

1 Samuel Lesson 47 David Encounters Nabal and Abigail Part Two

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

Background:

Abigail's provisions: Abigail includes loaves of bread, skins of wine and butchered sheep in her provisions. Thus she acknowledged that David's men deserved to share the reward with Nabal's men. She added to the provisions, thus providing for them abundantly.

Key word:

worthless: H1100 "beliyyaal " ungodly, wicked, scoundrel,.good for nothing, rascally

avenge: H3467 "yasha" a verb meaning to save or deliver.

Read 1 Samuel 25: 18- 38

In our last lesson we learned that Abigail had been told by a servant that her husband, Nabal, had refused to provide provisions for David and his men and had hurled insults at David's messengers. The servant asked Abigail to intervene because David was plotting evil against Nabal and all his household.

1 According to 1 Samuel 25:18-20 how did Abigail respond to the news that David was plotting revenge and what does this reveal about her character?

2. According to 25:21 why did David feel he was justified in seeking revenge on Nabal and his household? Who or what had David forgotten in the heat of anger? When you are angry how can the Holy Spirit use these scriptures to help you avoid sin? See Ephesians 4:26-27;29-32

3. With what attitude does Abigail approach David in 25:23-24? In 25:25-31 what are the different arguments Abigail used to stop David from seeking revenge by his sword?

Application: Which of Abigail's arguments could help you the next time you are tempted to seek revenge on someone?

4. According to 25:32-34 how did David respond to Abigail's plea? Compare David's response to Abigail to Saul's response to David's plea in 1 Samuel 24.

Application: Think back to a time when you were confronted with sin by a pastor or brother or sister in Christ. How did you react? What can we learn from David and his response to Abigail about the godly way to act when confronted with our own sin?

5. As David obeys, and gives God the right to deal with his enemies, how does God honor David's obedience? See 1 Samuel 25:36-44