

INTRODUCTION: “ABIGAIL” (1Sam.25:3f; “my father joy”; see Is.63:16; 64:8 and Prov.10:1; 15:20)

I. ABIGAIL REJOICES IN HER FATHER’S HOLINESS (see Is.63:16; 64:8)

A. JOY IN HER FATHER AS AVENGER (25:26,31; 33,39; see Dt.32:35; Ps.94:1)

B. JOY IN HER FATHER AS KING (25:23f,28-30; see 24:20f; 20:14f; 23:17; 18:1f; see 8:7; Ps.2:6)

C. SUMMARY: A WISE WOMAN (25:3; see Dt.32:35; see Ps.78:1f; 1Sam.19:18f; 2Tm.3:14-17)

II. HER FATHER REJOICES IN HIS DAUGHTER’S LOVE (25:3,14ff; see 1Kngs.3:3; Prov.10:1; 15:20; 23:24; Jn.14:31,21f)

A. TO TRUST & OBEY IS LOVE (25:3,14f (I above); see Is.50:10; Jn.14:15f; 15:10)

B. GENERAL REPUTATION: GOOD WISDOM & BEAUTIFUL FORM (25:3; contrast Nabal; see Prov.12:8; 31:10f,26,30,31)

C. SPECIFIC EXAMPLE: TRUSTED (25:14f,17; Prov.31:26(vs.1Sam.25:3b); Gal.5:22,23)

D. DETAILED EVIDENCE: VIRTUES

1. *Timely* (25:18a,23a; see Prov.31:15,21)

2. *Thorough* (25:18b; see Prov.31:13f)

3. *Humble* (25:23,41; see 24,25,28)

4. *Persuasive* (25:26f; Dt.32:35; 2Tm.3:16f; also 25:27; Prov.17:8; 21:14; Gen.32:13f,6f)

E. DIVINE BLESSING (25:32,33; 39; see Ps.129:8; 118:26; similar to Mt.17:5)

III. REJOICE!

A. REJOICE IN THE LORD! (“Abigail”; 1Sam.25:3,14f; see 2:1f w/Lk.1:46f; see Ps.37:4; 35:9; 33:1; etc.)

B. LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART FOR ALL HE IS! (1Sam.25:23-31; see Dt.32:25 & 2Sam.7:12f; ; see Dt.6:5=Mt.22:37f,40; see 2Tm.3:14-17)

C. RECOGNIZE DAVID FOR WHO HE REALLY IS! (1Sam.25:28f,23f; see Mt.1:1f; 9:27; Acts 2:25-36; Phil.2:9f; Eph.1:17f)

D. LEAVE ALL YOUR OWN VENGEANCE WITH GOD AND HIS AGENTS! (1Sam.25:39; 24:15 (26:10; Dt.32:35); Ps.43:1; 119:154; Lam.3:58; Jer.12:1; Rom.12:17f; 13:4; contra Gen.4:23)

E. LISTEN TO THE COUNSEL OF WISE WOMEN! (1Sam.25:35,23f; see 2Sam.14:2; 20:16; Est.4:14; see Prov.14:1; 31:10f; Lk.24:1f,9,22; contrast Gen.3:17 & 21:12; see 1Pt.3:1f,6; 7f)

F. BE DILIGENT TO SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER IN ALL HUMILITY AND WITH A GIFT! (1Sam.25:23-31; 8f,27(Prov.17:8; 21:14; Gen.32:13f,6f); see Eph.4:15; 1Pt.3:1f,9; see 2Tm.3:14-17)

G. MAKE DISCIPLES: DISCIPLE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE! (1Sam.25:23f; see Mt.28:18-20; 1Cor.11:1 (Phil.3:17; 1Tm.2:2; 4:12f,16); 2Tm.3:13f; see Mt.18; Rom.15:14; Heb.10:24; Eph.4:15f)

H. GIVE YOUR FATHER JOY IN ALL THESE WAYS! (“Abigail”; see B-G above)