

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
1 Samuel 25:1-44
Wednesday October 8, 2014

1 Samuel 25:1-13

1 Samuel 16-31 – The Rise Of David

1 Samuel 21-31 – Saul Exiled David

1. Verse 1 – Death Of Samuel

2. Verses 2-13 – Nabal’s Idiocy

3. Verses 14-35 – Abigail’s Wisdom

4. Verses 36-44 – Nabal’s Loss & David’s Gain

1. Verse 1 – Death Of Samuel:

1 Samuel 25: 1

1 Samuel 24:21-22

1 Samuel 28: 3

2. Verses 2-13 – Nabal’s Idiocy:

1 Samuel 25:2-3

“Nabal,” – his name means “fool, stupid, wicked”, Psalm 14:1.

“Abigail.” – Her name means “joy, exceedingly, gladness, rejoicing.”

“And the woman was intelligent and beautiful in appearance,”

“but the man was harsh” – “rough, stiff-necked, stubborn”; “and evil in his dealings,” – “bad, mischief, wicked, wretchedness, wrong, mean and dishonest in all his dealings.”

“and he was a Calebite,” – (Numbers 13-14; Joshua 14:6-7)

Nabal/Abigail’s Marriage Was Unequally Yoked.

1 Corinthians 7:12-17

1 Samuel 25: 4

Verses 5-9 – David’s Request Of Nabal

Verses 10-12 – Nabal’s Response To David: 1 Samuel 25:10

Pretended not to know David! – “And who is the son of Jesse?” (He knew the family he was from).

1 Samuel 25: 3

1 Samuel 25:11 (7 Personal Pronouns)

1 Samuel 25:12

Verse 13 – David’s Response To Nabal: 1 Samuel 25:13

1 Peter 5:8

3. Verses 14-35 – Abigail’s Wisdom:

Verses 14-17 – Young Man Intervenes: “young men told Abigail,”

“and he scorned them.” – The term “scorned them” – “to swoop down upon prey, fly, rail, shrieking of a bird of prey as it swoops down to tear its victim.”

1 Samuel 25: 15-17

Verses 18-20 – Abigail Intervenes

Verses 21-22 – David’s Self-Pity: 1 Samuel 25:21

Colossians 3:17

1 Samuel 25:22

Verses 23-31 – Abigail Intercedes Before David: 1 Samuel 25:23-24

Verse 24 – Abigail Confesses The Wrong Done To David: “On me alone, my lord, be the blame.”

1 Samuel 25:25

“Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him;”
– Basically Abigail says “His name is Fool so he is; Fool’s his name and that’s what He is all about!”

1 Samuel 25:26

Verse 27 – Makes Restitution To David

Verse 28 – Asks Forgiveness For Transgression

1 Samuel 25:29

“shall be bound in the bundle of the living” – The Jews would take cloth and wrap it around an object in order to protect it.

Verse 30 – Recognizes David’s Right To The Throne: 1 Samuel 25:30

1 Samuel 25:31

Verses 32-35 – David Thanks Abigail: 1 Samuel 25:32-33

How we receive reproof and counsel is a test of our relationship to the Lord and our willingness to live by His Word.

1 Samuel 25:34-35

4. Verses 36-44 – Nabal’s Loss & David’s Gain:

1 Samuel 25:36-37

“heart died” – some have suggested that Nabal had a stroke; massive heart attack.

1 Samuel 25:38 – “LORD struck Nabal and he died.” Though this was physical, it was the Divine judgment of God upon Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:39-42

1 Samuel 25:43 – This is descriptive not prescriptive. Violation of Deut. 17:17

1 Samuel 25:44

Application:

1. Nabal Was A Descendent From Godly Caleb. Having Godly Seed Does Not Guarantee A Godly Outcome.
2. David Received The Counsel From Abigail. How We Receive Reproof And Counsel Is A Test Of Our Relationship To The Lord And Our Willingness To Live By His Word.
3. Warren Wiersbe said, "David was a godly man and a gifted leader, but the best of men are but men at their best."