

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL



[PART 53]

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MR BAD MAN

Reading: 1 Samuel 25:36 - 41

Introduction

- Nabal is a **MINOR** character but he has **MAJOR** lessons to teach us.
- His name is mentioned 18 times and means **'fool!'**
- He was very rich, a sheep master but **'harsh and evil in his doings.'**
- He was married to the beautiful Abigail.

1 Nabal The Fool

- Nabal was one type of fool but there's others.
- [Psalm 53:1], [Matthew 7:26] and [Matthew 25:2]. Recognise any of them?

2 Nabal Had No Thoughts For God

- Abigail speaks of God 7 times but Nabal never speaks of God. [Psalm 10:4]

3 Nabal Was Unthankful

- Being unthankful is another mark of the ungodly.
- David and his men had blessed Nabal.
- **'One good turn deserves another.'**
- But Nabal was unthankful.
- When God or people bless us, are to unthankful?

4 Nabal Paid Bad Wages

- David had rendered good to Nabal but [vs 21] David laments **'he has repaid me evil for good.'**
- Never, never forget those who God has used to bless you.
- Never reward anyone with evil.
- Don't be a Nabal.

5 Nabal The Drunkard [Vs 26]

- Although drunkenness maybe considered socially acceptable, God calls it a sin. [1 Corinthians 6:10].
- Nabal was probably already drinking when David's men came to him initially.
- Remember the sin Lot found himself in through drunkenness. [Genesis 19:30 - 38].

6 The Reward Of The Wicked

- The story of Nabal is a commentary of [Romans 6:23].
- When he learned what had happened he suffered a stroke and was paralysed.
- Ten days later **'God struck him and he died.'**
- Consider [Psalm 37: 9 - 10 & 20], [Psalm 92:7].
- Nabal is now experiencing a bitter harvest for his deeds.
- He is sitting down to a different banquet - **'a banquet of consequences.'**
- There will also be a resurrection of the unjust - for judgement.

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