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Abigail's Wise Intervention Brings Peace

1 Samuel 25

Message Outline

- I. Introduction: The two sides in this conflict
 - Nabal, the arrogant, foolish owner of a huge flock
 - David, the leader of an outlaw band
- II. The larger context
 - A. David has acted righteously: protecting Israel's flocks while plundering Israel's enemies
 - B. Nabal resembles King Saul: thanklessly insulting and mistreating the protector of his flock
- III. The stark contrast
 - A. The righteous David: patient, self-controlled, and respectful, even toward his accuser (King Saul)
 - B. The enraged David: vengeful and murderous
- IV. Evaluating David's response
 - A. His anger is truly justified.
 - B. His planned response is unjustly, murderously overblown.
 - C. Social justice activists unsurprisingly find it is difficult to channel rage into peaceful, non-violent protests.
- V. Abigail's wise, peace-making intervention
 - A. She quickly acts to right the wrong done
 - B. She humbly confesses her husband's wrong-doing.

C. Though innocent, she offers herself to spare others.

D. She directs David to God's provisions and promises.

VI. Conclusion