

Hall of Faith: Micaiah

1 Kings 22:1-28 ❖ Hebrews 11:36b

*"So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway."
("Hymn," John Ellerton, 1870)*

The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth

Have you ever paid a price for telling the truth?

"You shall not give **false** testimony against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16).

Have you ever felt like you were the only one standing up for something the Bible says is right? Or opposing something the Bible says is wrong?

Jesus said, "I am the way, the **truth** and the life" (John 14:6).

The Cast of Characters in 1 Kings 22

- ❖ Ahab -
- ❖ Jezebel -
- ❖ Jehoshaphat -
- ❖ King of Aram -
- ❖ The King of Kings -
- ❖ 400 prophets -
- ❖ Zedekiah -
- ❖ Micaiah -

True or False?

What are some ways to distinguish a true prophet from a false one?

King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat formed an **alliance** to fight the King of Aram. Before going into battle, Jehoshaphat first wanted to "seek the counsel of the **Lord**" (1 Kings 22:5).

400 of Ahab's **court** prophets said God would give him a victory, but Jehoshaphat was **skeptical** and asked, "Is there not a prophet of the **Lord** here whom we can inquire of?" (v. 7).

Ahab summoned Micaiah. Though he was warned to **agree** with the rest of the prophets, he said, "As surely as the Lord lives, I can tell the King only what the **Lord** tells me" (v. 14).

With the Kings of Israel and Judah sitting on their **thrones**, Micaiah described his vision of God sitting on His **throne** and warned Ahab that the 400 prophets were **lying** and that "the Lord had decreed **disaster** for him" (v. 23).

Through Scripture, we, too, have been given a glimpse into the **Throne** Room of God!

For speaking the truth, Zedekiah "**slapped** Micaiah" (v. 24) and Ahab "had Micaiah put in **prison** and had him given only **bread** and **water**" (v. 27).

Today there are many who **hate** Christians when we speak **truth** into their lives and into our culture. We ought to view them not as the **enemy**, but as victims of the **enemy**.

When **we** are confronted by the truth of Scripture, we ought not to shoot the **messenger**.

Appearances Can Be Deceiving

Who made the right prediction? "An Aramean soldier drew his bow at **random** and hit the King of Israel between the sections of his armor. That evening he **died**, and his army retreated" (vv. 34-36).

When it **looks** like the proponents of evil are winning, remember God is on the **throne**. What He says is always **true**.

