

But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak" (1Kgs 22: 14).

When preachers are looking for pulpits the interviewing process usually involves the evangelist sharing what he believes preaching should be. He describes his methodology. Congregations too, have personalities and elderships tend to look for men who will be a good match for the brethren they shepherd. The "marriage" between preacher and congregation is an important one. As long as the "marriage" is working well the preacher stays with the church he is serving. If the "marriage" breaks down then one or both parties may see the need for a change.

Micaiah was a preacher (prophet) that was not well thought of by the king of Israel, Ahab. When it came to prophecy, Ahab wanted to hear from anyone but Micaiah (1Kgs. 22:8). There was not a very good "marriage" between these two. But Jehoshaphat (king of Judah) wanted hear what Micaiah had to say. So why was one king anxious to hear this prophet and the other one wasn't? Ahab didn't like Micaiah's methodology.

Micaiah had a very simple plan for being a prophet (1Kgs. 22:14). He took what God told him (nothing more and nothing less) and that was what he spoke. Preachers of the gospel need this simple and straightforward methodology. The apostle Paul told Timothy to "preach the word" (2Tim. 4:2). May we strive to simply our preaching and teaching so that when we share God's word it is just as Micaiah said, "...what the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

See you Sunday!

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