

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did David use the right approach in asking for Nabal's help?
2. How can we characterize Nabal?
3. What was Abigail's reaction when she heard how Nabal treated David's men?
4. What is so outstanding about David's acceptance of the food Abigail provided? (Matthew 18:23-35)
5. What does the Bible teach us about vengeance? (Romans 12:17)
6. How did God bless David and Abigail?

SUMMARY:

Nabal, Abigail, and David demonstrate three very different kinds of reactions in this lesson. In their actions and motivations we can find real lessons for our own lives today. Which characteristics are **typical** of those in **us**?

The Holy Spirit today can **transform** the lives of foolish and sinful men. May we pray for His work of regeneration in many lives today, and give Him complete control in our **own** hearts! [\[SoF:8,9\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

August 13, 2023

Third Quarter

DAVID, NABAL AND ABIGAIL

LESSON TEXT: *1 Samuel 25:1-38; Psalm 14:1-4*

LESSON SETTING: David sent several men to a wealthy man, Nabal, in search of food.

TIME: Approximately 1060 B.C.

I. NABAL'S FOLLY. 1 Samuel 25:1-13

- A. David Requests Food (vs. 5-9) Matthew 6:11, 31-34; 7:7-8
- B. Nabal's Rebuff (vs. 10-13) Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Matthew 5:42

II. ABIGAIL'S PRUDENCE. 1 Samuel 25:14-38

- A. Prudence. 2 Chronicles 2:12; Proverbs 19:14; Acts 13:7; Ephesians 1:8
- B. Wisdom. Psalm 111:10; 1 Corinthians 1:30; James 1:5-6; 3:17
- C. Vengeance (vs. 26, 31-33,38) Romans 12:17-21; Hebrews 10:30

III. THE FOLLY OF GODLESSNESS. Psalm 14:1-4

- A. Fools (vs. 1) Proverbs 17:21, 25; Jeremiah 17:11; Luke 12:20; Romans 1:22
- B. Man's Condition (vs. 2-4) Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM.*

Psalm 111:10a

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Samuel 30:1-19; Psalm 27:1-14

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Job 42:1-17; Isaiah 25:9;
Habakkuk 3:18-19

QUARTERLY THEME: Early Life of David

TOPIC: DAVID RECOVERS HIS FAMILY

INTRODUCTION:

Fearful that he might eventually be slain by Saul, David escaped to the land of the Philistines, where he remained for one year and four months. With him were his two wives plus 600 men with their families and livestock. In Philistia, he was given custody of the city of Ziklag, where he and his company then made their homes. (1 Samuel 27:1-7)

While David was there, the Philistines gathered their armies together to fight against Israel. David and his men left Ziklag to accompany the Philistine army. Before the battle began, however, the Philistine princes rejected David's presence and David and his men return to Ziklag. (1 Samuel 29)

On arrival at Ziklag, they found the city burned, their families taken captive and their possessions carried away.

David inquired of the LORD for instructions. God said: "pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them and without fail recover all." (1 Samuel 30:8) David and his men did pursue. They rescued their families and recovered both their possessions and the spoils that the Amalekite raiders had taken from other locations.

Instead of despairing—or taking hasty and wrong action—in time of trouble we, too, need to "inquire of the LORD" for advice. His advice always gives the best course of action.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Only God can make people full of gentleness, goodness, understanding and graciousness.

GOLDEN TEXT: *DAVID ENCOURAGED HIMSELF IN THE LORD HIS GOD.* 1 Samuel 30:6

David and his men were quite naturally very distressed at the loss of their wives, their children, and all their possessions. But David "encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

The word: "Chazag", translated "encouraged" literally means "strengthened." David "strengthened himself." But this does not mean that he just pulled himself up by his own bootstraps. He encouraged, or strengthened, himself "in the Lord . . ." "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the LORD forever; for in the LORD Jehovah is everlasting strength." (Isaiah 26:3-4)

David, and the saints of all ages, have experienced the truth of these words. Have you?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 14 – 20

Mon. David Distrusted. 1 Samuel 29:1-5
Tue. David Dismissed. 1 Samuel 29:6-11
Wed. *David's Loss. 1 Samuel 30:1-7
Thu. *David's Pursuit. 1 Samuel 30:8-17
Fri. *David Recovers All. 1 Samuel 30:18-25
Sat. *God Our Source of Strength. Psalm 27:1-7
Sun. *God Our Source of Encouragement. Psalm 27:8-14

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