

hatred was such that they could not afford to release him and so they sought false witnesses to bring lying accusations against him. It was quite a task. But eventually they "proper" false witnesses were found and the high priest, anxious for their false report, received it, accused Jesus of blasphemy and asked for the sentence of death. How ironic that Jesus should face the same charge as the innocent Naboth! But that was the case and the false witnesses were the cause of destruction with the coming judgments on the perpetrators being fearful events that would show the character of their work. Such is the end of false witness.

Conclusion

It would be false witness for us if we did not tell you, as neighbors, that it was this rejection of Jesus that led to the grief of the Lord's professed people. It would be false witness if we were to suggest that there was any hope of salvation other than what He offers. We would be poor neighbors if we failed to tell you that eternal life is available only through the Son of God--Jesus, the promised Messiah. We are not to commit false witness, to bear a report that harms or injures a neighbor. And while any false witness is wicked, a false report where eternity is concerned is evil to a degree which we cannot estimate. We are your neighbors and as such we give a report that life is yours through committing your soul to Jesus. That is the truth. And any other word is contrary and destructive.

Wisely the law says: "Do not bear false witness." Love your neighbor. Speak well of him. Love God and put your faith in His Son, Christ Jesus. He is a true neighbor to all who trust Him.