

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 25:1-44 - PART two

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“How to Handle the Fool” – PART 2

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

1 Samuel 25:1-44

In This Chapter of 1 Samuel 25

WE SEE THE HUMANITY OF A FOOL AND HIS FOLLY
PERSONIFIED IN THE MAN **NABAL**,

HIS NAME MEANS – FOOL OR CHIEF OF FOOLS

He was business smart, wealthy, powerful,
loud, harsh, rude, and a drunk an evil-minded man...

*“The man breathes, but never really lives.
Who receives but never gives.
Creations blot; creations blank.
Whom none can love, and none can thank.”*

Psalm 14:1

***The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have
done abominable works, there is none who does good.***

WE SEE HUMANITY UNDER THE CONTROL OF GOD
PERSONIFIED IN THE WOMAN **ABIGAIL**,

HER NAME MEANS – “JOY TO THE FATHER” / THE CAUSE OF JOY

She was a woman, spirit filled. A woman who possessed character qualities much like that of the Lord. She was married to a Disgusting man yet remind a saint unto the Lord and those around her. She was a woman very much in touch with her God.

**AND WE SEE THE HUMANITY OF A MAN OF GOD
PERSONIFIED IN THE MAN DAVID,
HIS NAME MEANS – BELOVED ONE, THE ONE WHO IS LOVED**

He was a man who was both a “Man’s Man” as well as a man who could be very gentle, poetic, very meditative, and romantic about life.

When I think of David

I think of Him as being a complete man in physical strength as well as emotional control. He could attack an invading army without mercy then pull up a rock and sit down to write hymn or Psalm

1.) *Know this - that Life will have it's fools* **vv.1-9**

2.) *Know this - that Fools lack a thankful heart* **vv. 4-9**

3.) *Know this - that a fool will resist you* **vv. 10-13**

4.) *Know this - that God has His ways* **vv.14-17**

HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL

5.) *Know to leave them in God's hands* **vv. 23-31**

Romans 12:19

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Know to leave them in God's hands

5a.) Let's do what is right regardless of the fool

Verse 23-31

1 Samuel 25:22-31

"May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light." 23 Now when Abigail saw David, she hastened to dismount from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground... 24 So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. 25 "Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. 26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal.

A WOMAN OF BEAUTY AND BRAIN – AN AWESOME CATCH

Physical Attraction is Truly Skin Deep

1 Peter 3:1-4

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. 3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

Miss, Lady, Mame

What You Put on Your Face – It will be seen!

What You Put in Your Heart and Mind – It will be seen too!

A “Complete” Woman is Infinitely “Attractive”

Verse 27-31

27 "And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 "Please forgive the trespass of your

maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. 29 "Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling. 30 "And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, 31 "that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

Verse 29

Is the sum of David's life – my life – your life

Verse 29

"O.K. - a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but your life David, shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling.

She is Saying...

“David – God is Your Reason, Your Passion for Living.

Your Life is Filled with His Fullness, and it Always Will Be

Because of This - No Enemy Can Ever Conquer You.”

Acts 13:22

So the LORD raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

Note - The Intercession of Abigail
The Intercession of the Believer

Note - The Intercession of Jesus
The Intercession of Stephen

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do

Acts 7:59-60

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

James 5:20

let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

Her Character Qualities

She Acted with **Urgency** verse 23

She Acted with **Humility** verse 24

She Acted with **Mercy** verse 25

She Acted with **Counsel** verse 26

She Acted with **Gratitude** verse 27

She Acted with **Respect** verse 28

She Acted with **Vision** verse 29

She Acted with **Faith** verse 30

She Acted with **Grace** verse 31

**She Acted in The Way
Nabal Should Have Acted to David**

She is Teaching Us

**How TO HANDLE THE FOOL – THE FOOL SHE'S
MARRIED TO**

How TO HANDLE THE FOOL

6.) *Know that God is in Control*

vv. 32-38

Know that God is in Control

6a.) *Look for Him to Intervene*

Verse 32

Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!"

God's Daily Intervention

Know that God is in Control

6b.) *Look for Him to Give Counsel*

Verse 33-34

33 "And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 "For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hastened and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal....

Verse 35

35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

Know that God is in Control

6c.) *Look for Him for Vengeance*

Verse 36-38

36 Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there he was, holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light. 37 So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became like a stone. 38 Then it came about, after about ten days, that the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

Turn to Romans 12

Romans 12:19

“...Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

“Whatever You Think You Know, Know This. That Your Knowledge is Limited About That Thing You Think You Know So Much About”

How TO HANDLE THE FOOL

7.) Know that God rewards obedience

vv. 39-44

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7a.) Foolishness pays its wages

Verse 39

So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil! For the LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head..."

Romans 6:23a

For the wages of sin is death... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Verse 39

“...And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife

**Abigail is Very Much Like Christ Here
So Marry Her Likeness / Marry Jesus’ Likeness**

Know that God rewards obedience

7b.) Obedience brings blessings

Verse 40-42

When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, “David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife.” 41 Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, “Here is your maid servant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.” 42 So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, attended by five of her maidens; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.

God will never be indebted to any man.

But If God were to ever owe any man anything,
It would have to be in this area of obedience to Him.

He Loves to Bless Obedience!
He will Never Let it Go by Without Rewarding it

Heaven Takes Notice When We Obey

You Here – At This church,

*You Must cause Angels to blush at times,
the way you love God the way you do!*

Exodus 19:5

‘Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Jeremiah 29:13-14

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity...

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Know that God rewards obedience

7c.) A Parenthetical Insert to the Context

Verse 43-44

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and so both of them were his wives. 44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

David already had Ahinoam of Jezreel as his wife because she was childless, so Abigail also became his wife because she too was childless. 44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

Polygamy

was forbidden by God in Genesis: 2:24

except in the case of a

Childless First Marriage (Deuteronomy 21:15-17)

Michal was David's First wife but she was still Childless.
Ahinoam was Childless and she became David's Second Wife – But
First to Conceive and Bear a Son
Abigail had never born a son – ***so David helped her with that problem...***

HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL

Is learning how to handle ones' own self. There is no fool that shall rob me of the victory in Christ. But there is one fool who can – myself! It is I, who can both rob and destroy what God wants to do in my life.

***From This Chapter, I Learn This;
That I Cannot Rest on Past Victories,
To Guarantee Today's Battle.***

I Am Helpless without the LORD's Grace.

There Go I, We, But for the Grace of God