Payday Someday[[1]](#footnote-1)

The story of wicked King Ahab illustrates the truth that though God’s judgment seems slow in coming there will be a *Payday Someday* for all sinners.

**1. God is *patient* with sinners.**

2 Peter 3:8-9 and Romans 2:4-5. God gave King Ahab several chances to repent.

1. 1st chance—*The contest with Baal*

I Kings 18

2. 2nd chance—*Two victories over Aram/Syria*

 1 Kings 20

3. 3rd chance—*At Naboth’s vineyard*

 1 Kings 21

**2. God will *punish* sinners.**

1. God’s judgment seems *slow*

Ecclesiastes 8:11

2. God’s judgment is *severe*

1 Kings 22:34-38; 2 Kings 9-10

3. God’s judgment is *sure*

2 Kings 10:10-11; Amos 9:1-6, 9-10

**3. God will be *praised* in sinners.**

1. For His *justice* (Revelation 19:1-6)

2. For His *mercy* (Ephesians 2:4-7)

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. What is the complaint of the suffering people in Isaiah 40:27?

3. When sin and suffering appear to increase without any restraint, what are people apt to say (Ezekiel 9:9)?

4. What will God do to those who think that He is passive and uninvolved in the world (Zephaniah 1:12)?

5. What is the complaint pf the psalmist in Psalm 94:1-7? What helps him in times of anxiety (vv. 17-19, 22)?

6. Which will eventually prove to be greater, Gods compassion or His punishment of sin (Exodus 34:6-7)?

***Today we may be distressed by the forces of evil.***

***Someday we will be impressed by the glory of mercy.***

***Unsaved sinners will have a payday.***

***Saved sinners will have an eternal grace-day.***

***Even the rewards given to the saved will not be our “pay” for service. They will be graciously bestowed on us for the work God Himself has done through us.***

1. I’ve borrowed the title, but not the content from a famous sermon on Ahab by the Southern Baptist preacher R. G. Lee. He preached this sermon in various churches over 1,200 times. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)