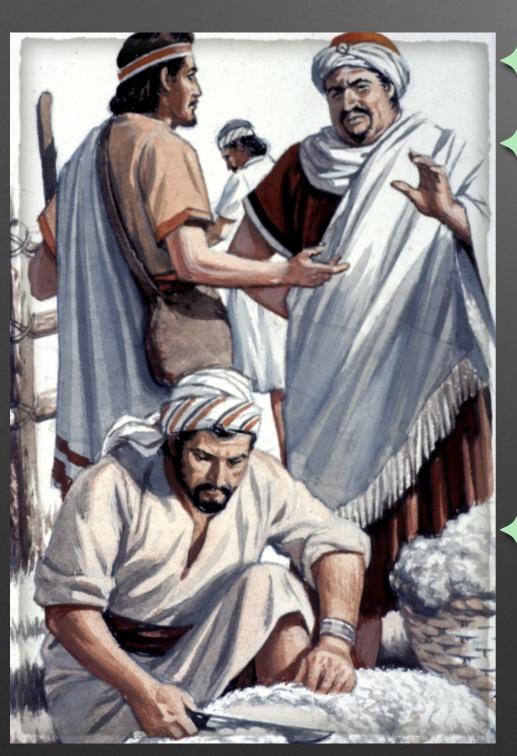


1 Samuel 25:2-42

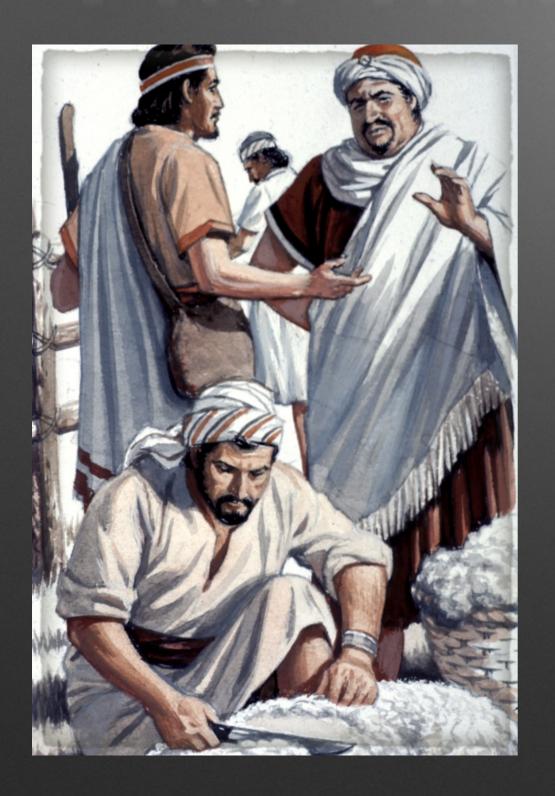






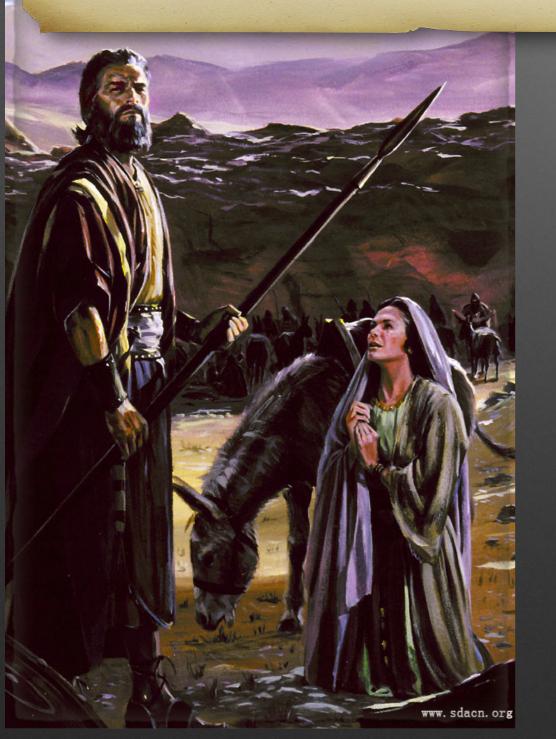


- ◆ Samuel has died (1 Sam 25:1)
- ◆ A very wealthy man named Nabal & his wife Abigail lived in Maon (she was beautiful and of "good understanding, but the man was harsh and evil in his doings. He was of the house of Caleb.") (25:2,3)
 - David, who had previously protected Nabal's men, sends to Nabal for needed supplies (25:4-9; cf 23:24; 25:21)



- Nabal, with utter contempt, refuses David− (25:10-11)
- ◆ Angered by Nabal's response, David & his men gird their swords (25:12-13)
- ♦ Abigail intervenes –
 (25:14-31)

Lessons We Need To Learn From Abigail



- ◆ She was "of good understanding" (3)
- ◆ She acted with haste (18)
- ◆ She was humble (23,24)
- ◆ She appealed to the best in David (25-33)

She was "of good understanding" (3)



- ♦ She knew why David was going to march against Nabal (25)
- ♦ She knew vengeance belongs to the Lord – (26; cf. Rom 12:19)
- ♦ She knew the Lord was behind David's success (28-30)
- ♦ She knew God blesses those who put Him first (29; cf. Mat 6:25ff)

She was "of good understanding" (3)



- ♦ We Too Need Good
 Understanding (Eph 5:15-17)
- ♦ Necessary To Please God, Bear Fruit & Promote Peace & Unity (Col 1:9-12; Jam 3:13-18)
- ♦ We need to have an understanding of where others are coming from (2 Cor 2:11; 2 Pet 3:16,17)

She Acted With Haste (18)



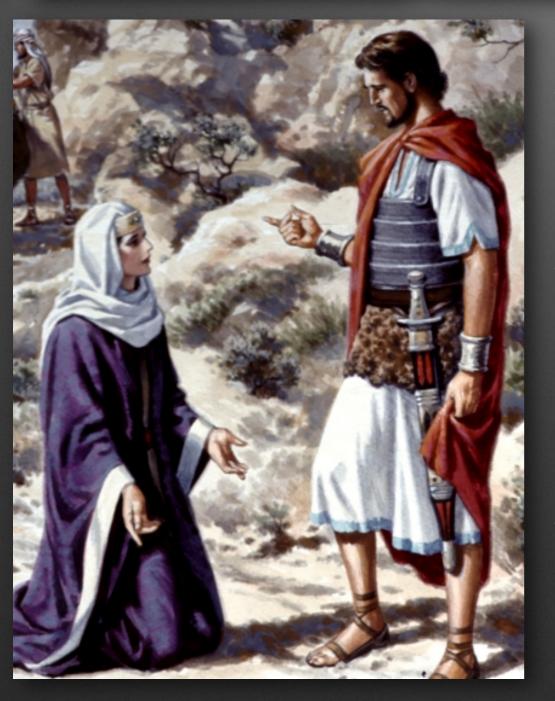
- ◆ She hurried to get supplies to David (18,19)
- ♦ She took responsibility without delay in going to meet with David to make peace (19,20)

She Acted With Haste (18)



- ♦ When we have opportunity to do good – we need to do it – (James 2:15,16; 4:17)
- ♦ We need to redeem the time (Col. 4:5; Eph 5:15,16)
- ◆ Problems need to be addressed with haste & wisdom! (Mat 5:23-25; Prov. 15:1; Jas 1:19; 3:17)

She Was Humble (23,24)



- ◆ She bowed before David- (23,24)
- ♦ She offered to take the punishment for Nabal's wrong (24)
- ◆ She didn't make excuses for Nabal (25)

Sh∈ Was Humble (23,24)



- ♦ We must be humble before God – (Mat 5:3; Luke 14:11; Jas 4:6-10)
- ♦ We must be humble in dealing with one another (Eph 4:1-3; Phili. 2:1-5; Col. 3:12,13)
- ✦ Humility is essential in teaching & correcting others (1 Pet 3:15; 2 Tim 2:25)

She Appealed To The Best In David (25-33)



- She was wise in her approach in pleading with David not to act foolishly (25)
- ♦ She appealed to David's desire to serve the Lord (26-28)
- ♦ She appealed to the need for David to have a clear conscience & trust the Lord to avenge him (27-31)

She Appealed To The Best In David (25-33)



- ♦ We need to appeal to one's desire to be wise (Ep 5:15-17)
- ◆ We need to appeal to one's desire to serve the Lord and to be blessed by Him (Heb 6:9,10)
- ◆ We need to appeal to one's desire to know they are right with God (John 8:32; 1 Pet 3:21)



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Lessons We Need To Learn From Abigail

- ◆ David listened to Abigail because of her actions – (32-34)
- ★ We learn from Abigail the need to act with understanding, haste, humility & wisdom!