

Jehoshaphat is going to help Ahab but Jehoshaphat wants to be sure that this is the thing he ought to be doing. He is a true follower of God and anxious to be sure that he is making no mistake in it.

Now Ahab is quite convinced that this is the right thing to do, the thing he wants to do, he is not so worried about that. But he wants to convince Jehoshaphat. So when all these prophets here unitedly say, "go up there, that's the thing for you to do, you'll conquer them," you'd think Jehoshaphat would be satisfied but Jehoshaphat says isn't there some other prophet we can ask? In other words, there was something about the attitude of those prophets that led Jehoshaphat to think that these men weren't fulfilling the function of a prophet, speaking what they considered God had told them to say, but that they were men who were trying to pretend they were prophets. They were trying to do what would please the king, instead of acting as real prophets. So Jehoshaphat keeps saying, "isn't there another one we can ask, to make sure we've got the divine wisdom on this matter. So Ahab says, there's this man Micaiah but he's always speaking against me, I don't like him, I don't want to get him. Jehoshaphat says, oh, don't say that, let's hear him, hear what he has to say. So they call in Micaiah, and as they bring Micaiah in they say to Micaiah, "all the prophets agree that this is the thing to do, why you do what the rest of the prophets do, and you make your voice like theirs, and speak a good thing for the king, that's the thing you ought to do in order to get along well, and everybody will like you for it." Micaiah says as the Lord lives, what the Lord saith to me, I will speak to the king. And he comes into the king. The king is here wanting to persuade Jehoshaphat that this is the thing that they ought to do. The king turns to Micaiah and he says shall we go against Ramoth Gilead to battle or shall we forbear? And he says, "go, and prosper." The Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king." And naturally, the king says to Jehoshaphat, "see, Jehoshaphat, they all agree, even this fellow that speaks evil