
Big Idea: *In 1 Samuel chapter 25, Samuel dies, and David remains a fugitive. He asks Nabal (whose name literally means “fool”) for food for his men, but is insulted. David reacts with force, but is appeased by Nabal’s wise wife, Abigail. David later takes Abigail as his wife.*

I. Introduction:

A. How, in general, do narratives in the Bible invite us to compare and contrast?

B. How was the death of Samuel significant?

1 Sam. 25:1

C. Nabal and Abigail: how are they described? Contrast them

1 Sam. 25:2-3

II. A Request and a Response

1 Sam. 25:4-13

A. What has caused David to come unglued?

B. Is David out of line? Why or why not?

C. Saul is not in this chapter. Who is best compared to Saul in this chapter?

III. Abigail’s Action and David’s Response

1 Sam. 25:14-35

A. How specifically is God’s providence shown in this situation?

1 Sam. 25:32

B. How in general does God seek to avert us from evil?

c.f. 1 Cor. 10:11-13

IV. Epilogue – Death and marriage

1 Sam. 25:36-43

Extra Credit: How is Nabal’s death similar to the parable in Luke 12:16-21?

What about David’s marriage? How do we account for his polygamy?

c.f. 2 Sam. 12