  3. There's a big difference between the providence of God & *fortune, fate or luck*.
    - a) The key to this difference is found in *the personal character of God*.
    - b) *Slide5c Fortune is blind while God is all-seeing. Fate is impersonal while God is a father. Luck is dumb while God can speak.*
    - c) There are no blind, impersonal forces at work in human history. **All** is brought to pass by *the invisible hand of Providence*.
  4. **We are creatures with the will of our own**. We make things happen. Yet the *causal* power we exert is **secondary**. God's sovereign providence stands **over and above** our actions. He works out His will through the actions of human wills, without violating the freedom of those human wills. *eg. Joseph & bro's, But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Gen.50:20* God worked in & through their treachery/sin.
- C. *Slide6a The King* (God) has a wonderful memory for those who fed Him when He was hungry!
1. Mt.25:37-40 nlt *Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!*
- D. (3) When she returned 7 yrs later she found in her absence others had settled on her land.
- E. *Slide6b* (5) Ps.37:23 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.* (as were hers here)
1. Let God lead you **and** life will be full of *coincidences & serendipity*...in which you will see His handiwork.
- F. **How does this first incident illustrate God's watchful care over His own?**

1. Slide6c Ps.33:18-22 NLT *But the Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. 19 He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. 20 We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. 21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. 22 Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.*

#### IV. Slide7a **GOD SEES THE HEART (7-15)**

- A. (7) *When he was desperate, Ben-Hadad wanted Elisha's help, but he did not want Elisha's God.* Wiersbe
- B. (9) What a *responsibility* on the prophet of the day...I bet this was a **future** he probably wished that he didn't know.
  1. Slide7b Could this be one of the reasons why God doesn't show us everything in the future? Do you have things you wish you could **un-see**?
- C. Slide7c (10) Moffatt translates this, *the man of God's face became rigid w/horror, absolute horror.*
  1. This sickness would not be mortal, **but** he would die prematurely.
- D. (11,12) Oh that *men/women of God today* would have more of **this gift of weeping** over the miseries of the **hurting**.
  1. **Picture this scene**...staring deep into his soul until he's uneasy.
  2. **What makes you cry, what brings you to tears?** (pause)
  3. Slide8,9 This tree reminds me of when we toured the Killing Fields & S-21 prison camp (an old HS) in Cambodia. **Pol Pot & the Khmer Rouge Regime** from 1975-1979 massacred or caused the death of 1.7 to 2.5 million Cambodians, out of a population of around 8 million. **Killed off all professionals & the educated. Babies bashed against this tree** (It was so the children "wouldn't grow up and take revenge for their parents' deaths").
  4. **Kel, HT quote**...99% of victims are NEVER rescued. Less than 1% of traffickers are ever convicted.
  5. **What are the top 2 things that breaks your heart in our world today?**
    - a) Can you break into groups & just take a few minutes to discuss this.  
I can't get \_\_\_\_\_ out of my head/heart. [don't correct them]

6. What about **after** the weeping?...**Then what?**...what is my part? what do I do?
- E. **Slide10a** What is the Difference Between a Hurricane & Human Trafficking?
1. **Slide10b** The sin of injustice can be defined as, the abuse of power by taking from others the good things that God intended for them, namely, their life, liberty, dignity, or the fruit of their love or their labors.
  2. It's when a stronger person abuses his/her power, by taking from a weaker person, what God alone has given the weaker person, God judges this as sin.
    - a) This is why the bible says, **those who oppresses the poor insult their Maker.** Prv14:31
  3. **Slide10c** In injustice situations, the weaker person isn't suffering because of random unfairness, an uncontrollable act of nature, or a patch of hard life. **Rather**, the weaker person is suffering because of the very intentional abuse & oppression of a stronger person. **This is injustice!**
    - a) The biblical response to injustice is to **seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.** Is.1:17
  4. The poorest people in our world suffer from hunger, homelessness, illiteracy & sickness. Our response should be to bring food, shelter, education & medicine.
    - a) They suffer from **bad storm, bad harvest, bad bacteria, bad famine etc.** *These are all massive needs worthy of our urgent attention.*
  5. **But here's what's different...**When the Root of the problem is cause by aggressive violence, aka Bullies!!!
    - a) **Violence is different:** It's intentional. It's scary. It causes deep scars of betrayal, humiliation, shame. Violence fights back.
  6. Life is not **fair**...but it can be **just**.
- F. (15) The mighty Assyrian king **Shalmaneser III** began an official policy of conquest that would lead to the destruction of Israel 100 yrs later.
1. It was also this king that wrote, "**Hazael, the son of a nobody (i.e. one w/o legal parentage) seized the throne.**"
  2. **This was Regicide!** (a person who kills a king) [the soldiers goal w/Jesus?]

## V. Slide11 **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES (16-29)**

- A. Slide12a-c This is a little confusing. We have both a king from the north and a king from the south with the same name, **Joram** (sometimes *aka Jehoram*/<sub>king of Judah</sub>)
1. To further complicate matters, Joram *king of Israel* was preceded on the throne by his brother **Ahaziah**; while Joram *king of Judah* what's succeeded by his son, also named **Ahaziah**.
  2. Also note, **Athaliah**, the mother of **Ahaziah**. She's the granddaughter of **Omri** & most believe she was the daughter of **Ahab**.
    - a) She married Jehoram, King of Judah. Marriage alliance between Israel and Judah helps to explain The military cooperation between these two kingdoms.
    - b) But also provides a terrible warning: Ahaziah of Judah, *walked in the ways of the house of Ahab*.
    - c) An *ill marriage* can ruin your life. He had a good father, but a bad wife, & the latter more strongly influenced him than the former.
- B. Slide13a (19) The lamp was kept burning for David's sake. Ps.132:17 *Here I will increase the power of David; my anointed one will be a light for my people.*
- C. (25) The writer of Chronicles provides important insights into the reign of Ahaziah.
1. Queen Athaliah *encouraged him in doing wrong*. 2 Chron.22:3,4
- D. Mt.1:8 *Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Jehoram. Jehoram was the father of Uzziah.*
1. Slide13b FB Meyer, As a **waterlily** grows from **a muddy bottom**, so the **pure life of Christ** came, on the human side, out of this family.