

THE LORD SPARES DAVID FROM SINNING

(1 Samuel 25)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

A. The DEATH of God's prophet SAMUEL (25:1)

B. The FOOLISHNESS and SELFISHNESS of Nabal (25:2-13)

1. David asks Nabal for provisions for his little army (25:2-9)

- a. David's ten messengers were sent to give Nabal a blessing of _____, and to inform him that David's men had _____ his flocks.
- b. In light of the fact that David had _____ Nabal's flocks, his men were instructed to ask for _____ and _____ from this wealthy man.

2. Nabal refuses the request and returns the messengers with an insult (25:10-11)

- a. Nabal's reaction was consistent with his character, it was essentially a _____ to the kindness that David had shown to his shepherds.
- b. By Nabal's harsh response he implied, "*Who is David, and why does he think he is so _____ that I would consider giving him any of my _____? He is just another runaway _____ from the king.*"

* In view of the fact that David had commanded his men to arm themselves, what is evident about his intentions and his spiritual condition (v. 13)?

C. The WISDOM and INTERVENTION of Abigail (25:14-35)

1. Abigail, the wife of Nabal appeases David (25:14-31)

- a. One of Nabal's men went to Abigail and informed her of how her foolish husband _____ David's messengers, and he then proceeded to _____ David and his men.

* What is interesting about the word “*reviled*” in v. 14?

* What do verses 15 and 16 tell us about David’s leadership?

- b. Abigail didn’t waste any time in preparing an enormous amount of _____ for David and his men, because she knew that the _____ and very _____ of her household depended on it.

- c. Without her husband’s knowledge, Abigail rode with her provisions to _____ David’s war party before they took _____ on her entire family.

- d. Apparently some people throughout the nation were beginning to figure out that King Saul was pursuing an _____ man, and this man would one day be _____.

- e. Despite the fact that David was _____, Abigail’s _____ of intercession to not “*shed blood without a _____*” brought him to his senses.

* With Nabel’s fate left in God’s hands, what did the Lord do to him?

2. David proposes to the widow Abigail and takes her as his wife (25:39-44)

- a. When David heard that the Lord had dispensed _____ for Nabal’s violation of the Torah, he knelt down and _____ the Lord.

- b. Perhaps with Jehovah supernaturally _____ her husband’s life, Abigail saw marriage to David as the Lord’s _____ will.

* How does this chapter apply to you?