

1 Samuel 25:1-44

I. Nabal, Abigail, and Israel

- A. Nabal, the Fool (see 1 John 2:16; Luke 12:16-21)
- B. Abigail, the Father's Rejoicing (see Proverbs 11:22)
- C. The result (see Proverbs 19:11, 14; also 31:10-31)

II. Those who reject the King

- A. Tend to be people who are well-off in this world.
- B. "Fool" is a moral category, not an intellectual one. (see Psalm 14:1; Proverbs 1:7)
- C. What is in the fool's heart becomes clear in his words. (see Psalm 73:9, 11-12)

III. Those who recognize the King

- A. Abigail knows that David will triumph.
- B. Abigail appeals to David's morality.
- C. Abigail is a priest. (see Exodus 32:32)

IV. How to pray for fools

- A. Do the good that isn't getting done.
- B. Understand that very much is at stake. (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Jonah 4:10-11)
- C. Pray for the sake of God's glory. (see Psalm 115:1-2; Numbers 14:15-16; Micah 4:1-2)
- D. Ask God for mercy on fools. (see Psalm 98:8-9; 94:20)
- E. Pray as a forgiven fool. (Psalm 14 with Romans 3:9-18; see also Isaiah 53:11-12; Hebrews 7:25; Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26)