

We will now begin the tenth lecture on 1 Samuel. /The title of chapter 25 is, "The Death of Samuel." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, the death of Samuel. /Verse 1. /Second, David asks Nabal for gifts. /Verses 2-8. /Third, Nabal insults David. /Verses 9-11. /Fourth, David wants to harm Nabal's household, and Abigail comes with gifts. /Verses 12-22.

/Fifth, Abigail wisely keep David from getting revenge. /Verses 23-35. /Sixth, the LORD strikes Nabal and puts him to death. /Verses 36-38. /Seventh, Abigail becomes David's wife. /Verses 39-44.

/Read verse 1. /Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the Desert of Maon.

/The prophet Samuel grew old and died. /All the Israelites mourned for him and buried him at his home. /Samuel had great faith from when he was young until he grew old.

/Samuel was Israel's judge and prophet, and he carried out God's works well. /The prophet Samuel was a very important figure in the establishment of the nation of Israel. /The prophet Samuel obeyed God and anointed Saul and David as kings. /We too must keep our faith until the end.

/Verses 2-3. /A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel. His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband, a Calebite, was surly and mean in his dealings.

/There was a man named Nabal in Maon in the Desert of Paran. /He was a shepherd in Carmel. /He was very rich. /He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep.

/Nabal was stubborn and wicked, but his wife Abigail was an intelligent woman. /One day, Nabal was shearing sheep. /David heard that Nabal was shearing sheep.

/David sent ten of his men to Nabal and told them to ask for some food. /David was on the run in the desert. /David was running away from Saul who was trying to kill him.

/David had 600 men with him. /David faced the difficulty in having to feed all his men. /Hence, David sent his young men to Nabal to ask for food to eat. /David had helped Nabal in the past. /David and his men protected Nabal's servants when they tended sheep.

/Verses 9-10. /When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited. Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days.

/Nabal did not listen to David's request. /Nabal knew very well who David was. /Nabal

knew that David defeated Goliath. /David also knew that David was one of Saul's men.

/Nabal knew that David was running away from Saul. /Nabal knew what a difficult situation David was in. /Yet, Nabal disregarded all this and insulted David.

/Verse 11. /Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?"

/Nabal said that he couldn't give any of his things to David. /Nabal knew that David was the son of Jesse. /Nabal was a foolish rich man. /Nabal insulted David.

/God gave Nabal many riches. /Yet, Nabal did not use them to help those who were in need. /Nabal used the riches that God gave him for himself, and had banquets for himself and lived a debauched life. Verse 36.

/Nabal was a wicked man. /David lived for God in the past, and he was still faithful to God at the time. /If Nabal had helped David, he would have done it for God's kingdom.

/If he helped David, he would have helped God. /However, Nabal did not help David. /Nabal lived for himself. /He was stingy, /wicked, /and foolish.

/Verse 12. /David's men turned around and went back. When they arrived, they reported every word.

/David's heard that his men returned empty-handed. /David became angry. /David and his men put on their swords and went to kill Nabal.

/Verse 14. One of the servants told Nabal's wife Abigail: "David sent messengers from the desert to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them.

/There was a young boy from among Nabal's servants. /The servant went and told Nabal's wife Abigail about all these things. /"David sent his messengers." /"However, my master Nabal insulted them and sent them away."

/"David's men were good to us and helped us when we tended sheep." /"David is angry and might come kill us."

/Verse 18. /Abigail lost no time. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys.

/Nabal's servant told Abigail everything that had happened. /Nabal's wife Abigail was an intelligent and wise woman. /She quickly prepared food.

/She prepared five sheep, /and five seahs of roasted grain. /Verse 18. /She prepared a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs. /She loaded them on

donkeys and went to meet David. /Abigail met David.

/Verse 23. /When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground.

/Abigail met David and bowed down before him with her face to the ground. /In verse 25, Abigail told David to pay no attention to her husband Nabal, because he was a wicked and foolish man. /Abigail then told David that she did not know that his servants had come to her home.

/Verse 26. /"Now since the LORD has kept you, my master, from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, may your enemies and all who intend to harm my master be like Nabal.

/Abigail knew that the living God was with David. /She knew that God was with David and would deliver him from all his enemies. /She also knew that God would judge and punish his enemies.

/Nabal foolishly insulted and attacked David. /God would judge Nabal. /David was a man of God. /Anyone who attacks God's servants will receive punishment before God.

/We must help believers and help God's servants. /Matthew 25:35. /Nabal was Abigail's husband, but she said that Nabal was foolish before God. /Abigail asked David not to be angry anymore.

/God used Abigail to keep David from getting revenge. /We must not become angry over personal feelings and fight with others. /God personally fights for us.

/Revenge is not in our hands, but in God's hands. /If David got revenge, it would have been a great mistake and a flaw. /David was going to be king.

/If David killed people because of small things, it would be a great flaw for David. /God loved David and used Abigail to keep him from getting revenge.

/Verse 29. /Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my master will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God. But the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.

/God preserved David's life. /God protected David even when his enemies tried to hurt him. /God would make David the head of Israel just as he promised.

/Then God would judge the enemies. /If David killed innocent men, it would later become a great flaw for him. /If David did not get revenge, he would not feel discomfort in his heart.

/Verse 31. /my master will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless

bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the LORD has brought my master success, remember your servant."

/Abigail humbled herself and persuaded David. /David would have made a mistake in his anger if it wasn't for Abigail. /No matter how angry we may get, we must hold back and seek God's will.

/Verse 32. /David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me.

/David praised God for sending Abigail to him so that he would not make a mistake. /David was moved by Abigail's wise words. /David also realized that he almost made a mistake in his anger. /Thus, David gave praises and thanksgiving to God.

/Verse 36. /When Abigail went to Nabal, he was in the house holding a banquet like that of a king. He was in high spirits and very drunk. So she told him nothing until daybreak.

/Nabal held a banquet like that of a king, and led a life of debauchery. /Nabal spent money on himself. /Abigail did not tell him anything until the next morning.

/Verse 38. /About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died.

/No matter how powerful or rich one may be, he will die if God strikes him. /We must store up treasures for ourselves in heaven. /We must use our materials for God.

/Verse 39. /When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Praise be to the LORD, who has upheld my cause against Nabal for treating me with contempt. He has kept his servant from doing wrong and has brought Nabal's wrongdoing down on his own head." Then David sent word to Abigail, asking her to become his wife.

/David heard the news that Nabal was dead. /David sang praises to God. /David gave thanks that God personally avenged him. /David gave thanks that God kept him from getting revenge himself. /Then David took Abigail as his wife.

/We will continue with chapter 26. /The title is, "Saul Apologizes to David." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, Saul falls asleep at the desert. /Verses 1-5. /Second, David takes Saul's spear and water jug. /Verses 6-12. /Third, David rebukes Abner. /Verses 13-16. /Fourth, those who incite the king against David would be cursed. /Verses 17-20. /Fifth, Saul's apology, and David's faith. /Verses 21-25.

/Read verses 1-2. /The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hakilah, which faces Jeshimon?" So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search there for David.

/David hid in the hill of Hakilah in the desert. /The Ziphites found out about this and reported this to Saul. /Saul then took three thousand men with him to the Desert of Ziph.

/When Saul reached the desert, David sent scouts. /They saw that Saul had fallen asleep in the camp. /Saul's men had also fallen asleep.

/Verse 6. /David then asked Ahimelech the Hittite and Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, "Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?" "I'll go with you," said Abishai.

/David's scouts reported back to him. /David and Abishai went to the place where Saul had fallen asleep. /David and Abishai saw that Saul was asleep inside the camp. /Saul's spear was on the ground near his head.

/Saul's commander of the army, Abner, was also asleep next to Saul. /Abishai spoke to David. /"Let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of my spear." /However, David did not let him.

/This was a good opportunity for David to get revenge. /However, David did not kill Saul. /David used his faith here. /David did not want to kill someone who was anointed by the LORD.

/God anointed Saul and used Saul for the Israelites. /Saul went against God's will and chased David to kill him. /David knew that God would personally judge Saul for his wrongdoings. /David left everything to God. /This was David's faith.

/Verse 12. /So David took the spear and water jug near Saul's head, and they left. No one saw or knew about it, nor did anyone wake up. They were all sleeping, because the LORD had put them into a deep sleep.

/David took Saul's spear and water jug. /God put Saul into a deep sleep, and Saul did not know this. /God made even the guards fall asleep. /In this way, war is in God's hands.

/Victory belongs to God. /17:46, 47. /Psalm 33:16-19. /Psalm 34:7. /We must trust in God's sovereignty and wait. /We must seek God's will and wait.

/Verse 13. /Then David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of the hill some distance away; there was a wide space between them.

/David stood some distance away from Saul. /David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of the hill. /There was a wide space between Saul and David. /David then rebuked Abner in a loud voice.

/“Why didn't you guard your lord the king?” /Abner had the responsibility to guard King Saul as the commander of his army. /Abner did not carry out his duties, and Abner should have been put to death.

/Verse 17. /Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is that your voice, David my son?" David replied, "Yes it is, my lord the king."

/Saul recognized David's voice. /Then David spoke to Saul. /“Why is my lord pursuing his servant?” “What wrong am I guilty of?” /Not too long ago, David spared Saul's life at the Desert of En Gedi.

/David had the opportunity to kill Saul. /However, David cut off a corner of Saul's robe. / 24:1-15. /Yet, Saul chased after David to kill him.

/Verse 20. /Now do not let my blood fall to the ground far from the presence of the LORD. The king of Israel has come out to look for a flea-- as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

/David said to Saul, “The king of Israel has come out to look for a flea— as one hunts a partridge in the mountains.” /David begged Saul not to let his blood fall to the ground.

/Even though Saul tried to kill David, life and death of man were in God's hands. /David believed that God was a just God.

/Verse 21. /Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Come back, David my son. Because you considered my life precious today, I will not try to harm you again. Surely I have acted like a fool and have erred greatly."

/King Saul told David that he sinned and he was foolish. /Saul said he erred greatly, and he apologized to David. /Then Saul promised that he would never again hurt David.

/Verse 23. /The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed.

/David acted righteously and faithfully before God. /David considered Saul's life worthy, and he did not hurt him. /David believed that God rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. /David wanted to be righteous in whatever he did.

/Verse 25. /Then Saul said to David, "May you be blessed, my son David; you will do great things and surely triumph." So David went on his way, and Saul returned home.

/Saul blessed David. /David was righteous and faithful before his enemy Saul. /Saul, his enemy, was moved by David, and Saul blessed David. /Romans 12:19.

/We will continue with 1 Samuel chapter 27. /The title is, “David Goes into Exile in the Philistine Land.” /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David goes into exile in the Philistine land. /Verses 1-7. /Second, David raids

southern Judah. /Verses 8-9. /Third, David lives in Philistine territory.

/Verse 1. /But David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will give up searching for me anywhere in Israel, and I will slip out of his hand."

/King Saul continued to chase after David to kill him. /David thought that he would one day be destroyed by the hand of Saul. /Hence, David ran away to the land of the Philistines.

/David went to King Achish of Gath in the Philistine land. /In verse 7, it says that David lived in Philistines territory for a year and four months. /However, this shows that David did not use his faith. /The Philistines were people who were against God.

/David once fought Goliath the Philistines and won. /Saul continued to try to kill David, but God protected David. /God protected David when he was in Israel.

/However, David began to think in humanly ways, and he became worried that Saul might kill him. /David thought that it was a good idea to run away to the Philistine land since Saul was trying to kill him.

/David did not pray or seek God's will. /David became worried with humanly thoughts. /David then went into exile in the Philistine land, which was the most shameful thing he did in his lifetime.

/Verse 8. /Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites. (From ancient times these peoples had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.)

/David raided the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites. /There were many peoples in the southern region of Judah. /They were enemies of Israel. /Thus, David raided them and defeated them.

/Verse 10. /When Achish asked, "Where did you go raiding today?" David would say, "Against the Negev of Judah" or "Against the Negev of Jerahmeel" or "Against the Negev of the Kenites."

/David reported to King Achish that he raided the Negev of Judah and the Negev of the Kenites. /King Achish was pleased when David reported that he raided the Negev of Judah and the Negev of the Kenites.

/David had actually lied to Achish by saying he raided Judah and the Kenites, when he had actually raided the Amalekites. /Achish was pleased because he thought David was on his side. /David reported this to gain Achish's trust.

/David needed to please King Achish because he was in the Philistine land. /David lied. /

Hence, we must not be in places where we should not go.

/If we go to wrong places, we will fail to use our conscience and we will become corrupted in faith. /Then believers will compromise with lies.

/We will continue with 1 Samuel chapter 28. /The title is, "Saul and the Medium." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David accompanies the Philistine army. /Verses 1-2. /Second, Samuel's death, and the invasion of the Philistine army. /Verses 3-5. /Third, Saul seeks a medium. /Verses 6-10. /Fourth, Saul asks the medium to call Samuel. /Verses 11-14. /Fifth, Saul would be handed over to the Philistines. /Verses 15-19. /Sixth, Saul falls to the ground and is tormented. /Verses 20-25.

/Read verse 1. /In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "You must understand that you and your men will accompany me in the army."

/The Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. /The Philistine king Achish ordered David and his men to accompany him in the army. /Thus, David took part in the battle.

/The Philistines were an enemy of the Israelites, God's kingdom. /David was in an awkward situation. /David was to join the Philistine army and attack his own nation. /David did not have any other choice.

/David lived in Philistine territory, and he could not disobey King Achish's order. /David was in an awkward situation. /Basically, David was wrong in going into exile in Philistine territory. /David was to be king of Israel. /Yet, David had to attack his own nation, and what was he supposed to do?

/Verse 3. /Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.

/Samuel was dead, and all Israel mourned for him. /Then they buried him in the town of Ramah.

/Verse 4. /The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all the Israelites and set up camp at Gilboa.

/The Philistines set up camp at Shunem. /The Israelites set up camp at Gilboa.

/Verse 6. /He inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets.

/Saul inquired of the LORD, but God did not answer him. /Saul could not pray. /This was



because Saul did not use his conscience. /Saul had also continuously tried to kill David.

/Saul continuously disobeyed God's will. /Saul was arrogant and wicked. /Thus, God did not answer Saul. /Saul then took his men to see a medium.

/In verse 8, Saul went to Endor to a woman who was a medium. /Saul disguised himself with other clothes, and went to the woman. /Then Saul asked the medium to bring up Samuel.

/Verse 11. /Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said.

/Saul asked the woman to bring up Samuel.

/Verse 13. /The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a spirit coming up out of the ground."

/Verse 14. /"What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

/It says that an old man had come up. /This old man was not Samuel, but was the devil disguised as Samuel. /Think about it. Would Samuel listen to a medium and come?

/Samuel was dead, and the dead cannot return. /Samuel was dead and was in heaven. /When Jesus returns, the dead believers will resurrect and come back. /Those who are in heaven do not return to this earth now.

/Saul did not know the truth, and he thought that the devil was Samuel. /He thought the devil was Samuel and he bowed down before the devil.

/Verse 15. /Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."

/The devil disguised himself as Samuel and pretended to be him. /The devil pretended to be Samuel, and he rebuked Saul like Samuel. /The devil was somewhat right in the things he said.

/The devil knows the future just a little bit. /Our God is almighty. /The devil knows just a little bit, but is not omniscient. /Some mediums use the devil to tell the future.

/Mediums can guess the future. /Yet, mediums are not omniscient. /Therefore, we must not be deceived by mediums and fortune-tellers.

/Verse 20. /Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of

Samuel's words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night.

/Saul was in danger, and he was afraid and frustrated. /Saul went to the medium with hope. /Saul was wrong in going to the medium.

/Saul eventually heard the words of the devil. /Saul surrendered to the devil. /He became miserable. /Saul would ultimately be killed in battle.

/Here we will conclude the tenth lecture on 1 Samuel. /Thank you.