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David's rise does not need to recruit troops, money and good wives, God prepares them one by one:

The rise of David is a story of faith, courage, and magic. Unlike the usual practice of recruitment, David's rise was a sign of a leader who was favored by God. His success did not depend solely on worldly power, but was a blend of money, faith, and the wisdom of a good wife.

First, David did not rely on worldly armaments to ensure his success. He did not recruit troops, but relied on faith in God. This belief not only gave him courage on the battlefield, but also allowed him to succeed politically. David's reverence became the key to winning God's favor. David's virtuous wife was also an important supporter of his rise. Having a wise wife, David received invaluable advice on both family and state matters. Together, they built a solid family foundation that provided solid support for David's rise.

The story of David's rise shows how one leader skillfully combined faith, money, and family wisdom. His success was not only a triumph of worldly power, but also a crystallization of faith and wisdom in God.

In 1 Samuel 25

25:38 And it came to pass after ten days, that Yahweh smote Nabal, and he died.

25:42 And immediately Abigail got up, mounted his donkey, took five maidservants, and went with the messenger of David, and became David's wife.

In 1 Samuel 25, we see David traveling to the wilderness of Manara after Samuel's death. There he met a wealthy shepherd named Nabal, who had many sheep and cows.

David and his men asked Nabal for some food and support as a wanderer in the area. However, Nabal laughed at David and refused to offer any help. David was outraged and decided to take revenge on Nabal.

Nabal's wife, Abigail, heard about this, and she knew that Nabal's actions might provoke David's revenge, so she decided to take action. She gathered a lot of food and drink and went to David's camp to apologize to him and ask for forgiveness. Touched by Abigail's kindness and wisdom, David decided to forgive Nabal and his family.

In this chapter, we see the contrast between David and Abigail. David, enraged by Nabal's ridicule, prepares to take revenge, while Abigail defuses the crisis through kindness and wisdom. This chapter also demonstrates God's protection and guidance, as well as David's faith and respect for God.

The tender birth of Jesus in a manger and the subsequent description of the coming of the King are similar to the rise of David in the Bible. Both present God's mystical arrangement and favor for the humble.

The birth of Jesus in a manger is a combination of humility and magic. Similarly, David was not of illustrious birth, but was chosen as king because of his humility and faith in God. Both demonstrate the wonderful way God chooses leaders not based on human criteria.

The coming of the King also reveals that Jesus, like David, was valued and cared for by God. Jesus' kingship did not depend on worldly forces, but from God, echoing David's experience of being favored by God during his reign.

The praise of the shepherd boy expresses the joy and reverence for these divine births or rises. Whether it was Jesus or David, their appearances caused amazement and praise among the people, thus emphasizing the exaltation and wisdom of God.

The birth of Jesus and the rise of David are both testimonies in the Bible about God's miraculous plan. These stories echo each other and show God's wonderful and merciful work in human history, choosing the humble to accomplish great things.

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father, we gather before you at this time to thank you for sending your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to die for our sins and bring us the hope of eternal life.

Thank you for your love and grace that enable us to have salvation and peace in Christ.

Lord, we pray that your blessings will be upon everyone who prays these words. May your love and grace guide us in our daily lives, so that our hearts can be at peace and our lives may be manifested in your glory. Give us the strength to follow your teachings and be loving and supportive to one another.

Lord, please keep our families united and strong in your love. Let your Holy Spirit work among us, guide us in the path of righteousness, and teach us to forgive and understand one another.

Thank you, Jesus Christ, who is our Savior and the Source of life. May we experience your grace and live out your truth every day. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen..

1 Samuel

CHAPTER 25

1Sa. 25:1 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. [Some Septuagint manuscripts; Hebrew Paran]

1Sa. 25:2 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.

1Sa. 25:3 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.

1Sa. 25:4 While David was in the desert, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep.

1Sa. 25:5 So he sent ten young men and said to them, "Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name.

1Sa. 25:6 Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!

1Sa. 25:7 "Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not ill-treat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing.

1Sa. 25:8 Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be favourable towards my young men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for them."

1Sa. 25:9 When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited.

1Sa. 25:10 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.

1Sa. 25:11 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?"

1Sa. 25:12 David's men turned round and went back. When they arrived, they reported every word.

1Sa. 25:13 David said to his men, "Put on your swords!" So they put on their swords, and David put on his. About four hundred men went up with David, while two hundred stayed with the supplies.

1Sa. 25:14 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.

1Sa. 25:15 Yet these men were very good to us. They did not ill-treat us, and the whole time we were out in the fields near them nothing was missing.

1Sa. 25:16 Night and day they were a wall around us all the time we were herding our sheep near them.

1Sa. 25:17 Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no-one can talk to him.”

1Sa. 25:18 Abigail lost no time. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs [That is, probably about a bushel (about 37 litres)] of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys.

1Sa. 25:19 Then she told her servants, “Go on ahead; I’ll follow you.” But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

1Sa. 25:20 As she came riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, there were David and his men descending towards her, and she met them.

1Sa. 25:21 David had just said, “It’s been useless — all my watching over this fellow’s property in the desert so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good.

1Sa. 25:22 May God deal with David, [Some Septuagint manuscripts; Hebrew with David’s enemies] be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!”

1Sa. 25:23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground.

1Sa. 25:24 She fell at his feet and said: “My lord, let the blame be on me alone. Please let your servant speak to you; hear what your servant has to say.

1Sa. 25:25 May my lord pay no attention to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name — his name is Fool, and folly goes with him. But as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my master sent.

1Sa. 25:26 “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.

1Sa. 25:27 And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my master, be given to the men who follow you.

1Sa. 25:28 Please forgive your servant’s offence, for the LORD will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my master, because he fights the LORD’s battles. Let no wrongdoing be found in you as long as you live.

1Sa. 25:29 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.

1Sa. 25:30 When the LORD has done for my master every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him leader over Israel,

1Sa. 25:31 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.”

1Sa. 25:32 David said to Abigail, “Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me.

1Sa. 25:33 May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.

1Sa. 25:34 Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak.”

1Sa. 25:35 Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought to him and said, “Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request.”

1Sa. 25:36 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.

1Sa. 25:37 Then in the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him all these things, and his heart failed him and he became like a stone.

1Sa. 25:38 About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died.

1Sa. 25:39 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.

1Sa. 25:40 His servants went to Carmel and said to Abigail, “David has sent us to you to take you to become his wife.”

1Sa. 25:41 She bowed down with her face to the ground and said, “Here is your maidservant, ready to serve you and wash the feet of my master’s servants.”

1Sa. 25:42 Abigail quickly got on a donkey and, attended by her five maids, went with David’s messengers and became his wife.

1Sa. 25:43 David had also married Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they both were his wives.

1Sa. 25:44 But Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Paltiel [Hebrew Palti, a variant of Paltiel] son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

Chapter 25 tells the story of Nabal, a wealthy man who lived in Maon, and David, who was then a fugitive on the run from King Saul. David and his men were camping in the wilderness of Paran, and they protected Nabal's shepherds and flocks from harm. In return, David sent messengers to Nabal asking for provisions for himself and his men, but Nabal refused, insulting David and his men.

David was angry and decided to retaliate by gathering his men to attack Nabal's household. However, a young woman named Abigail, Nabal's wife, heard of the situation and quickly gathered a large number of provisions to offer to David as a peace offering. She went to meet David and pleaded with him not to take revenge, reminding him that God would bless him if he avoided violence.

David listened to Abigail and was grateful for her wise words. He praised her for her courage and discernment and acknowledged that she had saved his men from committing a great sin. He accepted the provisions she brought and returned to his camp, leaving Nabal unharmed.

The next morning, Abigail told Nabal what had happened, but he was so drunk that he did not understand the gravity of the situation until he woke up the next day and found that his wife had saved their household from destruction. Nabal was overcome with shock and died ten days later, leaving Abigail free to marry David, who had been impressed by her wisdom and beauty.

The chapter ends with David marrying Abigail and Ahinoam, another woman who had become his wife, as he continued to flee from Saul.

Here are some important verses from chapter 25 of 1 Samuel in the Christian Bible:

1 Samuel 25:3 - "His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband was surly and mean in his dealings—he was a Calebite."

1 Samuel 25:32-33 - "David said to Abigail, 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.'"

1 Samuel 25:38-39 - "About ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal and he died. 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.'"

These verses describe the story of Nabal, a wealthy and mean-spirited man, and his wife Abigail, who is described as intelligent and beautiful. When David and his men are in need of provisions, they ask Nabal for help, but he refuses. Abigail intervenes and provides David and his men with food and supplies, preventing a potential conflict. After Nabal's death, David acknowledges God's role in the situation and praises Abigail for her wisdom and intervention. This chapter highlights the themes of hospitality, generosity, and wisdom, as well as the dangers of pride and foolishness.

1 Samuel chapter 25 tells the story of David's encounter with Nabal and his wife Abigail. This chapter explores themes of wisdom, humility, and the importance of peacemaking.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the theme of wisdom. David, upon hearing of Nabal's disrespectful response to his men's request for provisions, initially becomes angry and plans to take revenge. However, upon Abigail's intervention, he displays wisdom by reconsidering his actions and choosing not to respond in a rash and vengeful manner.

This chapter highlights the importance of wisdom in our interactions with others. It reminds us to pause, reflect, and seek God's guidance before allowing our emotions to dictate our actions. It prompts us to approach conflicts with a mindset of wisdom, considering the bigger picture and seeking peaceful resolutions.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 25 emphasizes the virtue of humility. Abigail, recognizing the potential consequences of Nabal's actions, humbly intervenes to prevent bloodshed and extends hospitality and generosity towards David and his men. She acknowledges her husband's foolishness and seeks to make amends, demonstrating humility and a desire for peace.

This chapter teaches us the value of humility in diffusing conflicts and fostering reconciliation. It encourages us to approach challenging situations with a humble and gracious attitude, seeking understanding and common ground rather than escalating tensions. It prompts us to consider the impact of our words and actions on others, promoting unity and peace whenever possible.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 25 highlights the importance of peacemaking. Abigail's actions serve as a model of peacemaking, as she seeks to reconcile David and Nabal, averting potential violence. Her courage, wisdom, and humility contribute to the restoration of peace between the parties involved.

This chapter reminds us of our role as peacemakers in a world marked by conflict and division. It encourages us to actively pursue peace, even in challenging circumstances, by seeking reconciliation, extending forgiveness, and practicing empathy. It prompts us to be agents of peace, following the example of Christ who calls us to be peacemakers in a broken world.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 25 brings forth reflections on wisdom, humility, and peacemaking. It challenges us to seek wisdom in our interactions, respond with humility and grace, and actively pursue peace in our relationships. May we cultivate wisdom in our words and actions, embrace humility as we seek resolution, and actively promote peace in a world that longs for reconciliation.

