

INTRODUCTION: PEACEMAKERS & MOTHER'S DAY

I. GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS & EXAMPLES

- A. THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE...** (Prov.31:1f vs. 2Kngs.8:26; see 1Kng.14:21, 15:2,10; 22:42, etc.; yet also Dt.6:7; Ps.78:5f; Col.3:21,22)
- B. WISE WOMEN IN THE HOME** (Prov.14:1; 31:10f; see 1:8; 4:3; 6:20,etc.)
- C. WISE WOMEN IN THE STATE** (2Sam.14:2; 20:16,22; see Eccl.9:13-16)
- D. WISE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH** (2Sam.20:19; Jdgs.5:7; 2Kngs.22:14; Lk.8:1f; 24:1f; Acts 1:14; 16:14; 18:26; Rom.16:1; Phil.4:1f; 1Tm.2:12; 3:11)
- E. CONCLUSION: THE INCORPORATED CHARACTER OF HUMANITY** (Gen.1:27; 5:2; see 1Tm.2:12 & 3:11; see D. above)

II. SPECIAL EXAMPLE: ABIGAIL (1Sam.25:1-44; see 2Sam.3:3; 1Chr.3:1)

- A. GOOD WOMAN, BAD MAN** (3a,b)
 - 1. *Nabal*: “worthless”; *harsh and evil* (25,17; 3)
 - 2. *Abigail*: “source of joy”; *intelligent and beautiful* (3, 33; see Prov.31:10f)
- B. NABAL'S STUPID & DEADLY INJUSTICE** (2-13)
 - 1. *David's kindness* (5-9; see 14-16)
 - 2. *Nabal's injustice* (10,11; see 14)
 - 3. *David's wrath* (12,13; see 17; 21,22; 34)
- C. ABIGAIL'S WISE & LIFE-SAVING PEACEMAKING** (14-35; see 2Sam.14:2; 20:16,22; see Eccl.9:13-16)
 - 1. *Abigail's peacemaking works* (18-20; 27; 35)
 - 2. *Abigail's peacemaking words* (23-31)
 - a. compliance (23-25; see Mk.10:45; Heb.5:2; *Jms.3:17,18*)
 - b. confession (24a,28a; see 25f(21))
 - c. confrontation (26,28c; 31; see Dt.32:35)
 - d. commendation (28b(2Sam.7:11f); 29,30)
 - e. call (31c; contrast 17)
 - 3. *David's peacemaking response: confession* (32,33; see 26f; see Dt.32:35)
- D. THE LORD'S BLESSING ON ABIGAIL AND DAVID** (36-44)
 - 1. *Abigail's submission* (36,37; see 19; Prov.31:11)
 - 2. *God's justice and mercy* (38; see 29b; Dt.32:35; see Rom.11:22)
 - 3. *David's praise to God* (39; see 32)
 - 4. *David's proposal & Abigail's response* (39b; see 31 & 40-42; see 24f)
- E. CONCLUSION: GOOD COUNSEL FOR PEACE FROM A WISE WOMAN TO A GREAT KING**

III. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKING MOTHERS IN ISRAEL! (32; Mt.5:9; 1Sam.25:14-35; see 2Sam.14:2; 20:16,22; see Eccl.9:13-16; 2Tm.1:1-5; 3:14-17)

- A. PRAY FOR PEACEMAKING MOTHERS IN ISRAEL!** (32; contrast Prov.21:9,19,etc.; Phil.4:2,3)
- B. ENCOURAGE PEACEMAKING MOTHERS IN ISRAEL!** (32; see Ps.34:14(1Pt.3:11); Mt.5:9; Rom.14:19; 2Tm.2:22; Heb.12:14; *Jms.3:17,18*)
- C. LISTEN TO YOUR WISE WOMEN!** (24,35 / Prov.1:8,etc / 2Sam.14:2f; 20:16,22 (Eccl.9:13-16) / 2Sam.20:19; Jdgs.5:7; 2Kngs.22:14; Lk.8:1f; 24:1f; Acts 1:14; 16:14; 18:26; Rom.16:1; Phil.4:1f; 1Tm.2:12; 3:11 / Gen.3:17 but 21:12)
- D. NABALS, BE WARNED! ABIGAILS, BE COMFORTED!** (1Sam.25:3,39; see Ps.73; 1Pt.3:1ff)
- E. DAVIDS BE WARNED & COMFORTED!** (1Sam.25:39; see Dt.32:35=Rom.12:19; Heb.10:30)