

THE BLESSINGS OF A GODLY WOMAN
(1 Samuel 25)

I. THE DEATH OF SAMUEL (25:1)

- God _____ His workman, but _____ on His work.

II. DAVID SEEKS SUPPORT FROM NABAL (25:2-13)

1. Nabal's name means _____, & he was married to a gal who was the _____ of himself, by the name of Abigail.

2. Abigail was outwardly _____ as well as inwardly _____, while Nabal was _____ & _____ in his doings.

3. David sent men to Nabal seeking material _____ for his men in light of the favor & _____ that David had provided for Nabal and his people from external _____.

4. Nabal's response was a _____ in the _____ to the goodness David had shown to them.

- What was stated & implied by Nabal?
 - “Who is David? (Is he someone _____?)
 - “Who is the son of _____?” (Nabal knew who he was, but would only acknowledge him as a _____)
 - “David is just a break away _____ to the cause of our king”
 - “Shall I take my food away from my shearers & give it to a rebel _____”?

5. On hearing the report from his men, David does _____ respond by faith, but is _____. He & 400 men strap on their _____ & go seeking _____ against Nabal & his men!

III. THE INTERVENTION OF ABIGAIL (25:14-35)

1. One of the men went to Abigail & _____ her to understand what had just happened, “David sent men to greet the master of the house & he _____ them!”

2. He further explained to her:

- David's men were _____ to us
- They did not _____ us or _____ anything from us in the fields
- They were a _____ or hedge of _____ to us by day & by night
- Consider carefully what _____ (he puts it on her to do something)

* Why should she?

- Because of Nabal's foolishness, _____ is now determined against us!
- The master is a scoundrel (son of Belial, a _____ man), because he is so _____ to even speak to

3. Unknown to Nabal, Abigail wisely put together a load of _____ & set off to _____ on behalf of her endangered household.

4. When Abigail met David she humbly _____ before him & asked that this _____ be put to her account!

5. She requests that David give her a _____ concerning certain facts!

- What facts did she reiterate? (25:25-31)

- Yes, my husband is a _____
- His name means _____ & so, he often _____
- I was not _____ when your men came, but I am here now with _____ !
- the _____ has held you back from _____ innocent blood today
- He has kept you from _____ yourself with your own hand
- Let your enemies be the _____ & not _____ !
- please accept these supplies as my _____ for you & your men to enjoy
- please forgive the _____ against us
- the Lord will make your house an _____ house for you _____ the Lord's battles & what you are about to do, will not produce the _____ of God!
- add to that, no _____ has not been found in you up to this day (Why let it begin here, with this mistake?)
- although a certain man has risen against you (probably Saul), your life has a _____ future with the Lord your God!
- when this future comes to pass, & you are _____ in Israel you will be glad that you didn't _____ innocent blood nor _____ yourself without a just cause!
- when the Lord has dealt _____ to you, _____ me _____ !

6. As quickly as David had lost control & become angry, he regains _____ from this amazing woman who _____ him concerning the facts, when he was determined to do evil!

7. David recognized a number of things here:

- God's hand in this, "Blessed be the _____ of Israel"
- the words of Abigail, "Blessed is _____"
- Abigail herself, "Blessed are _____ dear woman"
- David's benediction, "Go in _____ to your house, for I have _____ your voice & I _____ your person"

IV. GOD'S VENGEANCE AND GOD'S GRACE (25:36-44)

A. God's Vengeance (25:36-38)

1. On her return home she finds her husband _____ & _____ to any thing sensible.
2. In ten days, the Lord struck him in _____ & he died!

B. God's Grace (25:39-44)

1. With the death of Nabal, David sent & proposed _____ to Abigail!
- 2 Abigail knew a good thing when she heard it, so she _____ & became David's wife!

- What else can we learn from this chapter?