

# Sermon Outline

## Discerning Women

1 Samuel 25

**Introduction/Context:** Chapter 25 - same theme as chapters 24 & 26

What kind of king will David be? (Deut 17:14-20)

**I. All hope for peaceful reconciliation is gone (1 & 44)**

Samuel is dead (1); David is divorced (44)

**II. David encounters a rich fool (2-13)**

Nabal is like Saul – rich and selfish (Luke 12:14-21)

David is intent on avenging Nabal's insult (13, 21-22)

**III. Two unlikely heroes (14-20)**

David's sinful inclination is impeded by the Lord, using:

An unnamed servant of Nabal (14-17)

Abigail – a discerning woman (18-20)

**IV. Abigail's discerning and successful appeal (23-35)**

The nature of Abigail's appeal (23-31)

Abigail is a woman, a type of Christ, and the Holy Spirit

David is convinced by Abigail's appeal (32-35)

**V. An unexpected conclusion (36-44)**

God vindicates David by taking Nabal's life

Nabal's death forebodes the death of Saul

David the polygamist and sinner

**VI. Final observations and additional application**

How to wisely appeal to authority

A word to wives (and husbands)

Christ the better David and only flawless king