

1 Samuel 25:23-35 New International reader's Version (NirV)

²³When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey. She bowed down in front of David with her face toward the ground.

²⁴She fell at his feet. She said, "Pardon your servant, sir. Please let me speak to you. Listen to what I'm saying. Let me take the blame myself. ²⁵Please don't pay any attention to that evil man Nabal. His name means Foolish Person. And that's exactly what he is. He's always doing foolish things. I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to see the men you sent. ²⁶Sir, the LORD has kept you from killing Nabal and his men. He has kept you from using your own hands to get even. So may what's about to happen to Nabal happen to all your enemies. May it happen to everyone who wants to harm you. And may it happen just as surely as the LORD your God and you are alive. ²⁷I've brought a gift for you. Give it to the men who follow you.

²⁸"Please forgive me if I shouldn't have done that. The LORD your God will certainly give you and your family line a kingdom that will last. That's because you fight the LORD's battles. You won't do anything wrong as long as you live. ²⁹Someone may chase you and try to kill you. But the LORD your God will keep your life safe like a treasure hidden in a bag. And he'll destroy your enemies. Their lives will be thrown away, just as a stone is thrown from a sling. ³⁰The LORD will do for you every good thing he promised to do. He'll appoint you ruler over Israel. ³¹When that happens, you won't have this heavy load on your mind. You won't have to worry about how you killed people without any reason. You won't have to worry about how you got even. The LORD your God will give you success. When that happens, please remember."

³²David said to Abigail, "Give praise to the LORD. He is the God of Israel. He has sent you today to find me. ³³May the LORD bless you for what you have done. You have shown a lot of good sense. You have kept me from killing Nabal and his men this day. You have kept me from using my own hands to get even. ³⁴It's a good thing you came quickly to meet me. If you hadn't come, not one of Nabal's men would have been left alive by sunrise. And that's just as sure as the LORD, the God of Israel, is alive. He has kept me from harming you."

³⁵Then David accepted from her what she had brought him. He said, "Go home in peace. I've heard your words. I'll do what you have asked."

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How Not to be a Fool

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Abigail

(I Samuel 25:1-41)



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WISE
NABAL
DEVOTED
INTELLIGENT



STRONG
WOMAN
HUMBLE
BEAUTIFUL
FAITHFUL