

**“But I say to
you who
hear:
love your
enemies”**

Luke 6:27



Before we struggle to love our enemies... (1)

1. Learn to love God and
taste of His love and
forgiveness
2. Learn how to genuinely
love those who you



Before we struggle to love our enemies... (2)

3. Differentiate between disagreement and animosity
4. Don't make enemies



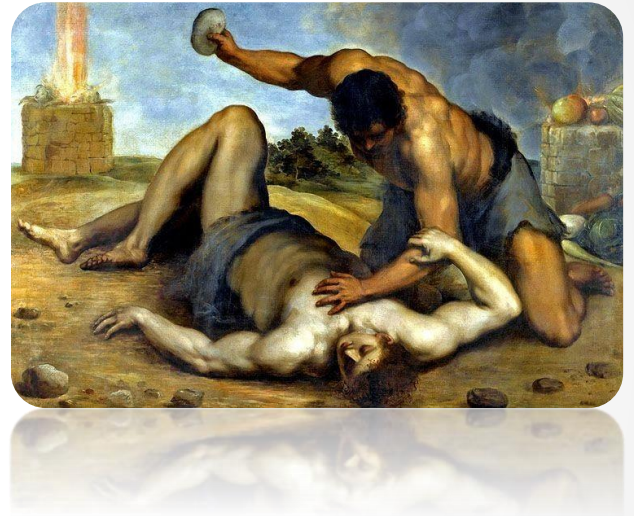
Creating An Enemy

1. In my mind
2. In others



Cain

- He thought of Abel as an enemy
- Abel was a reminder of Cain's shortcomings
- Cain's jealousy and envy turned Abel to be an enemy in his mind



King Saul

- Pursued David's life and distracted him all of his life
- Saul's insecurity and competitiveness turned David into an enemy



King Ahab ⁽¹⁾

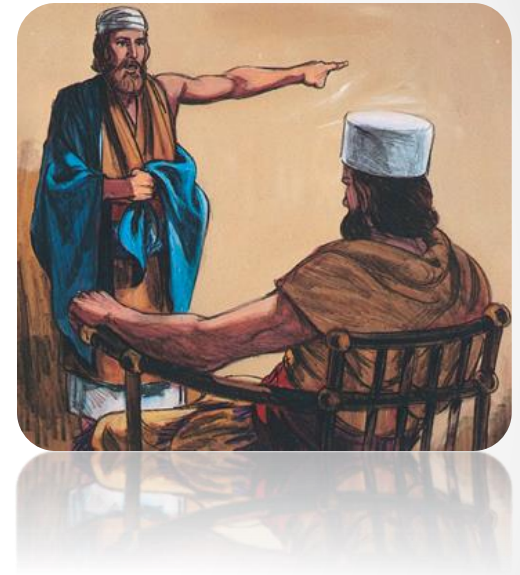
- Thought of Elijah as an enemy:
“ So Ahab said to Elijah,
‘Have you found me, O
my enemy?’”

1 Kings 21:20



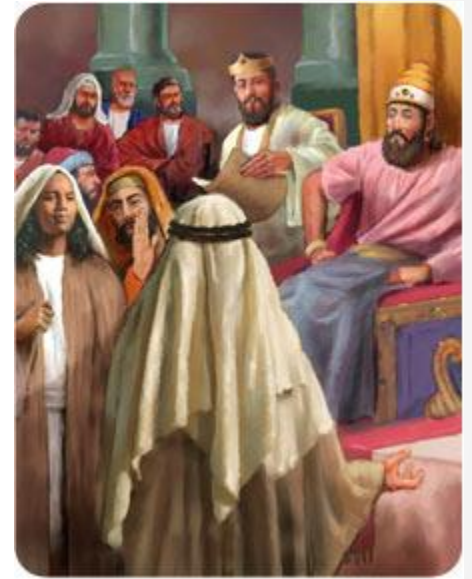
King Ahab (2)

- Elijah confronted Ahab for what he did to Naboth and condemned him for his evil ways



King Ahab ⁽³⁾

- He also thought of Micaiah the son of Imla as an enemy:
“I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil” *2 Chronicles 18:7*



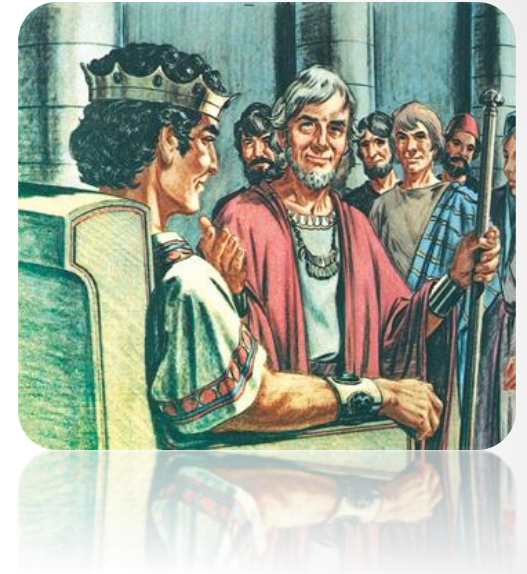
King Ahab (4)

- Micaiah never flattered Ahab and told him the truth
- He was keen to let Ahab live in reality and not to believe the false prophets



Rehoboam ⁽¹⁾

- He started his reign with a united and prosperous kingdom
- He turned the people of Israel against himself when he answered them with cruelty, inconsideration and arrogance



Rehoboam ⁽²⁾

- “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!”

1 Kings 12:14



Jacob

- He was one of the reasons that turned his older children to be enemies to his son Joseph
- He favored Joseph and differentiated between him and his brothers in treatment

