

And if Ahab could not interfere what could his wife do?

Israel at this time was certainly not an absolutely-monarchy, but was definitely ^a limited monarchy. In I Kings we find that in the first chapter 21, we find that the time came when Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard. Why couldn't the king simply seize the vineyard and add/on to his own property? So, any dictator or any absolute monarch could do such a thing. But in Israel this was impossible. Ahab had had to try to buy the vineyard and Naboth says, I do not want to sell it, I want to keep it. Ahab went home and laid himself on his bed and turned his face away and he would not eat no bread. He thought there. He never dreamed that he had power to seize Naboth's vineyard. In order to get the vineyard he had to follow Jezebel's advice. He had to suborn a perjury. He had to hire liars to appear and to tell stories about Naboth and say that he they have seen him blaspheme God and the king, thus causing the laws of the wrong, even though the evidence was false that a trial should be concluded with the conviction of Naboth and thus it would be possible for Ahab to get these- the ... vineyard. Ahab simply could not seize the piece ground of land-from Naboth, when he wanted/ to. Would it have been possible that Ahab Naboth would now who had seen the great work of the man/ the great hero throughout the land, and who stood alone against him with 850 false prophets of Baal and proven that they were all utterly false? Now, it is not lack of courage on Elijah's part that he did not do the work that is now ... it was perhaps in one case ... was the knowledge of how to do the work.../realization of its need, and yet/God would have made this clear to him that-he had been ready to listen to the still small voice of God. I feel that Elijah's primary mistake here was not that/aftering doing the great work and stopping to relax and then put-himself get rested and put himself in shape to listen to the voice of God and see what was the next task he should carry on for God.

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It is sad indeed to see how Elijah's great failure came at the very points of his strength. He has shown his faith in God, shown his courage. He showed them in many instances afterwards. But now, when he was overtired,