

of me ordinarily. He agrees. He says that's what we should do, come on, let's go up to the battle. That's what ~~you~~^{he} would have said of course. The whole situation calls for it and requires it.

And yet we find that when Micaiah made this statement, the king didn't say that at all. So the only possible interpretation of it is, that there is something here that is not stated in words. We have to imply something from the way the king treated the situation. So instead of it being like ~~that~~ this, that Micaiah said, "go and prosper, the Lord will deliver it into the hands of the king," and the king said how many times shall I tell you to tell me nothing but what's true, a thing he never would have said in such a situation. The only possible interpretation is that Micaiah said, "go up and prosper, that's the thing ~~to~~ do," put a ~~tone~~ of voice into it that said I'm saying what you want, I'm going to say what you want, but everybody that hears me is to understand that's what I'm doing. He could very easily do that. And it's just the tone of voice and that's very important, in almost any communication is the tone that the voice uses. And in his case, very evidently, the prophet used the tone which gives the exact opposite of what was desired. It made Jehoshaphat think well now this man is under some kind of compulsion. He's just trying to say what the king wants him to, he's trying to keep from judging beyond the king wants, but he's very careful to make it clear that it's what the king wants that he's saying.

It's just like now, they say there's a law, now, that John L. Lewis is not to call a coal strike, and he's not calling a coal strike, he's very careful not to call a coal strike. He merely is standing by his previous declaration that the contract, he has called off the contract. Well, they amount to the same thing. But he does ~~it~~ in a way that avoids the technical punishment of the law.

But that's very evident what Micaiah's done. He says, here's what you want me to say, here it is, if you want it, I'll give it to you. But nobody there has any idea but that Micaiah is doing anything but pleasing the king.