



# Character Matters

7 things the Lord hates

## SESSION 5

### A Lying Witness Who Testifies Falsely (Proverbs 6:19)

I Kings 21:1-16 — "Jezebel's Scoundrels: Justice Perverted"

- 1. Talkback with Pastor Robin** - What do we usually intend to infer when we call a woman "a Jezebel?" Describe Jezebel's abuse of the Israeli legal system as recorded in I Kings 21. What is your feeling about the work of The Innocence Project in contemporary America?
- 2. A Word to the Wise** - The Book of Proverbs repeatedly condemns the *false witness* (cf. 12:17, 14:5 & 25, 19:5 & 9), perhaps reflecting the strong language of Deuteronomy 19:15-21. What has been your experience of the American legal system? How can the Church help to *purge evil* (v. 19) from the system, and truly promote liberty and justice for all?
- 3. Be Blessed** - Jesus said, "*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*" (Matthew 5:5) Land disputes are a recurring challenge in the Hebrew court system - cf. Deuteronomy 19:14 & 27:17, Isaiah 5:8, Hosea 5:10, Job 24:2, Proverbs 22:28. Have you ever been involved in any difficult land disputes or inheritance claims? How does one remain "*meek*" in the midst of such controversy?