

1 SAMUEL 25; April 9; Abigail Becomes David's Wife

ANALYSIS:

1. Name two things the Bible tells us about Nabal _____, _____, and two things it tells us about Abigail _____, _____.
2. Which two people acted wisely and saved Nabal's household from David's sword? _____, _____.
3. What three blessings did David pronounce when Abigail met him as he was coming to Nabal's house? _____, _____, _____.
4. How many days after Nabal refused to help David did he die, and why did he die? _____, _____.
5. What three marriages are mentioned in this chapter? _____, _____, _____.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

We've heard the saying, "Haste makes waste." But haste can be very right and a great life-saver. When news reached Abigail that her husband had rudely treated David's messengers, she with haste set a plan in action to save David from shedding blood for which he might suffer grief later in his life. As soon as she saw David, she hastened to dismount her beast and prostrate herself before him on the ground. David commends her for having hastened to meet him before he got to Nabal's house. After Nabal's death, David sends servants with his proposal and Abigail hastened to accept and became his wife.

When we see a need, opportunity or responsibility which we can fulfill, let us be quick (hasty) to serve the LORD!

God tells us that Nabal was "churlish and evil in his doings." (v 3) Since "churlish" means "rude or vulgar," what characteristics marked this man that we want to avoid?

HELP:

1. Nabal -- churlish, evil in his doings. Abigail -- of good understanding, beautiful countenance (v 3).
2. One of Nabal's young men told Abigail of Nabal's rude treatment of David's messengers, and Abigail acts with haste to wisely appease David (vs 14-19).
3. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, Blessed be thy advice, Blessed be thou (vs 32-33).
4. About 10 days, The LORD smote him that he died (v 38).
5. David married Abigail, David married Ahinoam, David's wife Michal was given by Saul to Phalti (vs 42-44).