

Lesson 9
Saul Pursues David – Part 3
(1 Samuel 25:1 – 27:12; 1 Chronicles 12:1-22)

Questions

1. Where was Samuel buried when he died and where did David go (25:1)?

2. Why did David send young men to speak with Nabal (25:2-8)?

3. How did Nabal answer the young men and how did David respond to Nabal's answer (25:9-13)?

4. What did Abigail do when she heard what was about to happen to her husband (25:14-22)?

5. What things did Abigail say to David that kept him from shedding blood without cause (25:23-31)?

6. How did David respond to Abigail's words (25:32-35)?

7. How did Nabal die (25:36-38)?

8. Who did David marry and what happened to Michal (25:39-44)?

9. Who came to fight against David in the wilderness of Ziph (26:1-5)?

10. What did David refuse to do when he entered the camp of Saul (26:6-12)?

11. What did David say to Abner (26:13-16) and to Saul (26:17-20)?

12. What did Saul admit to David (26:21-26)?

13. Where did David and his men go to live after they departed from Saul and how long were they there (27:1-7)?

14. How did David gain the trust and confidence of Achish (27:8-12)?

Digging Deeper

1. Locate on a map the following: Ramah (25:1), the wilderness of Paran (25:1), Maon (25:2), Carmel (25:2), Jezreel (25:43), Gallim (25:44), the hill of Hachilah and the wilderness of Ziph (26:2), Gath (27:4), Ziklag (27:6), Shur (27:8), and the South of Judah (27:10).

2. What does the name “Nabal” mean (25:25)?

3. What were some of the special talents of the men who came to David at Ziklag (1 Sam. 27:5-12) and fought on his side (1 Chron. 12:1-22)?

Applications for Today

1. Outward beauty is not as important as inward character (25:3, 33; 1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:1-6).
2. Do not return evil for good (25:21; Psa. 35:12; 38:20; 109:5; Prov. 17:13; Jer. 18:20).
3. A soft answer turns away wrath (25:23-31; Prov. 15:1).
4. God’s people are blessed and protected by him as they are “bound in the bundle of life” (25:29; Prov. 3:33). God helps his people (1 Chron. 12:18; Acts 26:22).

5. Be willing to reject a bad idea even if it comes from someone close to you (26:8-11; 2 Tim. 2:23).
6. Do not engage in revenge. Let God take care of the evil-doer (26:9-11; Rom. 12:17-21).
7. Be careful from whom you get your advice and counsel (26:19; Psa. 1:1).
8. Admit your sin when you commit it; don't try to hide it or excuse it (26:21; Jas. 5:16; 1 Jn. 1:9).
9. The Lord rewards everyone for their righteousness and faithfulness (26:23; Prov. 15:9; 21:21).