

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

# 1 SAMUEL

[PART 51]

**WHEN THEY TELL YOUR STORY WHAT  
WILL HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT YOU?**

*Reading: 1 Samuel 25: 1 - 13*

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## **Introduction**

- David has been on the run from Saul but in this 25th chapter he gets some respite.
- We say farewell to an old character and hello to 2 new characters.
- There is '**Samuel, the godly**' and '**Nabal the fool**' and then there's '**Abigail, the beautiful**.'
- Note what is written about them.

## **1 Samuel, The Godly**

- [Vs 1] "**Then Samuel died...**"
- His name is mentioned in Scripture 142 times.
- Just as there had been a time for Samuel to be born there is now a time for him to die. [Eccles 3:2].
- He was born as a result of his mother's prayers.
- Samuel means, '**Asked of God**.'
- He became renowned for his prayers.
- He bridged the gap between the era of the Judges and the monarchy.
- He was the '**king-maker**.'
- He was the first of the prophets. [Acts 3:24].
- He was one of the men in David's '**corner**.'
- God lays aside His workers but His work always goes on.

## 2 Nabal The Fool

- Nabal is referred to 22 times in Bible.
- [vs 2] he was very rich.
- Winter is past and shearing is underway. God has blessed Nabal.
- He has experienced God's '**Common Grace**.'
- '**God's goodness to all humanity regardless of their salvation status.**'
- All we have is from God's providing hand. [John 3:37].
- How do you respond to this?
- God had given him a beautiful wife also.
- This verse is a study in contrasts with Abigail.
- Nabal was '**harsh**' and evil, rude, lacking civility, unpleasant.
- His name means '**fool**.'
- He reminds me of the character in Jesus parable in [Luke 12:16 \*- 21].
- Descendant of Caleb, one of the two good spies.
- He was a '**scoundrel**' or a '**son of Belial**.'

## 3 Nabal And David And His Men

- David and his men had been '**roughing it**' in the grazing area of Nabal's sheep accompanied by their shepherds.
- They had behaved well among them [vs 7] and this is confirmed by the shepherds in [vs 15].
- David sends 10 young men to ask if Nabal would be kind to acknowledge David's goodness.
- [vs 10/11] He pretends he doesn't know David and refuses to compensate David and his men.
- Nabal is repaying David's goodness with evil.
- Having been blessed by God we are called to bless others.
- [vs 13] David behaves rashly and out of character.
- We all need more of the fruit of Spirit referred to as 'self-control'.
- Remember David is not perfect and neither are we.

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