《天路导向》双语讲义

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SECTION A

甲部

- 1. Hello listening friends, we're delighted that you're back with us again. 亲爱的朋友你好,欢迎你再度收听这个节目。
- How glad we are when we hear from you and you write to us and tell us how much these programs are blessing you.
 很高兴你能来信告诉我们,你们因着这个节目而蒙福。
- 3. We always love hearing from you and reading your wonderful letters. 我们总是非常高兴能收到你们的来信,
- 4. Feel free to write to us today. 所以请多多来信给我们。
- 5. I want to begin by telling you a story. 我想先给你讲个故事,
- 6. Because we are continuing in this series of messages "How God Works".因为我们正在进行的系列信息叫做《上帝的方法》,
- 7. This story appeared in one of the newspapers in the west. 这则故事是登载在美国西部的一份报刊上的。
- 8. It was about a young man who once found a five-dollar bill on the street. 有一次,一个年轻人在路上发现了一张 5 块钱的钞票,
- 9. After that experience, 从此以后,
- 10. He decided that for the rest of his life, he would never lift his head while walking. 他就决定再也不抬着头走路了。
- 11. I know you agree with me, this is very dangerous. 我知道你和我都会同意,这样做是很危险的。

- 12. However, the paper went on to say, 然而,报纸上却接着说,
- 13. That over the years, this man accumulated the following things: 接下来的几年内,这个人积存了以下这些东西:
- 14. 29,516 buttons, 29,516 个纽扣;
- 15. 54,172 pens, 54.172 支笔:
- 16. 12 pennies. 和 12 分钱。
- 17. A chronically bent back, 他的背驼了,
- 18. And a miserly disposition. 性情变得悲观消极。
- 19. The man also lost something else. 这个人还失去了一些东西,
- 20. He lost seeing the glory of the sunlight. 他错过了灿烂的阳光;
- 21. The smiles of friends and freshness of the blue sky.错过了朋友的微笑和清新的蓝天。
- 22. Even the writer of the newspaper discerned that terrible greed. 报导这则故事的记者指出,这是一种很可悲的贪婪。
- 23. But the Bible tells us, 但是圣经告诉我们,
- 24. There are even grave consequences to the sin of greed, envy, and covetness. 贪婪、嫉妒的罪还有更可怕的后果;
- 25. Unbridled greed produces unadulterated misery. 纵情的贪婪会产生十足的痛苦;
- 26. Uncontrollable covetness results in an unbading grief. 失控的贪婪导致了无边的愁苦;

27. The fever of wanting more and more and more can only produce perpetual pain and emptiness.

无止境的欲望只会制造不断的痛苦和虚空。

28. We have a clear example of the consequences of greed, envy, and covetness in Ahab and Jezebel.

在亚哈和耶洗别身上,我们看到了一个鲜活的实例,也就是贪婪和嫉妒的后果。

- 29. The story is well-known to some of you. 有些人对这个故事并不陌生,
- 30. It is found in I Kings chapter 21 and 22. 记载在列王纪上 21, 22 章,
- 31. Let me repeat it to you. 让我来覆述一遍。
- 32. There was a poor simple man but he was faithful by the name Naboth. 有一个朴实却虔诚信神的人,名叫拿伯。
- 33. Naboth owned a small vineyard that butted up against King Ahab's summer palace. 拿伯有一小块葡萄园,靠近亚哈王的宫殿。
- 34. Let me stop here and tell you that vineyard was the very sign of fruitfulness. 在这我要提醒你,葡萄园往往代表多结果子的意思。
- 35. But poor Naboth. 可怜的拿伯,
- 36. When his ancestors came into the promised land they received their inheritance. 当他的祖先进入应许之地时,他们得到的产业,
- 37. And it happened to be next to King Ahab's garden.
 正好靠近亚哈王的花园。
- 38. And Ahab felt incomplete without owning all of the surrounding land.
 而亚哈觉得,没能拥有周围所有的土地,实在很遗憾。
- 39. My listening friends, I want you to listen very carefully. 我亲爱的朋友,请仔细听我说:
- 40. Greed always makes you feel incomplete. 贪婪总会让你觉得不满足,
- 41. No matter how much you have, you feel incomplete unless you get more. 无论你拥有了多少,你还想得到更多,否则便不满足。

- 42. More does not make you complete. 再多也不能使你感到满足,
- 43. So you want more. 所以你想要更多。
- 44. Actually, you will never feel complete at all. 事实上,你永远都不会感到满足。
- 45. You will never feel like the apostle Paul felt when he said the following in Phillipians 4:11. 你永远都体会不到使徒保罗在腓立比书 4: 11 中所说的,
- 46. I have learned to be contented whatever the circumstances. 我无论在什么景况,都可以知足。
- 47. It's like the employer who overheard one of his workers talking to another worker saying. 这就好像一个雇主,听到他的一个雇工和另一个工人在说:
- 48. If I had \$1000 my problems would be over. 如果我有一千块钱,我的问题就解决了,
- 49. And I would be perfectly contented. 我就心满意足了。
- 50. The employer was blessed of God. 这个雇主得到神丰富的赐与,
- 51. So, he decided to give her the \$1000. 所以他决定给那个雇工一千块钱。
- 52. Because he knew that all the money in the world is not going to make her contented. 因为他清楚,即便是全世界的金钱也不能使那工人满足,
- 53. So, he said, here is \$1000 so you can be perfectly contented.

 所以他说,给你一千块,让你可以心满意足。
- 54. And when she received the money and before the boss left the room.而当工人拿到钱,在老板离开房间之前,
- 55. He overheard her saying. 他听到工人在说:
- 56. Why didn't I say 2000? 当初为什么我不说,要两千块呢?
- 57. That's what greed does. 这就是贪婪在作祟。
- 58. Ahab's greed was like the man who had a nail stuck to his shoe.
 亚哈的贪婪,就如同一个人鞋底戳了一根钉子一样,

- 59. He could not enjoy anywhere he walked because of that nail in the sole of his shoes. 无论走到哪里,他都因为这根钉子而感到芒刺在背,浑身不舒服。
- 60. Ahab was a man in the grip of greed. 亚哈是一个被贪婪所捆绑的人。
- 61. Years ago greed was characterized as one of the seven deadly sins. 很久以前,贪婪被视为七大死罪之一,
- 62. Greed began in the Garden of Eden. 贪婪始于伊甸园。
- 63. Let me explain to you. 让我来为你解释一下,
- 64. The word greed is often bandied about without explanation. 贪婪这个词常不加以解释地被滥用。
- 65. There are some people who use that word in order to manipulate others. 有些人刻意用这个词来影响别人。
- 66. But the best Biblical definition of greed is found in the Garden of Eden. 但最符合圣经的解释则出自于伊甸园。
- 67. And it is this, 也就是说,
- 68. Biblical greed is when you look at the one thing that God says you cannot have and you reach out and get it. 圣经中的贪婪就是你伸手索取神不许你要的东西。
- 70. Greed is the state of discontentment no matter what you have or don't have. 贪婪是无论你拥有多少,你都不能满足。
- 71. Greed is the state of constant inner emptiness. 贪婪是一种长期的心灵空虚。
- 72. Greed is borrowing money that you know you cannot pay back.
 贪婪就是你去借贷一些你明知自己还不了的钱财。
- 73. Greed is buying things that you don't need. 贪婪就是去购买你不需要的东西。
- 74. Greed is the state of wanting to get and get and get and then get some more while giving nothing, or very little back. 贪婪就是不断索取索取而丝毫不愿付出。

- 75. This is the proper definition of greed. 这就是贪婪的正确定义。
- 76. Listen carefully please. 请仔细听我说。
- 77. There is a fine line between greed and the breaking of the law to fulfill the desire known as greed.
 在贪婪和为满足贪欲而作出犯法的行为这两者之间,只是一线之差。
- 78. A thief steals because of greed. 一个小偷因着贪婪而偷盗。
- 79. A merchant cheats because of greed. 一个商人因着贪婪而成为奸商。
- 80. A builder uses inferior materials in construction because of greed.

 一个建筑师因着贪婪而偷工减料。
- 81. Ahab had enough knowledge of the law of God that he would not cross that line. 亚哈对神的律法耳熟能详,他还不敢公然犯法。
- 82. But not Jezebel. 但耶洗别就肆无忌惮。
- 83. She was a Baal-worshipping Gentile. 她是一个敬拜巴力的外邦女子。
- 84. Well look at I Kings 21:7. 我们来看看王上 21: 7。
- 85. She said to her husband, 她对丈夫说:
- 86. Get up, 只管起来,
- 87. Eat and drink. 心里畅畅快快地吃饭。
- 88. I will kill to give you what your heart covets. 我不惜杀人也要满足你心里的贪念。
- 89. And Jezebel asked Ahab her husband why was he sullen. 耶洗别问亚哈为什么他心里那么忧闷。
- 90. And you can hear this weak man saying, well, I wanted Naboth, the Gezerilite's field. 你几乎可以听到这个懦夫说,我想要耶斯列人拿伯的葡萄园。
- 91. And he refused. 但他却不答应。
- 92. But Jezebel was a woman of action. 于是耶洗别这个任意妄为的女人。

- 93. A woman of determination 一不做二不休。
- 95. While the king had little moral compunction which came from his Jewish heritage. 如果说亚哈王还保留了一点点犹太传统里的 道德良心的话。
- 96. Jezebel had none. 耶洗别就毫无顾忌了。
- 97. Jezebel never let anything or anybody stand in her way.
 耶洗别向来不能容忍任何人拦阻她的计划。
- 99. Verse 8 第八节

SECTION B

乙部

- Shows you her determination which led her to forgery,
 我们看到她心狠手辣地欺诈、
- 2. And treachery. 陷害。
- 3. She forged a letter in the king's name. 她伪造圣旨。
- 4. She stole his signet ring. 偷窃王的玉玺。
- 5. And stamped his name on the letter. 在信上盖上王的印。
- 6. Look at the hypocrisy. 她又假慈悲。
- 7. She told the population of Jezreel 告诉耶斯列的老百姓。
- 8. To proclaim a day of fasting. 宣告禁食。
- 9. What does that mean? 这是什么意思呢?

- 10. Her public relation officers explained to her that when the Jewish people wanted to announce a coming judgment, the king must announce a day of fasting.

 因为她的走狗们告诉她说,当犹太人要宣布审判之前,王通常会宣告禁食一日。
- So she did.
 所以她如法炮制。
- 12. She wasn't the king, but she functioned as if she was the king.
 虽然她不是王,但她已篡夺了王权。
- 13. She bribed two witnesses to testify against this poor faithful man of God, Naboth. 她买通了两个匪徒作假见证控告忠实的拿伯。
- 14. He was one of the 7000 who have not bowed to Baal. 拿伯是未向巴力屈膝的七千人之一。
- 15. And Jezebel used the law of God to do her dirty work. 耶洗别竟敢假借神的律法来达成自己的阴谋。
- 16. You can imagine how Naboth must have felt. 你可以想象拿伯当时的感受。
- 17. When he heard two false witnesses accusing him, 就是当他听到两个假证人的控诉时,
- This wicked woman was scheming to shed innocent blood.
 这个邪恶的女人设谋陷害无辜。
- 19. Why? 为什么?
- 20. Because of greed, 就因为贪婪、
- 21. Envy, 嫉妒、
- 22. Covetousness, 垂涎他人的东西,
- 23. I want to tell you a story. 我再给你讲个故事。
- 24. It is told about two men. 有两个人,
- 25. One was envious and the other was covetous. 一个妒嫉心强,另一个则很贪心。
- 26. The ruler of the land sent a message. 那里的地方官宣布。

- 27. Grant them one wish each. 各给他们一个愿望。
- 28. There was one provision. 但有一个规定,
- 29. The one who chooses first will get exactly what he asks for 谁先选择谁就可以得到他所想要的一切。
- 30. While the other man will get exactly twice of what the first one had asked for.

 而第二个人就能得到第一个所要的双倍。
- 31. So they cast lots. 所以他们就抽签。
- 32. And the envious man was to choose first. 好嫉妒的那人抽中先选。
- 33. And he found himself in a quandary. 他真是进退两难。
- 34. He wanted something great for himself. 他很想狮子大张口。
- 35. But then he thought, 但他转念一想,
- 36. If I do that, the other guy is going to get twice as much. 如果我这么做,另一个家伙就会得到双份。
- 37. If I ask for a fortune, 如果我要的多,
- 38. He will get twice as much. 他就会得到两倍那么多。
- 39. If I ask for a palace, 如果我要一座宫殿,
- 40. The other man will get two palaces. 他就有两座。
- 41. So he thought for a while, 于是他想了一会儿,
- 42. And finally he said, 最后他说,
- 43. Pluck out one of my eyes. 请挖出我的一只眼睛。
- 44. And that's what envy, jealousy, and covetousness does. 这就是嫉妒贪婪带来的结果。
- 45. It can never bring peace. 它永不能带来和平。
- 46. I want you to pause here for a moment. 说到这里,请你想一想。

- 47. Because I want to tell you about the influence that women can have over men.

 因为我想和你谈谈女人如何影响男人。
- 48. This is not a trivial matter with me. 对我来说这非同小可。
- 49. And I do not speak in jest. 我不是随便说着玩的。
- 50. In all seriousness, 而是很严肃认真的。
- 51. Women who minimize their influence are unaware of the facts.
 女人低估自己对男人的影响力就是忽略现实。

52. Both the word of God and 2000 years of

- Christian history presents us with the fact that women are spiritually more susceptible than men. 神的话语,以及基督教两千多年的历史告诉我们一个事实,女性在属灵的事上比男性更为敏感。
- 53. I am not absolving men of their responsibility. 我不是在为男性开脱罪责。
- 54. But what I am telling you is factual. 我想要告诉你的是一个事实。
- 55. Women are able to raise the spiritual temperature in society to a spiritual high-pitch. 女性能够掀起一个社会的属灵热潮。
- 56. By the same token, 但同样,
- 57. They can denigrate it to the lowest level of failure.
 他们也能带来最惨痛的失败。
- 58. Women are able to influence the church into the white-heat of revival. 女性可以给教会带来白热化的复兴。
- 59. Or divide it into the littleness and pettiness of division.也可以带来最大的破碎和分裂。
- 60. Women can lead a home to become heaven itself.

 女性可以把家庭变为天堂。
- 61. Or cause it to sizzle with the flames of hell. 也可以让它充满了地狱之火。
- 62. God has placed that power in the hands of women.上帝把这能力放在女人手中。

- 63. After all, if Jezebel was a godly woman she would have said to Ahab the following. 如果耶洗别是一个敬虔的女子,她就会对亚哈这样说。
- 64. Ahab, you know you have more than enough. 亚哈, 你已经拥有很多很多了。
- 65. Ahab, 亚哈,
- 66. You have this and you have this and you have this and furthermore you've got me. 你有这有那,而且,你还有我。
- 67. But she didn't. 然而,她没有这样说。
- 68. Instead, 相反,
- 69. She catered to the worst, the lowest and the darkest side of Ahab.

 她迎合了亚哈最丑陋,最邪恶,最黑暗的一面。
- 70. Every time I look at Jezebel and contrast her to some of the godly women that I have known around the world. 每次看耶洗别的故事,我总不免把她和许多我认识的敬虔妇人来比较。
- 71. Someone said that Ahab was evil without Jezebel.
 有些人说即使没有耶洗别亚哈也够坏的了。
- 72. But he was worse because of her. 但他却因着耶洗别而更加邪恶。
- 73. I have noticed that we have just run out of time. 我们的时间又快结束了。
- 74. And I want to tell you so much more about this.
 但我还想和你分享很多东西。
- 75. So will you promise me that you will tune in next time so you can hear the rest of this? 所以请你答应我下次同一时间再次收听我们的节目。
- 76. Until then, I wish you God's richest blessing. 愿神大大赐福给你,再会。