

2nd week of July
A Miserable Death, a Judgment for Sin

- **Text:** 2 Kings 9:30~35 (July 11)
- **Bottom line:** God is long-suffering, but if you continue to sin, He will eventually bring you a fearful judgment.

1. Praise

(Worship and praise) 보혈을 지나

2. Prayer

God, my family has gathered before You. Please let us know more deeply who You are at this time, and let us all become one in Your Word.

3. The Word

Read 2 Kings 9:30~35 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

<ESV>

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it. And she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out of the window. 31 And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is it peace, you Zimri, murderer of your master?" 32 And he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked out at him. 33 He said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down. And some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses, and they trampled on her. 34 Then he went in and ate and drank. And he said, "See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter." 35 But when they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

<NASB>

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard about it, and she put makeup on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked down through the window. 31 As Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is your intention peace, Zimri, his master's murderer?" 32 Then he raised his face toward the window and said, "Who is with me, who?" And two or three officials looked down at him. 33 Then he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her underfoot. 34 When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, "See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter." 35 So they went to bury her, but they found nothing of her except the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.

Understanding Text

God appointed Jehu to be king of northern Israel and judged Ahab's household. In particular, Ahab's wife, Jezebel, was responsible for spreading Baal worship in northern Israel. Jezebel acted arrogantly and ignored the prognosis right up until the moment of her death. Jezebel, who was evil in God's eyes, met a miserable end according to God's word.

Understanding the text for leaders

Ahab and Jezebel were responsible for spreading idolatry in northern Israel. They didn't listen to the prophet Elijah preach the words of God. After killing Naboth and taking his vineyard, the prophet Elijah pronounced God's fearful judgment, and Ahab repented. When God saw Ahab's repentance, He did not judge him while he was alive. He gave him and his family one more chance. But his wife, Jezebel, and their children are judged because they have not turned away from sin. God appointed Jehu to be the king of northern Israel and commanded him to attack the house of Ahab. Jehu killed Ahab's son Joram and killed Ahaziah, king of Judah. Then he went to Jezebel, Joram's mother and Ahab's wife. Jezebel was a Gentile woman who worshipped the god Baal, and when she married Ahab, she brought Baal beliefs with her and spread them to northern Israel. Even when Jezebel knew that Jehu was coming to kill her, she dressed up and adorned her hair. It's an act of arrogance that shows that you're not afraid at all. Jezebel ridiculed Jehu, comparing her to Zimri, who rebelled in the past and reigned for seven days (1 Kings 16:9~10). But Jezebel died a miserable death according to God's word (1 Kings 21:23). In this way, all the people of Ahab's household, who did not repent despite God's warning, were destroyed. Before He executes judgment, God keeps warning us about sin. God is long-suffering. But we must remember that the judgment we receive for not repenting is severe and terrifying.

4. Sharing

1) What about the death of Ahab's wife, Jezebel? (verses 33, 35). Why did she die a miserable death? (See also 1 Kings 16:31; 18:4; 21:15; 2Ki 9:7.)

Upper Grades

Why did Jezebel, the queen, die a tragic death?

Lower Grades

Why did Jezebel, the queen, die?

Question Guide

It's uncomfortable and horrible to look at Jezebel's death. But it's important to remember that Jezebel's sin is far greater, and that God was patient and warned of that sin until this judgment was made. Refer to the Bible verses about Jezebel to see why God had no choice but to judge Jezebel.

Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, the Baal king of Sidon, and she married Ahab (1 Kings 16:31). He promoted Baal worship in northern Israel and killed God's prophets (1 Kings 18:4). When Ahab was frustrated that he could not take Naboth's vineyard, he plotted to kill Naboth and eventually took Naboth's vineyard and gave it to Ahab (1 Kings 21:15). Wicked Jezebel was condemned to a miserable judgment that she would not be buried in a tomb and that the gods would be eaten by dogs, and that was done (9:7, 10).

□ Comments for Leaders

God warned us of sin, was patient with us, and gave us a chance to turn around. But in the end, the wicked Jezebel didn't acknowledge God and turned away from her sinful ways. In the end, God judged Ahab's household and Jezebel through Jehu. We need to remember that God is not a judge and punisher, but a loving God who forgives anyone who repents and returns.

2) God is the punisher of sin. Examine yourself to see if you are wrong in not fearing God and thinking in a self-centered way.

■ Upper Grades

What are the sins that we habitually commit without realizing it?

■ Lower Grades

Say a prayer of thanks to God for loving you and sending Jesus and saving you from a terrible punishment.

□ Question Guide

If you don't fear God and live a self-centered life, it's easy to commit sins that God doesn't like. There will be a natural and familiar aspect of sin in each person's life. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate the dark parts of our lives.

□ Comments for Leaders

We need to remember that we have an evil nature in us that is more natural to sin than to live the right life that God wants us to live. Being a slave to sin is not the life of a saved child of God. Now that Jesus has forgiven our sins and saved us, we must live a life worthy of His grace. The reality of faith is that we must remember God's love for us on the cross and fight against sin and fight a fierce spiritual battle until the shedding of blood (Hebrews 12:4).

≡ 5. Be grateful

Give thanks for God's love for saving us through Jesus when we were destined to die because of our sins.

≡ 6. Prayer

Thank you, God, for saving us from judgment and destruction because of our sins through Jesus. Please help us to keep in mind the love of God, who is more willing to give salvation than to judgment, and to keep away from sin and strive to be close to God.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"
