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Writing Assignment 4

In 1 Kings 22:1-40, The King of Israel which was Ahab at that time was getting ready to head out to war in Ramoth-Gilead. He asked Jehoshaphat if he would accompany him in the journey and battle and Jehoshaphat was fine with it. To be exact Jehoshaphat said "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.". Jehoshaphat suggested that the King (Ahab) would get a word from the Lord from a Prophet of God to make sure it was safe to go out into battle. The King of Israel gathered all of his prophets and they all prophesied that they would be successful and overtake the opposing side. It was not well with Jehoshaphat's spirit so he asked the King if there is another Prophet you can enquire of. The King said yes his name is Miciah but the King did not like this Prophet because he did not prophesy anything good concerning the King.

So they got Miciah the Prophet to come and speak the word of the Lord and Miciah said that he saw the children of Israel scattered in the hills as sheep without a shepherd. Also that because of Ahab's wicked behavior the Lord had the host of Heaven surrounding him and he said he wanted one of them to go and entice Ahab so that he will be led out into the battle to be defeated. A spirit came before the Lord and said he will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all of his Prophets to lie to him. So that he can be led out into battle and be subdued by the opposing adversaries because the Judgement of the Lord was upon Ahab and the Lord had declared destruction for him. Ahab's character was bad and off because all he wanted was to hear good. He did not want to hear the truth nor correction which in the end led him to destruction.

Jehoshaphat did the right thing; he felt that something was not right so he asked to enquire about one more Prophet to see if what the other Prophets were saying was correct.

As far as the Prophet Miciah his character was good because he was firm and spoke thus saith the Lord he stood in integrity and did not tell the King what he wanted to hear but the truth.

What I've learned from this text about God's Character is that he is Holy and will not tolerate wickedness, he will send warning but if we do not take heed his judgment will be upon us. He is able to do the unimaginable to do whatever it is that he needs to do in order for his will to come to pass. Also that he is no respecter of person, someone who does not understand would probably think that God would spare an individual just because they are a "King". We see in this text that that's not even an option to the wicked if they refuse to turn and repent. What I learned from this text is to reevaluate my walk and make sure I am right with the Lord and not to believe every word from Prophets also to discern. I also learned to seek the Lord before doing things because if we go to man first instead of God we can easily be misled and God will make it like that just because we did not go to him first.