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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Dec. 11 The songs we do not sing
Dec. 18 The translation controversy
Dec. 25 Heaven is surely worth it all

SUNDAY PM

Dec. 11 Was Christ born on Christmas Day?
Dec. 18 Greed
Dec. 25 God who created the heavens and the earth

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, Gerry Larkin, John Mortimore, Tina Heinz

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: 1 Cor. 14:15,16

PM: Lk. 2:1-7

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Dec. 18 – Potluck and military packages

Dec. 25 – Business meeting

Dec. 30 – Seminar at Webberville

A PROPHET WE SHOULD ALL IMITATE

Charles Coats

Seldom do we find one so bold as to stand for the Truth in the face of what could be certain death. Yet, there is a prophet of God that did just that. His name is Micaiah and his story is found in 1 Kgs. 22.

When we look at this section of scripture, we see a person who stood, not before one, but before two kings who ruled over Israel and Judah, kings who had within their power the right of life or of death.

Jehoshaphat of Judah and Ahab of Israel were discussing whether they should go and fight against Syria. To help convince Jehoshaphat to go with him, Ahab calls his prophets together and asked what he should do. Of course, these paid men of the king all told him that he should go into battle and he would win a great victory.

Jehoshaphat is not fully convinced and asks if there is someone else they could ask.

Ahab reluctantly sends for one more prophet, a person he detests. Micaiah, the hated prophet, comes before the two kings and ends up telling them that they would lose the battle and Ahab would lose his life. It was the message Jehoshaphat wanted to hear, but that which Ahab did not want to hear.

As we think about these events going on, we see a prophet of God whom we should imitate in our lives. He told the truth regardless of any personal consequences that could come his way. This is even more impressive when we read that the messenger from the king had told Micaiah to tell Ahab what everyone else was telling him. Micaiah had been given the chance of saving his life by lying to the King (1 Kgs. 22:13).

As we think about our lives, if we were faced with a similar situation, would we be faithful to God? We see so many today who compromise the truth so they will not “suffer” in this world. Under less dangerous circumstances so many yield to the pressures of the world to save their own lives.

Micaiah helps us to understand what we should do when asked to teach or do that which is contrary to God's will. His answer to the messenger of the king found in 1 Kgs. 22:14 is what should be on the tongues of every Christian today – *“As the Lord liveth, what the lord saith unto me, that will I speak”*. Micaiah was not going to give in at all. He was the prophet of God and God's message is what they would hear from him, whether popular or not.

This reminds me of the passage in 2 Tim. 4:2 where we are commanded to preach the word both in season and out of season, whether popular or not. Let us follow the example of Micaiah in our lives.