

The Book Of 1 Samuel

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

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Lesson 47 The Actions Of Abigail

In this lesson we will continue our study of this remarkable woman named Abigail. Women and wives and saints in general can learn much from studying her actions.

1st Point The Life Of A Wife In Biblical Times

- When we read **1 Samuel 25:19** that Abigail didn't tell her husband what she did, we may think she was stealing from her husband.
- However, in Bible time, wives were often responsible for the distribution of household goods and property
- They would distribute and share with others.
- In this case Abigail is repaying a debt that her husband refused to pay.

2nd Point Behavior Reflect Beliefs (1 Samuel 25:23-31)

- Saints, we can't believe incorrectly and behavior correctly.
- Right beliefs will produce right behavior.
Abigail's behavior was right because her beliefs were right.
 - Her belief in the Lord is undeniable. Note **verse 26** and **verses 30 & 31**
 - Note her knowledge and faith in the plans and purposes of God
 - Abigail knew that God was gonna make David the King of Israel.
 - Abigail saw herself as a servant. How do we see ourselves?
 - Saints today see the Apostles as **great** men, but they saw themselves as "**servants**". Note **Romans 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1.**
 - and the spouse of a fool, not knowing that she would soon become the spouse of a king.
 - She believed that God could move on the heart of men and women.

As I studied the behavior of this woman here in this text, not once did I see where she asked anything for herself.

- In **verse 24** Abigail said **...Upon me, my lord upon me let this iniquity be** Abigail was willing to assume the consequences of her husband's actions
- As a matter of fact, according to **verse 25**, had she been there when David's men made the request, she would have honored the request.
- Also in **verses 25** Abigail is "**My husband is a fool, so what else can you expect from a fool**

3rd Point **What Does Abigail Seek?** (1 Samuel 25:26- 29)

As I was studying these four verses, I was compelled to ask myself a personal question.

What do I seek, what do I desire for others?

Abigail was seeking **Mercy** (verse 26)

Abigail was seeking **Acceptance** (verse 27)

Abigail wanted David to accept what she brought.

Abigail was seeking **Forgiveness** for what her husband foolishly did. (verse 28)

Abigail was seeking **God's Protection** on David's life. (verse 29)

What Abigail is referring to is a custom of that day that *people would take that which was valuable and bind it up in a bundle to protect it from damage or injury.*

WOW! Here is a woman who believed the LORD GOD protects the soul of men and women.

What does our Lord say in **Matthew 16:26** & **Mark 8:36**?

Throughout the Psalms David writes about the God who protects HIS own.