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## Abigail, a Woman with “Good Understanding”

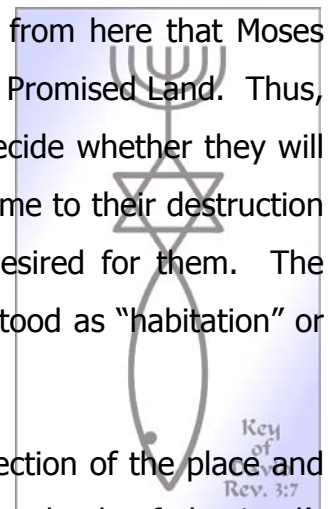
The Bible gives account of many very wise women who had the understanding of the Words of the Pure Language of God. They were women with wisdom and Understanding of the Way of Good. Women like Rebekah, Achsah, Deborah, Jael, Hannah, Abigail, and Mary of Bethany. One of these women was particularly given a strong testimony within the Scriptures. That lady was Abigail, one of the wives of David. The Bible accounts the description of Abigail as being a woman of “Good Understanding”. That is one of the highest compliments that the Lord could place upon a woman, for it reveals how she lived.

### Abigail, a woman of Maon in the Wilderness of Paran

The meaning of the name “Abigail” gives revelation into the character of this lady, for it means “Father in rejoicing”. This can be more plainly understood when described as “the joy of the father” or “Father’s Joy”. From this we can easily discern that because she is described as a woman of “Good Understanding” and “beautiful in appearance”, means that she fulfilled all that was given to her in the blessing spoken over her during the traditional ceremony of giving her name to her.

The story of Abigail is revealed in 1 Samuel 25:1-33. As the story of Abigail begins it is revealed that she is married and living in the place of Maon that is located in the Wilderness of Paran. The Wilderness of Paran should bring to mind the remembrance that this is the place in the Days of Moses where the Lord brought the people of Israel to make their decision of whether or not they would enter into the Promised Land. It was from here that Moses sent the twelve representatives of the people to go up and spy out the Promised Land. Thus, the Wilderness of Paran is a place where the Lord required man to decide whether they will heed His anointed servants instructions or will they be sent out and come to their destruction wandering in the wilderness – never to reach what the Lord had desired for them. The meaning of the town of Maon is “abode”, that might be better understood as “habitation” or “dwelling place”.

It is important that we come to understand that when we make a selection of the place and the way that we live, we should choose well. Often we ignore the depth of the Lord’s



warning that we are going to be judged by all of our words. Words are not just an item that is restricted to a spoken language. Words are attached to both physical items and physical activities and actions. For example, when you say “war” you are describing a physical event that takes place in some location and that it involves not only people, but also the determination of an action that is implemented by at least two groups of people. Likewise, the names of the places where we live are nearly always named after a specific physical thing or physical event. This was especially the custom in the ancient times of Israel.

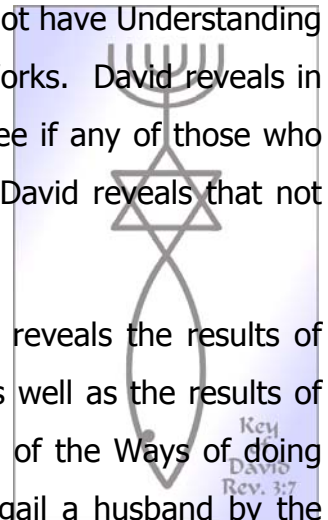
### **Abigail was a Woman with Good Understanding**

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Because the Bible reveals that Abigail was a woman of Good Understanding it means that she had the Understanding of the Words of God and the way of doing His Words to enable the Good Works of the Father to be enabled so that the Spirit is released to fight the Good Fight based upon her faith – her knowledge of doing the Way of the Words of God. This also reveals to us that she understood that the place where she lived and the city in which she lived was seen in the eyes of the Lord. The keeping of this knowledge was accounted to her as righteousness as testified by her being called a woman with “Good Understanding”.

In many Writings I have explained that the Lord revealed to us that only God is Good and that all the miracles – the works of God – are called “Good Works”. A woman, whom the Bible testifies to having a “Good Understanding”, means that she had understanding of the Ways of the Good Works of the Lord. In Psalm 14 and Psalm 53 David reveals the attributes of those people who do not have the knowledge of the Words of God. David explains that these are people who are called as “fools” and unworthy of God. David explains within these two Psalms that the basic foundation of such a person is that they do not have Understanding of how to do “Good”, and thus they are unable to enable His Good Works. David reveals in Psalm 14:2-3 and Psalm 53:2-3 that God is always looking down to see if any of those who are foolish understand, and he sees that they do not, and therefore David reveals that not one of them do Good. We will look at this closer later in this Study.

The events of this story of Abigail are a teaching from the Lord. It reveals the results of having the wisdom and understanding of the Ways of doing Good, as well as the results of foolishly ignoring to seek and to keep the wisdom and understanding of the Ways of doing Good. Thus, it is surely no accident that the Lord had given to Abigail a husband by the



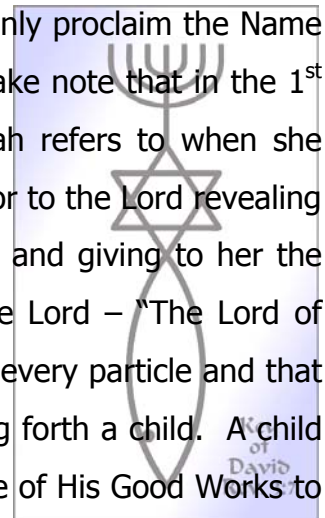
name of Nabal. The meaning of the name Nabal is “fool”, or better said as “a senseless man” or a “man being without Good Understanding”. Thus we can see that this man was the opposite of Abigail. In the Ways of the eyes of God, Nabal and Abigail were very unequally yoked, for she was with understanding and he was without understanding.

### **Abigail lived in a Time of Foundational Change**

It is important to understand that Nabal and Abigail lived in a time when the Lord had risen to bring change to Israel and to lay the foundation of His future Kingdom. He was bringing forth the re-establishment of the Glory of the Lord in the midst of His people. That would occur in the time of Solomon, the generation that followed after David. We also see in 1 Samuel 25:1 that the regeneration process was in its second phase. The first phase had come in 1 Samuel the first chapter with the silent prayer of Hannah in front of the doorposts of the Tabernacle. It is worthwhile to note that Hannah made her vow before the Lord after she had partaken of the Peace offering supper with her husband and family. All that Hannah did was in doing the Way of the Words of God. The result was through her the Lord gave to Israel the prophet Samuel who was the foundation that began to bring the nation back to Israel. Now Israel was in a second step to the work of establishing the foundation to His coming Kingdom. The Lord was preparing to establish the foundation for His Kingdom that would come. Through David the Lord laid the foundation of the Kingdom of God. David made known the Words of God are the foundation of all things. This is the reason the Kingdom of God is manifest in the foundation of David.

### **The Lord is the Lord of Hosts to a Woman with Good Understanding**

It is interesting to note that it seems that 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel is the first to openly proclaim the Name of the Lord as being “the Lord of Hosts”. It is further interesting to take note that in the 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, it is revealed that this is the Name of the Lord that Hannah refers to when she addressed the Lord at the doorposts of the Tabernacle. This is just prior to the Lord revealing that he had heard Hannah, for he blessed her by opening her womb and giving to her the child Samuel. Before the doorposts she proclaimed that name of the Lord – “The Lord of Hosts”. In so doing Hannah was revealing that the Lord is the God of every particle and that if it be His Will He can speak a Word and her barren womb could bring forth a child. A child she vowed to give to Him to raise up for the teaching of the knowledge of His Good Works to His people.



Every year Hannah had come up to Shiloh where the Tabernacle of the Lord was placed. Her husband, Elkanah, was faithful to come every year to bless the Lord and even to provide his offering to the Levite keepers of the Tabernacle. Elkanah did this even though the Scriptures clearly reveal that he and all the people of Israel knew how corrupt and wicked were the sons of Eli, the priest. The Bible records that Eli had become exceedingly fat by his complacency in allowing his sons to misuse their position to distort wealth and abundance from the people of Israel. Thus, Hannah was surely knowledgeable to the fact that the Lord was not pleased with the corrupted Spiritual leadership of Israel. Thus, she knew that it was not the Lord’s desire to have the Spiritual leadership of Israel fall into the hands of Eli’s sons. This gives you the background of Israel at the time Hannah, a woman of some Understanding of the Way of His Words, made a vow with the Lord for giving to Him what He surely desired for His people.

When Hannah was before the doorposts of the Tabernacle she gave glory to the Lord for she did not speak out loud with her voice. She just moved her lips in the form of the Words. She was giving Glory to the Lord that He knew all the thoughts of her heart and mind. This mean that she was saying that He knew all things going on inside of her. She was doing the way of the Words of God. She did cry and plead, she took action by communicating to the Lord in His Pure Language and she called on His Name with wisdom and understanding. The Lord who is always looking down to be strength to those who know the Way to Love Him, saw what Hannah did and He did for her what she had asked of Him.

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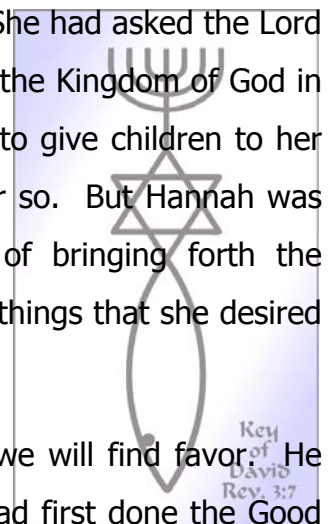
**One with Good Understanding is Diligent to Seek to Enable Him to do Good!**

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When Hannah kept her vow to the Lord and gave Samuel to the Lord’s work, the Lord blessed her with more children. Hannah had not asked the Lord for children. She had asked the Lord to use her to bring forth the child who would serve Him to bring forth the Kingdom of God in their nation. Hannah had desired to give children to her husband because he had loved her so. But Hannah was wise for she first did the work of bringing forth the Kingdom of God in the Way of those of the Kingdom; and then all the things that she desired were added unto her.

*It is in doing the Way of His Words to enable a Good Work that we find the rewards of God.*

The Bible proclaims that the Lord will be diligent to seek Good that we will find favor. He gave to her the miracle that was the desire of her heart, when she had first done the Good



Deed to give to enable Him do the Good Work that He had desired within His heart to do. Think of what the Lord did for Hannah because she used the Understanding of the Way of Good that she had learned. The Lord gave to her the birth of one of the greatest prophets of the Lord in the entire Bible. Also she was the mother of other children. If we will consider this carefully we will learn that it is the doing of Good – meaning the enabling of God to do a Good Work for the purpose of bringing forth the knowledge of the Kingdom of God – that we are righteous. The Lord explains that the desire of the righteous is always focused on the doing of Good.

→ **Proverbs 11:27** He who **DILIGENTLY SEEKS “Good” FINDS favor** (*Grace is favor*).

→ **John 15:7** “If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, **YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU.**”

→ **Proverbs 11:23** The desire of the Righteous is only “Good”.

→ **Proverbs 10:24** The desire of the righteous will be granted.

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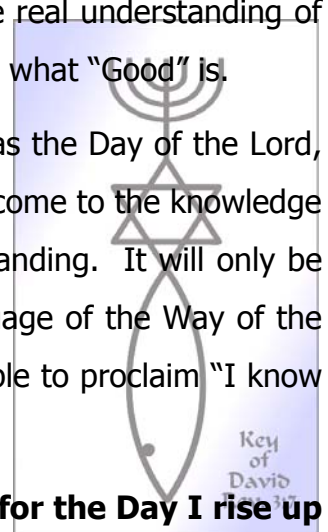
### **One with Good Understanding knows what Good is!**

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In the present day there is a TV commercial being shown across the airwaves of America. It is a commercial where a lady proclaims “I know what Good is”. I can assure you that this commercial is not at all portraying a woman who knows “what Good is”. In the situation being portrayed, this lady clearly does not have the knowledge of Good like Hannah and Abigail. She is limited to understanding the meaning of “good” as it is known in all the common languages of the earth. She has no insight at all of what “Good” means in the Pure Language of the Kingdom of Heaven. Hannah has shown us what the real understanding of “Good” is. We will see that Abigail also knew the real understanding of what “Good” is.

In Zephaniah 3:8-9 we are told that in the last days, the time known as the Day of the Lord, that our Lord is going to rise up and He is going to cause all people to come to the knowledge of His Pure Language so that they can call on His Name with understanding. It will only be when they come into the knowledge of His Pure Language, the Language of the Way of the Pure Words known by Hannah and Abigail, that women will truly be able to proclaim “I know what Good is”. Until then, they just think that they know what good is.

→ **Zephaniah 3:8-9** <sup>8</sup>Therefore, wait for me declares the Lord, for the Day I rise up for plunder, for My determination is to gather the nations, to My assembly of



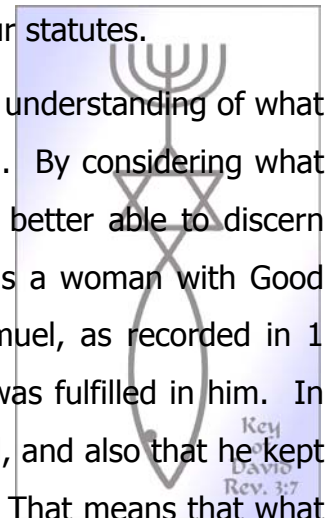
**kingdoms**, to pour My fury out on them, and all My hot anger. For all the earth shall be burned up with the fire of My jealousy. <sup>9</sup>For then I will **CHANGE the peoples to a Pure Language**, to call all of them by the Name of the Lord, to serve Me with one shoulder.

### King David Reveals the Key to Obtaining the Knowledge of what Good is

King David reveals to us the key of how Abigail came to have the understanding of “Good”. David reveals to us in Psalm 119:130 that it is through the entrance of the Words of God that Abigail received the understanding of Good. Solomon explains to us that Understanding of Good is having the knowledge of the Holy things. We have already mentioned that Jesus said that only God is Good. Jesus also explained that only God does the Good Works. David confirms this when he explained that God is Good and what God does is Good.

- **Psalm 119:130 The Entrance of Your Words** Gives Light; It **gives Understanding to the Simple**. (*Proverbs 9:10 says that "Knowledge of the Holy is Understanding"*).
- **Proverbs 19:8** He who gets Wisdom loves his own soul; **he who keeps Understanding WILL "find" Good**. (*When David says that the one who gets wisdom loves his own soul, it is because wisdom is to know what to do with the Understanding of the Words of God. That means wisdom is to understand how to use the Words of God to enable the Lord to do a Good Work for another. That is what Paul says gives you the assurance of having the Seal of the Word of Truth. That Seal is what gives you confirmation of the Spirit raisin you up to eternal Life – Ephesians 1:13-14. Thus, you love your own soul if you get that wisdom*).
- **Psalm 119:68 You are Good, AND You do Good;** teach me Your statutes.

Through the Good Work of Hannah I have reviewed with you the basic understanding of what it means to have what is “Good Understanding” as in the eyes of God. By considering what Hannah did to enable the miracle that she truly desired, you will be better able to discern what it means when Samuel, in 1 Samuel 25:3, proclaims Abigail was a woman with Good Understanding. Let us take a second and see the testimony of Samuel, as recorded in 1 Samuel 3:19, witnesses that what the Lord proclaimed in John 15:7 was fulfilled in him. In that Scripture it is recorded that Samuel walked in the Way of the Lord, and also that he kept all the knowledge of the Words of God that the Lord unveiled to him. That means that what



Samuel asked of the Lord would be done for him. Hannah’s desire for Samuel was that he would grow up to be used by the Lord to bring his nation back to walk in His Way. Samuel’s life stands as testimony that what he desired of God was done for him, because the Lord had Samuel to go and to anoint David as the King whom the Lord had chosen to lead the nation back to Him.

- ↪ **1 Samuel 3:19** So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and let none of His Words fall to the ground.
- ↪ **John 15:7** “If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, **YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU.**”
- ↪ **Psalms 119:130** The Entrance of Your Words Gives Light; It gives Understanding to the Simple.

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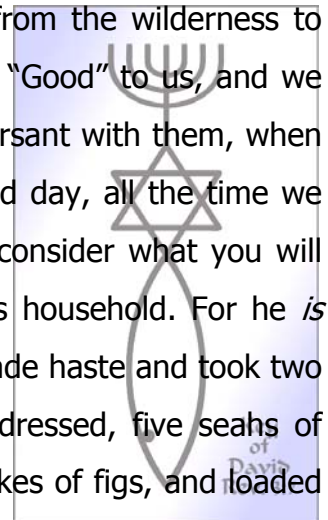
### **The Biblical Account of Abigail and David**

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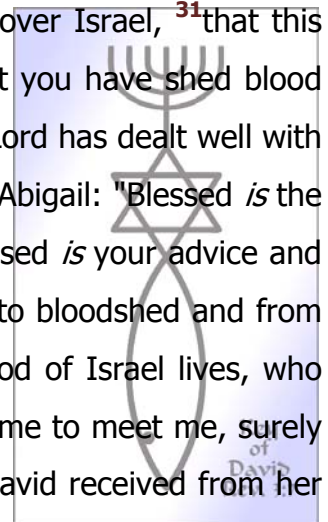
Please review now the story of Abigail and David as it is recorded in 1 Samuel 25:1-33. Then we will review items of this very important story.

- ↪ **1 Samuel 25:1-33** <sup>1</sup>Then Samuel died (*The name Samuel means "His Name is God". The Bible records that Samuel loved God and he did not let one Word of God to fall from him when the Lord opened them to him. Samuel understood the true meaning of the "Name" of God – the Works of God. That is also the work that his mother Hannah had promised to God. She desired Samuel to know God and to serve Him by keeping His instructions and teachings to bring forth the deliverance of His people*); and the Israelites gathered together and lamented for him, and buried him at his home in Ramah (*Means the "High Place of God". This is symbolic of Paradise that is in the third heaven and directly under the heaven of God and the throne of God. It was from Paradise that the Lord sent Samuel back to speak to King Saul. Samuel makes clear that he enjoyed the rest of Paradise so greatly that he was not pleased that King Saul had asked the seer to summon Samuel back to speak with Saul*). And David arose and went down to the Wilderness of Paran. <sup>2</sup>Now *there was* a man in Maon whose business *was* in Carmel, and the man *was* very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. <sup>3</sup>The name of the man *was* Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. **And she was a woman of “Good Understanding” and beautiful**

**appearance** (*This Hebrew phrase could also have a meaning of "being goodly"*); but the man *was* harsh and evil in *his* doings. He *was of the house of* Caleb. <sup>4</sup>When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep, <sup>5</sup>David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. <sup>6</sup>And thus you shall say to him who lives *in prosperity*: '**Peace be to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have!**' <sup>7</sup>Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel. <sup>8</sup>Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let *my* young men find favor in your eyes, **for we come on a Good day.** (*Note: Many Bibles improperly translate this as a "Feast" day and not a "Good" day. They do this from a lack of knowledge of what "Good" is. For the Hebrew word is "towb" – Strong's Number H2865, and it means "Good"*). Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David." <sup>9</sup>So when David's young men came, **they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and waited.** <sup>10</sup>Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who *is* David, and who *is* the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. <sup>11</sup>Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* to men when I do not know where they *are* from?" <sup>12</sup>So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words. <sup>13</sup>Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies. <sup>14</sup>Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them. <sup>15</sup>But the men *were* very "Good" to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields. <sup>16</sup>They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep. <sup>17</sup>Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he *is such* a scoundrel that *one* cannot speak to him." <sup>18</sup>Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred *loaves* of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted *grain*, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys. <sup>19</sup>And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming



after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. <sup>20</sup>So it was, *as* she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them. <sup>21</sup>Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belongs* to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. <sup>22</sup>May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who *belong* to him by morning light." <sup>23</sup>Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>24</sup>So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, *on* me *let* this iniquity *be!* And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. <sup>25</sup>Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name *is*, so *is* he: Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. <sup>26</sup>Now therefore, my lord, *as* the Lord lives and *as* your soul lives, since the Lord has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal. <sup>27</sup>And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. <sup>28</sup>Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the Lord will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the Lord, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. <sup>29</sup>Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the Lord your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, *as from* the pocket of a sling. <sup>30</sup>And it shall come to pass, when the Lord has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, <sup>31</sup>that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant." <sup>32</sup>Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! <sup>33</sup>And blessed *is* your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. <sup>34</sup>For indeed, *as* the Lord God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!" <sup>35</sup>So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I

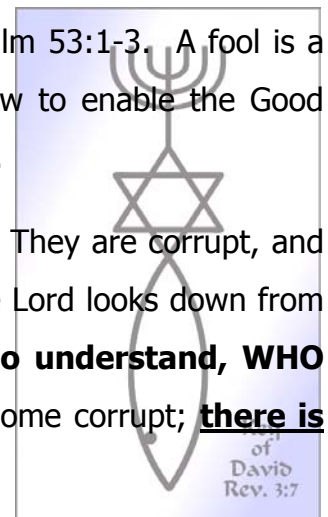


have heeded your voice and respected your person." <sup>36</sup>Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there he was, holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light. <sup>37</sup>So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *like* a stone. <sup>38</sup>Then it happened, *after* about ten days, that the Lord struck Nabal, and he died. <sup>39</sup>So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed *be* the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil! For the Lord has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head." And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife. <sup>40</sup>When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife." <sup>41</sup>Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." <sup>42</sup>So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, attended by five of her maidens; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife. <sup>43</sup>David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and so both of them were his wives. <sup>44</sup>But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who *was* from Gallim.

### **Abigail was Married to a Fool – a Blind Man Loving the Treasures of the World**

In the account that is unveiled in 1 Samuel 25:1-33, Nabal, the husband of Abigail, not only has a name that means fool, he also lived as a foolish man. Nabal is a man who is so much like all of us of this day. Nabal put no value in knowledge of God. He placed value in the physical things of this earth and not in the keeping of knowledge of God's Good. This is the true description of a fool as David reveals in Psalm 14:1-3 and in Psalm 53:1-3. A fool is a person who places the highest value not upon the knowledge of how to enable the Good Works of God, but on accumulating the physical treasures of this earth.

→ **Psalm 14:1-3** <sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" They are corrupt, and have done abominable works; there is none who does Good. <sup>2</sup>The Lord looks down from Heaven upon the children of men, **to see if there are any who understand, WHO SEEK GOD.** <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; **there is none that does "GOOD", no, not one.**



→ **Psalm 53:1-3** <sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; *there is none who does Good.* <sup>2</sup>The Lord looks down from Heaven upon the children of men, **to see if there are any who understand, WHO SEEK GOD.** <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; **there is none that does "GOOD", no, not one.**

There is much more to this story regarding the pride of Nabal than what comes immediately to our eyes. In the story of Nabal we see that a fool is a person who has riches that are of this world and they believe that this evidence that they are blessed of God because they are “good”. Nabal was a man of Israel. Surely he worshipped God in his way. He was also clearly a very proud man, to the point of boastfulness. From the account, he is a man who believed that he was blessed of God. He makes clear to David that he did not need an anointed person speaking the Words of God to him. Nabal did not see that the reason that he was blessed was not for his sake, but for the sake of the Lord’s great Name. The Bible is clear that He gives favor to those who diligently seek Good. Abigail was a faithful wife who had the understanding of Good. This means that she was faithful to the Lord in the Ways of doing the Words of God for enabling the Will of God for her family. Through Abigail doing the Way of the Words of God, it was she who enabled the Lord to bless her household. However, Nabal thought that he was blessed by God because he was highly favored in God’s eyes. This is why he was a fool. Abigail was a woman with the understanding of John 15:7 and Proverbs 10:24.

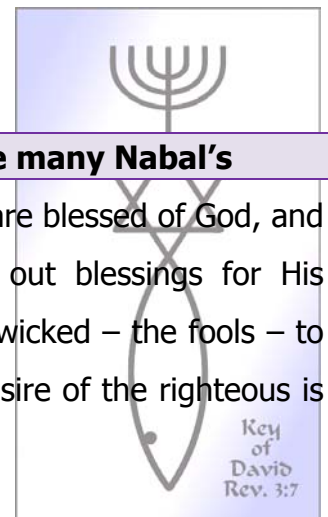
→ **John 15:7** “If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, **YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU.**”

→ **Proverbs 10:24** The desire of the righteous will be granted.

### **The Lord Warned that in this Day He will Rise Up to Correct the many Nabal’s**

Today we see many people who boldly claim on national TV that they are blessed of God, and they are going to soon become very surprised. The Lord pours out blessings for His purposes. He has said that He has been preparing the wealth of the wicked – the fools – to be laid up for the righteous. It is explained in Proverbs 11:23, the desire of the righteous is only “Good”.

→ **Proverbs 11:23** The desire of the Righteous is only “Good”.



→ **Proverbs 11:27** He who **DILIGENTLY SEEKS “Good” FINDS favor** (*Grace is favor*).

These of this day who are boastfully proclaiming that God has blessed them because they are so good, are without understanding of God and they do not have the Understanding of God. The Lord has warned these who are fools that they should open their eyes in this day, for in Malachi 3:13-18 the Lord says that in the time of the Day of the Lord that He is going to rise up and put down those who call themselves blessed of God so that His people will be able to have the knowledge to discern between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. This means that the Lord is going to make known the difference between those who have Understanding of Good and keeps it, from those who do not do Good. We are now living in that time of the Day of the Lord. Soon the Lord is going to take those things that He has prepared for the use of His Kingdom, and He is going to have those treasures turned over to those who follow His Way. It will be like as He took Nabal’s true wealth – Abigail – and gave her to David to help him to do those things that would lay the foundation for bringing forth the Glory of the Lord into Israel. It is not wise to scoff at the value of the knowledge of Good and to treasure earthly things – money, cars, mansions, jets, huge buildings, position, etc – to be of greater value. Nabal died from ignorance of the knowledge of Good.

→ **Malachi 3:13-18** <sup>13</sup>"Your words have been harsh against Me," says the Lord, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' <sup>14</sup>You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; what profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the Lord of hosts? <sup>15</sup>So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; they even tempt God and go free.'" <sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard *them; so* **a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His Name.** <sup>17</sup>"They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the Day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." <sup>18</sup>**Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.**

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### **We Need to all Discern the Value of the Garden**

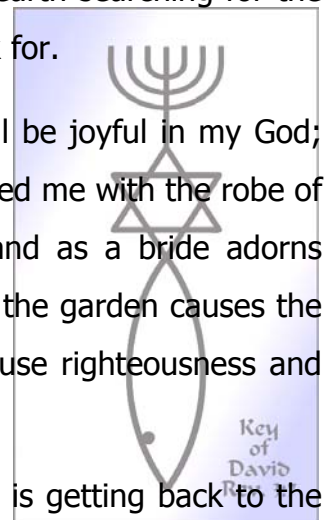
In 1 Samuel 25:2 we are told that Nabal was a man whose business was in Carmel. That verse also says that Nabal was very rich – He had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats. Nabal saw these riches as though he had received of the blessing of God. But, actually, Nabal only saw

these riches in the Way of the world and not in the Way of the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The meaning of Carmel is “Garden”. This is very important to discerning the understanding of this story of Abigail and David. In Isaiah 61 the Lord is speaking about these End Times, and He reveals to us that the way that He is going to pour out His Spirit upon us to cause our knowledge to increase and so that we have the Understanding of how to enable Him to do His Good Works as we desire of Him; is likened to the way that the Garden causes the things that are sown in it to grow. We seem to fail to understand in the beginning, when man was yet perfect, the Lord planted man in the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was different than all of the gardens planted by man since that time. Firstly, the Garden of Eden was called the Garden of God. We have already seen that another way of saying God, is to say He is Good. Thus, the Garden of Eden was also the Garden of Good. In the Garden of Eden man was not to till the ground by the sweat of His brow. Rather, it was designed that man would till the ground by the Understanding of Good. The Lord planted two special trees in the Garden, the tree of Good and the tree of Life that man was not to touch. By God’s Law the Garden of Eden caused the fruit of Good to grow and for Life to grow. When man interfered with the law of God’s Way within the Garden of God, we lost the benefit of the Tree of Good and of the Tree of Life. If you think about it carefully, Adam and Eve took their focus off the knowledge of that Tree and its Purpose in the Kingdom of God, and they focused only on the fruit that it possessed. They put more value in the physical fruit of Good, than they did the value of “the Way” of the knowledge of Good. Since the time that Adam and Eve were cast out of Garden man has been wandering upon the earth searching for the Way of Good, but we have not known that this is what we were to look for.

↳ **Isaiah 61:10-11** <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

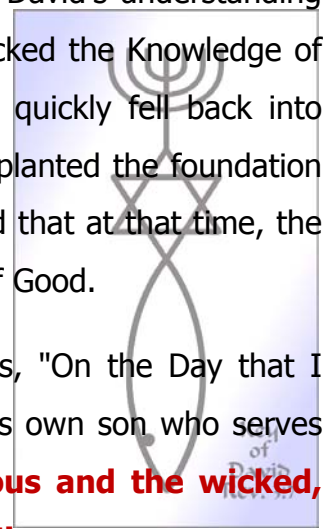
I have tried to explain this in many Writings. Our work on this earth is getting back to the Garden according to knowledge – to the Understanding of the Way of Good. Until we “get it”



as a people, we will not get back to the likeness of the Garden of Eden. We are now very close to that day, for in Joel 2:3 the Lord says that He is going to pour out His fire (the awakening of knowledge) upon His people and consume them with it. He then amazingly adds that then the Garden will be before them. To add to this, consider what the Lord says in Isaiah 41:25-29, Zephaniah 3:8-9, and Ezekiel 36:22-38 that He is going to do in the day that is coming very soon. He says that He is going to pour out His Spirit upon the people of Israel until they finally understand the Good News of His Words so that they will understand how to call upon His Name, and then He will deliver the entirety of the Promised Land to Israel and then He is going to turn the entire Promised Land into the likeness of “the Garden of Eden”.

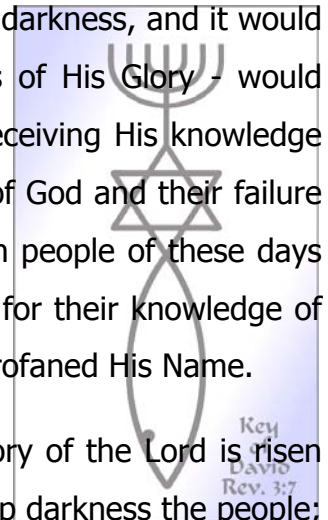
Since the foundation of the Good News of the Kingdom of God that is coming was put in place for us in the time of David, we should comprehend that the importance of David’s Kingdom was not based upon the physical Temple, but rather upon the foundation of the knowledge of the Way of Good that is revealed to us through the life and writings of David. That is the truth of the Kingdom of God. The value of the knowledge of Good and of Life is far greater than the value of the physical wealth that we of the world love. Jesus said that David had a heart that was after His own heart, except for the issue of Uriah the Hittite. David was focused on building the foundation of the Kingdom of God and giving Glory to the Lord. Solomon’s Kingdom began in honoring the Glory of the Lord in wisdom and in Understanding, but then he took his eyes off God and focused on the wealth of the physical kingdom as it is seen by the world, and as a result He lost the Kingdom of God within his children. The Lord only allowed Solomon to remain great because of David’s understanding of the Way enabling the Good Works of the Lord. When the Lord locked the Knowledge of Good from the children of Solomon, the physical kingdom of Israel quickly fell back into disarray. But, in the life and writings of David, the Lord had already planted the foundation of the True Kingdom of God that is to soon come. The Lord promised that at that time, the people will then be able to discern the knowledge of the true Garden of Good.

→ **Malachi 3:13-18** <sup>17</sup>“They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the Day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” <sup>18</sup>**Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.**



It is important to note that we are now living in the Day of the Lord, and the Lord has revealed in Malachi 3:16, that he risen up to keep a Book of Remembrance of those who will receive His Light. We can understand that we are in the Day of the Lord because the Lord reveals in Isaiah 60:1-3 that the sign of that the Day of the Lord has come will be when His Light has come. The Lord says that will tell the people of Israel that the time for them to arise and to gather has come. David reveals to us in Psalm 119:130 that it is the entrance of His Words that gives Light. In Daniel 12:4, 9-10, the Lord told the prophet Daniel that it would be at the Time of the End that the Words would be opened and that knowledge will increase. Any child could understand that a lights brightness is seen in the amount of oil that is in the vessel and the size of the wick that draws that oil up to burn the Light. The Bible tells us that the oil is the Spirit of God and the Lord revealed that the Words of God are Spirit. Because of our lack of knowledge we have been blind to see that our Lord is first returning to make is Light to shine upon the earth so that the people would be refined and made wise – just like it is said in Daniel 12:9-10. This truth is also revealed in Isaiah 60:3 for the Lord says that when His Light has come in the Last Day, that His people will increase in Light so that their brightness shall even be amazing to the kings of the earth who will be drawn to the knowledge of His Words that gives Light. God does not place value in the riches of this world, but in the Glory of the authority of His Words. This is why He has revealed to us in Revelation 22:7 that at His return, blessed will be those who keeps the Words of the prophecy of His Bible. We often for get that Simeon foretold over Jesus at the Day of His circumcision that He would be the Light to bring revelation to the Gentiles and then the Light to the Glory of Israel. This confirms what the Lord foretold in Isaiah 41:25-29 that the Lord would first open the knowledge of His Words to a Gentile raised out of darkness, and it would be through a Gentile that the Words of Understanding – the Words of His Glory - would return to Israel. But, the Bible is clear that this time Israel will be receiving His knowledge and they will also mourn for their past foolishness to reject the truth of God and their failure to seek the understanding of Good. Throughout the world the Jewish people of these days are known for their ability to obtain wealth of earthly things, and not for their knowledge of how to enable His Good Works. This is why the Lord says they have profaned His Name.

↪ **Isaiah 60:1-3** <sup>1</sup>Arise shine, for your Light has come! And the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;



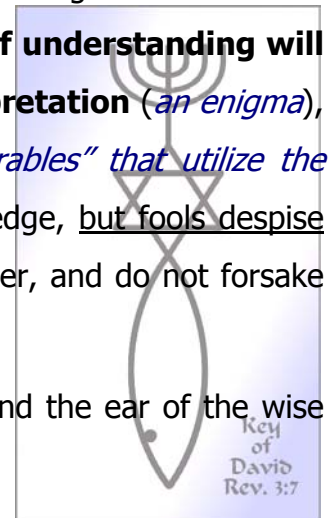
but the Lord will arise over you. <sup>3</sup>The Gentiles shall come to your Light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

As a final point of the value of knowledge versus the value of we need to understand the simple teaching of David and the lesson of Nabal. In Proverbs 4:1-7 David gives an important teaching to us. If we are wise in the words of God we will see that David revealed to Solomon that the greatest value to obtain on this earth is not the wealth of the world, nor the books of the world, but rather the greatest treasure is the Wisdom of His Words and the Understanding of Good. We can understand that Solomon is teaching us of this because of his introduction to the book of Proverbs. He teaches us that wisdom and instruction (understanding) comes by the learning of the Words of Understanding. The Lord has told us that understanding comes by the entrance of His Words. Solomon tells us that to be wise is to discern the parables – puzzles of the Words of the wise – the wise like David and Abigail.

→ **Proverbs 4:1-7** “Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and **give attention to know understanding; for I give you Good doctrine**: Do not forsake my law. When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me; “Keep my commands, and live. Get Wisdom! Get Understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the Words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you. **Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.**”

→ **Proverbs 1:2-8** <sup>2</sup>**To know wisdom and instruction, (*is*) to perceive (*discern*) the Words of Understanding.** <sup>3</sup>To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; <sup>4</sup>to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. <sup>5</sup>**A wise man WILL hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, <sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and an interpretation (*an enigma*), the Words of the wise and their puzzles (*“riddles”, or “parables” that utilize the Words of God*).** <sup>7</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup>My son hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother.

→ **Proverbs 18:15** The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.



Proverbs 4:20-22 <sup>20</sup>My son, **give attention to My Words; incline your ear to My Sayings** (*The Ways to do the Words*). <sup>21</sup>Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; <sup>22</sup>**for they are Life to those who find them; and health to all their flesh.**

**HIS GOOD WORKS ARE LOVE AND THEY ARE SPIRIT**

Jesus tells us that unless we keep His Words we do not love Him and we are also not of the Father. Jesus is not just instructing us to love the Father as love is known by earthly man; but we are to Love the Father and our neighbors as in the way that those in the Kingdom of Heaven Love of God and love others. Consider that God is Spirit, God is the Way, God is Good, God is Life, God is Love, God is Light, and He is the God of Truth. The Bible teaches us that the Spirit is Truth and the Spirit is Good. Jesus said that He and the Father are One; and He also said that the Words of God are Spirit and they are Life. The entrance of His Words puts His Light in us; thus the entrance of His Words puts God in us and puts His Spirit in us, and the knowledge of Good, so that we can know how to enable Him do His Good Works that are the works of Love.

**1 John 4:7-8** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**John 8:47** He who is of God hears God's Words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.

**Psalm 119:130**  
The Entrance of Your Words  
Give Light; It gives Understanding to the Simple.

**1 John 1:5** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**John 4:23-24** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth.

**Galatians 3:2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

**Romans 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by a Word of God.

**John 3:34** For He whom God has sent speaks the Words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by Measure.

**John 5:35** But you do not have the Word of God abiding in you, because whom He sent, you do not believe.

**John 5:47** But if you do not believe his (Moses) Writings, how will you believe My Words?

**1 John 5:7** For there are Three who bear Witness in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these Three are One.

**John 14:23** He who has My Commandments and keeps them is he who loves Me.

**God is Good** (Lk 18:19)

**His Spirit is Good** (Ps 143:10)

**God is Spirit** (Jn 4:24)

**His Words are Spirit** (John 6:63)

**The Spirit is Truth** (1 John 5:6)

**God's Word is Truth** (John 17:17)

**The Entirety of His Word is Truth** (Psalm 119:160)

**Jesus speaks the Truth** (John 8:40)

**His Law is Truth** (Psalm 119:142)

**Jesus is the Truth** (John 14:6)

**Jesus Speaks the Words of God** (John 3:34)

**The Christ was sent to Speak God's Words** (Deut. 18:18-19)

**The Spirit Comes By Hearing Faith** (Galatians 3:2)

**Faith Comes by Hearing** (Romans 10:17)

**Hearing Comes by the Word** (Romans 10:17)

**Jesus is the Word** (John 1:1,14)

**God is the Word** (Jn 1:1)

**God is Love** (1 Jn 4:8,16)

**Love is of God** (1 Jn 4:7)

**His Law is Light** (Pr. 6:23)

**God's Words Gives Light** (Ps. 119:130)

**Jesus is the Light** (John 1:7)

**God is Light** (1 Jn 1:5)

**God's Words Gives Light** (Ps. 119:130)

**God and Jesus are One** (John 10:30)

**Jesus is the Teacher of Good** (Mark 10:17)

**Jesus is the Way** (John 14:6)

**His Words are Faith** (Gal 3:2. Rm 10:8)

**Jesus is the Life** (John 14:6)

**His Word gives Life** (Ps. 119:50, John 5:24)

**God's Words are Life** (John 6:63,68)

**God's Words Give Wisdom** (Proverbs 10:13)

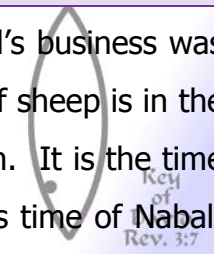
**Knowledge of the Holy is Understanding** (Proverbs 9:10)

**God's Words Gives Understanding** (Psalm 119:130)

**Faith worketh Love** (Galatians 5:6)

**Nabal's Business was in the Garden when God's Need Came**

In the story of Nabal that is revealed in 1 Samuel 25:1-33 we see that Nabal's business was in Carmel and that the time of the shearing had come. The shearing of sheep is in the Spring time of the year. It is when the crops are being planted in the Garden. It is the time when the foundation of God's work is being done. Such was the case in this time of Nabal. If one studies this story, you can see that the time of Nabal's invitation had come upon him.

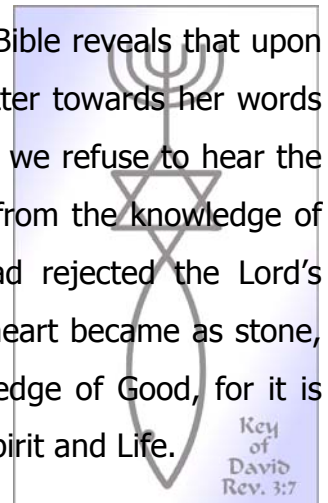


The Lord had placed before him the opportunity to provide for His chosen servant who was in the work of bringing forth the Kingdom of God.

Nabal did not take care to know the season of the time of the work of the Lord’s kingdom that that had come upon him. All that Nabal cared was that for him it was a time of profit in the works of worldly things – the profit from the sale of the wool gained from the sheep. The news of David’s anointing had surely reached the household of Nabal, for in the actions and the words of Abigail it is revealed that their household did understand that Samuel had anointed David to be the next King of Israel.

In 2 Samuel 25:3 it is recorded that Nabal was of the house of Caleb that is of the tribe of Judah. This is important because Caleb was one of only two of the adult people of Israel who had come out of captivity in Egypt, who were allowed by God to enter into the Promised Land – a Good Land filled with Milk and Honey. Caleb was a man who believed the Words of God and the Bible reveals through the example of Achsah that he taught the Words of God to his children. It is therefore very symbolic that of this house of Caleb the Lord brings David to ask of Nabal to provide support for the work of bringing forth God’s desired kingdom.

The point of this picture of Nabal is that he should have known his purpose that God desired of him. He should have understood that he had been given abundance to support the work of building the Kingdom of God. The result of his lack of knowledge destroyed him. For when the appointed time for his work for the Lord came, he trampled upon the Spirit of Grace that had been with his household, and he was ignorant of the knowledge of truth. The result was that the Lord not only struck him dead. The Lord did it ten days after his wife told Nabal the news of what she had done to solve the matter with David. The Bible reveals that upon hearing the Good that Abigail had done, that his heart became so bitter towards her words that his heart became like a stone. Jesus tells us in John 8:47 that if we refuse to hear the Word of God, that we are not of God. Nabal had separated himself from the knowledge of the Words of Understanding that his wife possessed. And, he had rejected the Lord’s invitation to serve His Kingdom. Therefore on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after his heart became as stone, the Lord struck him and he died. It is not wise to reject the knowledge of Good, for it is trampling upon the Holy Spirit. For His Words are Holy and they are Spirit and Life.



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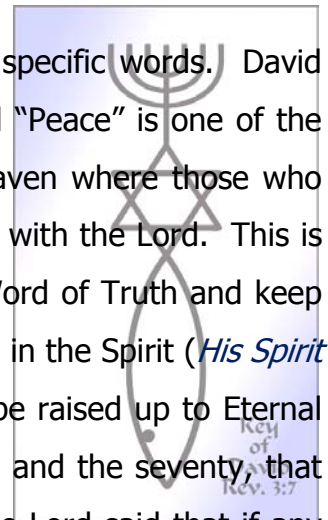
**David’s Word Came to Nabal in Obedience to the Way of the Words of God**

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In 1 Samuel 25:4-9 we see that David was in the Wilderness of Paran, and David heard that Nabal was shearing his 3,000 sheep at Carmel. David was a man who had Understanding of the Way so the Words of God. We also know that He understood the authority of the Lord of Hosts over all things. That was made clear in the words that he proclaimed when he went forth to fight against Goliath – for he said to Goliath that he had come in the Name of the Lord of Hosts. At this time in the Wilderness, David carried the anointing of the Lord. Therefore it was by wisdom that David gives the proclamation to his men to go to see Nabal in his name and to speak exactly the things that he told his men to say. David sent ten young men from the Wilderness to go forth to Carmel to speak with Nabal. Ten is the number that symbolizes the perfection of the earth. By wisdom David sent ten “young” men, to speak in his name. David was showing that the time of his anointing had not yet come to its maturity.

→ **1 Samuel 25:4-9** <sup>4</sup>When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep, <sup>5</sup>David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. <sup>6</sup>And thus you shall say to him who lives *in prosperity*: '**Peace be to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have!** <sup>7</sup>Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel. <sup>8</sup>Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let *my* young men find favor in your eyes, **for we come on a Good day**. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.'" <sup>9</sup>So when David's young men came, **they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and waited.**

In addition, David also commanded these young men to speak with specific words. David told them to greet Nabal in the Way of the Words of God. The word “Peace” is one of the Words of God. Its meaning is that it is the name of the Eternal Heaven where those who have the understanding of Good, and who keep the Way of it, will live with the Lord. This is confirmed in Ephesians 1:13-14 for Paul says that if we receive the Word of Truth and keep it, then we are sealed by His Word and we have the assurance of Hope in the Spirit (*His Spirit is also the Promises of God that He has placed within His Words*) to be raised up to Eternal Life in that Day. You may recall that when Jesus sent out the twelve and the seventy, that He instructed them to speak the phrase “Peace to this house”, and the Lord said that if any



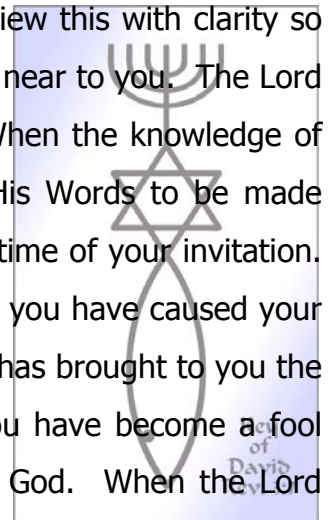
man of Peace is there, he would greet them. They were also told not to greet anyone along the road. They were to wait and say this to the house that they enter. This is keeping the Way of His Words, for if you are sent to do a work for the Kingdom of God and you have a Word from God by knowledge of His Truth, then you are a carrier of His Words. When you enter the doorway and speak this, you are doing the Way of His Words and you are enabling the Lord to release His Spirit to move upon those within this house, and if they do have a heart to seek knowledge of His Words, then the Spirit will draw them to hear your teaching.

You see in the wording of 1 Samuel 25:4-9 that David’s message to Nabal was sent on the day of the Good Work. In other words, this was the day when the Good Work of God had been made manifest. The reward had come to Nabal from the faith of Abigail who had been faithful to keep the Way of the Words of God and had enabled God to do a Good Work in protecting their flock. The testimony of David was the Nabal’s own men could testify that because of Good Work done by them, Nabal’s flock had been kept safe and had prospered. It seems that David’s men had been sent by the Lord as an answer to the prayer of Abigail so that her husband’s household would prosper for the work of God’s Kingdom. Abigail did not know of David’s assistance, but she was a woman of Good Understanding, and thus, a wife who did the way of Good for her household. David came only asking for that share that Nabal would give to any of his servants who cared for the flock. The Lord said that a servant is worthy of his wages “when” he is truly doing the work of bringing forth God’s Kingdom.

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### **It is Not Wise to Reject His Invitation**

When you read the account of Nabal in 1 Samuel 25 it is very important to understand the result of his decision to ignore the greeting of “Peace”. I want to review this with clarity so that you do not miss the importance of obeying the call when it comes near to you. The Lord has told us that we do not know when our season or time comes. When the knowledge of the Words of God have been opened by the Lord, and He causes His Words to be made known in your presence, that is the moment of your timing. It is the time of your invitation. If you reject to receive the invitation to turn and seek that knowledge, you have caused your judgment to be written. Whenever the moment comes when the Lord has brought to you the opportunity to see His Way, and you reject that opportunity, then you have become a fool like Nabal, and you have placed your soul in the hands of an angry God. When the Lord brings near to you with the revelation of His Words, it means that the Spirit of Truth is also



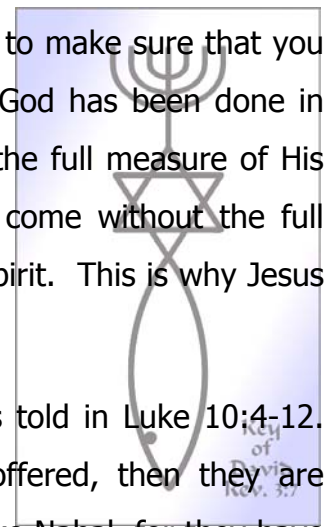
present. His Truth never comes near without the moving of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that his Words are Spirit and they are Life.

When that moment comes that the Lord brings the Kingdom of God near to you, and you reject that pulling in your heart, then you have rejected giving access to the Holy Spirit. That means you have rejected that which will seal you and not only keep you safe from the Day of troubles, but also you have rejected that which raises you up to Eternal Life – Ephesians 1:13-14, John 6:63, 8:47. Jesus said that in the times when His Words are unlocked and open for you to receive, then you are without excuse when your moment comes. This is why He says that you must be watchful in these days, for at any day during these times that are called as the Evening of the Day of the Lord, you could receive that invitation. If you are not watching and you are not ready, it will not matter, for you were warned in the Scriptures.

The Lord warned us that the last and final invitation will be during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal Judgment (*Revelation 6:3-4*). The Lord reveals to us that in that time He shall come upon us as the Lion of Judah with the flaming sword of the Spirit that makes known the knowledge of Truth. In those times, the times we are now living in, the Scriptures says that He comes to take Peace away from those who reject to hear His invitation. In Luke 14:15-24 the Lord promises that those who reject to come and eat of His food when the call is made shall not taste of His food. This means He will take away from them Eternal Life, and that means He also takes away from them the Seal of the Word of Truth that keeps them safe and secure in the coming time of the Night. (*This is explained in many Writings, such as "This Time of Gabriel' Warning!" that are available for free download*).

This is so important that I want to make it very clear for you. I want to make sure that you grasp why this is important. When the Way of doing the Words of God has been done in your presence it means that the Lord has been enabled to pour out the full measure of His Spirit upon you. In John 3:34 it is revealed that His words never come without the full measure of the Spirit. Jesus teaches us in John 4:23-24 that God is Spirit. This is why Jesus says in Luke 10: If you reject this

Consider the what the Lord said of those who house that rejected is told in Luke 10:4-12. Take notice that if they reject the Way of Peace that you have offered, then they are rejecting the calling of the Holy Spirit. More than that, they become like Nabal, for they have



missed the opportunity of the time of their visitation. When you “do the Way of the Words” for someone so as to release the Spirit of Truth to speak to their hearts and mind, you have released God on them in His full measure. It is not at all like the way we have presented the Lord to people over the past 1900 years since the apostles and disciples have passed on. We have had the milk gifts of the Spirit – the deposit of the Spirit; but when you do the Way of the Words you have released the full measure of the Spirit of God to work upon them. If they then reject His calling, they have rejected God Himself (Luke 10:16). This then allows Satan to harden these peoples hearts. In that time the Peace of God is not upon them.

Consider the account of the Lord sending out the seventy to prepare the people for His coming that is recorded in Luke 10:1-16. Take notice that when the Spirit of Truth is enabled by one doing the Way of the Words to be released into a house, and they reject His presence, then the Spirit of Truth will not stay in that house. When you see the Words of God done you are seeing the Lord work, for His Word always accomplishes that for which He sent it. If a city rejects to turn when the Words of God are done within it, then that city comes under the punishments of God that will be greater than what fell upon Sodom. A city does not have to be just a physical city, it can be a church, a government, a sports group, a university, or even a gang. A city is truly definable as a group of people choosing to live in a similar way. In this text you can see that the Lord will not tolerate cities who reject His Good News.

↳ **Luke 10:1-16** <sup>1</sup>After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He was about to go. <sup>2</sup>Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry neither money bag, sack, nor sandals; and greet **no one along the road.** <sup>5</sup>**But whatever house you enter, first say: ‘PEACE to this HOUSE.** <sup>6</sup>**And if a son of PEACE is there, your PEACE will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.** <sup>7</sup>**And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go house to house.** <sup>8</sup>Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup>AND HEAL the sick WHO are there, and SAY to them, THE KINGDOM OF GOD has come near to YOU. <sup>10</sup>**But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say: <sup>11</sup>THE VERY DUST OF YOUR CITY THAT CLINGS TO US**

**WE WIPE OFF AGAINST YOU. NEVERTHELESS KNOW THIS, THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR TO YOU.** <sup>12</sup>But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. <sup>13</sup>Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented a great while ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be thrust down to Hades. <sup>16</sup>**He who hears you, hears Me, He who rejects you rejects Me, and He who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.**

### **Like Nabal, it is Not Wise to Reject the Moment of Your Final Visitation**

There comes a point in time, when the Lord causes you to receive the invitation to do the work of the Kingdom. You never know when that time has come, and you must be ready. For if you reject that call, then you have only the fiery anger of God to look forward to. Paul warns us of this in Hebrews 10:25-31. Abigail had been doing the Way of the Words for the house of Nabal for a long time. Nabal was clearly knowledgeable that she had this gift of knowledge of the Words of Understanding. But, Nabal treated it as non-important.

The Lord was preparing Nabal's household so that it would be ready to serve His purposes of His kingdom in its season. When his moment came and the Words of God were spoken in his presence in the Way of the Words, Nabal, in his greed and pride, rejected the Spirit of Truth that tugged at his heart. Nabal was not just hearing the Words that David's messengers had presented to him. David's men were sent in the Way of the Words of the Lord, and they spoke in obedience to the Way of the Words. Therefore, David's ten young men had not come to Nabal alone. The full measure of the Spirit of Truth was released with them to tug at the heart of Nabal so that he would be pulled to honor the Way of the Words of God.

Nabal rejected the Spirit of God and turned down David's offer, and he even mocked David as being a servant who ran away from his master. Thereby Nabal stepped upon the Will of God.

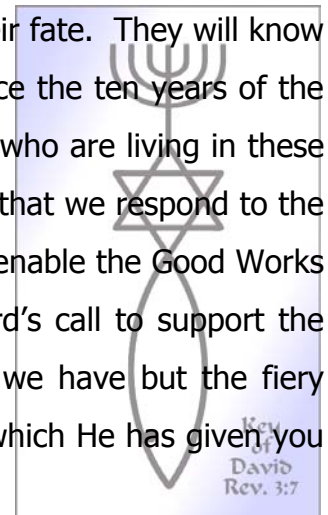
→ **1 Samuel 25:10-12** <sup>10</sup>Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who *is* David, and who *is* the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. <sup>11</sup>Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* to men when I do not know where they *are* from?"

<sup>12</sup>So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words.

But, even that was not Nabal's final invitation from the Lord. The final invitation of God for Nabal to turn and serve Him, came when Abigail came to him and explained the Good Work that she had done for his household. Abigail surely explained to Nabal why she did that Good Work and the Way in which she did it, for she had enabled God to protect Nabal's household. It was at that time, Nabal was cut off from God. He had rejected David's Good Work, but now he had rejected the Good Work the Lord did for him because of his wife's Understanding of Good.

It had only been the keeping of the Way of the Words of God by Abigail that God had done the Good Works that had blessed his household. Therefore, it was at this moment that Nabal trampled upon the Spirit of Grace – the Spirit of God's favor. That means Nabal spoke against the Holy Spirit that had done these Good Works for his household because of the Good deeds of Abigail. That is the unpardonable sin. The Scriptures says in 1 Samuel 25:37 that his heart became as stone. That means the Lord had taken all of His Light from Nabal and he was cursed to die for at that moment Nabal had committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Take notice that Abigail waited to come to Nabal in the morning and that it was ten days later that Nabal died. In the account of Abigail, when she goes to David, she proclaims that she knew the Lord would now pour out His wrath upon Nabal. In the Writing, “This Time of Gabriel's Warning!” I have explained that the Lord says that in the times that are known as the Morning of the Day of the Lord, the unworthy will have realized their fate. They will know that they are the Left Behind. They will know that they are left to face the ten years of the wrath of His Trumpet Judgments and the Bowl Judgments. Thus, we who are living in these days should understand that we are choosing our eternity by the Way that we respond to the Lord opening to us of the knowledge of His Good News of the Way to enable the Good Works of God. Our opportunities are fleeting past us. If we reject the Lord's call to support the work of bringing forth His Kingdom, then we can be confident that we have but the fiery wrath of the Lord to look forward to. He will take you out from that which He has given you to serve Him with.



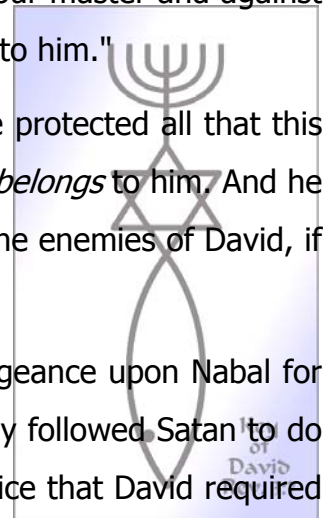
## Abigail - a Wise Woman Who Discerned What was Against Her Household

Let us now look at the greatness of the way in which Abigail showed her understanding of Good when she prepared herself and went to see David. To understand the wisdom in what she did, consider first the explanation that she received from the servants of Nabal who had witnessed the messengers of David, and they had learned that David had armed his men and they were coming forth to harm Nabal’s household because Nabal had dishonored the Way of the Words of God. In 1 Samuel 25:21-22 we are told that David had sworn before the Lord that he would not let one male of the house of Nabal live by the time the morning came. Abigail was presented with a decision that she had to make to save the household of Nabal. Abigail also understood that the Way of the Words of God had been with the men of David, for she understood the meaning when her servant said that David’s men had been “Good” to them and with them.

→ **1 Samuel 25:12-17** <sup>12</sup>So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words. <sup>13</sup>Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies. <sup>14</sup>Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them. <sup>15</sup>But the men *were* very “Good” to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields. <sup>16</sup>They were a “wall” to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep. <sup>17</sup>Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for evil is determined against our master and against all his household. For he *is such* a scoundrel that *one* cannot speak to him."

→ **1 Samuel 25:21-22** <sup>21</sup>Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belongs* to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. <sup>22</sup>May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who *belong* to him by morning light."

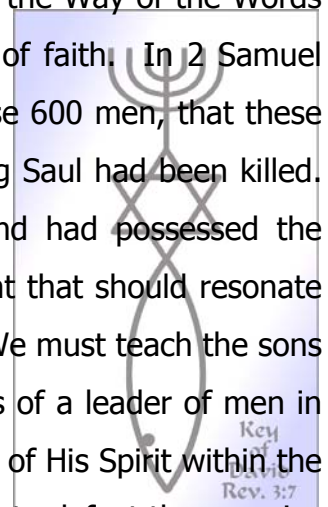
Take notice that David determined to take 2/3 of his men to take vengeance upon Nabal for his evil. The Lord cast out 1/3 of the angels from heaven because they followed Satan to do evil. David left 1/3 to watch over their supplies and families. But, notice that David required that even those who stayed with their supplies was to be girded with the sword. When one is



going to go forth to battle evil, you should make sure that you protect your household in the way of the Words, for Satan is a deceitful man. You will note that in 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel chapters 28-30, that David had listened to the guidance of Achish, the Philistine. As a result David had taken all of his men to go up to a battle on behalf of Achish. As a result, while David was gone, the Amalekites came and were able to take all of the families, possessions, and all of the supplies of David’s camp. David had not done the Way of the Lord and as a result he had opened the door for Satan to take his camp. In this case of Nabal, David would have surely succeeded for he came against Nabal in the Ways of the Lord.

From the information supplied to Abigail by the servant of Nabal, she recognized that David and his men were walking in the Way of the Lord. Take notice that the servant proclaimed that the men of David had not only accompanied them while they were attending sheep, but that they had been conversant with them and were like a “Wall” to them. In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:18-21, we are told that every evening we are to meet in our household and discuss the Words of God and the Works of God. Abigail understood the meaning of Good in the Pure Language of heaven. Thus, she understood that David’s men were speaking of the Words of God with the shepherds of Nabal, for the servant said that David’s men were “Good”. They had done that which enabled the Lord to do Good Works to protect Nabal’s men and all of their flock. Nabal’s servants recognized that it was unusual that they had been kept safe and secure, for in those days there were many raiders and thieves. Yet, nothing of evil had come upon Nabal’s flocks or his servants.

Before you think that this is a stretch of the text of the Scriptures, let me point out to you that the Bible reveals that while under David these men were learning the Way of the Words of God and they understood the meaning of fighting the Good Fight of faith. In 2 Samuel 1:17-18, we learn that at the time when David was in Ziklag with these 600 men, that these men knew the Way of the Words of God. David had learned that King Saul had been killed. He also knew that the Philistines had routed the army of Israel and had possessed the entirety of Israel. In that text David makes a very profound statement that should resonate within our ears in these present days. David simple said to his men, “We must teach the sons of Judah the bow.” That is one of the greatest and shortest speeches of a leader of men in all of history. The bow is the tongue that speaks forth the fiery arrows of His Spirit within the Words of God that have authority over all hosts. David was saying that to defeat the enemies



of Israel, all we have to do is to teach the sons of Judah the knowledge of the Pure Language of the Words of God, and that is enough to deliver all of Israel from her enemies. It was given of God for the tribe of Judah to lead the people of Israel into the knowledge of doing the Way of the Words of God.

### **Abigail - a Wise Woman Who Prepares Her Way by doing His Way**

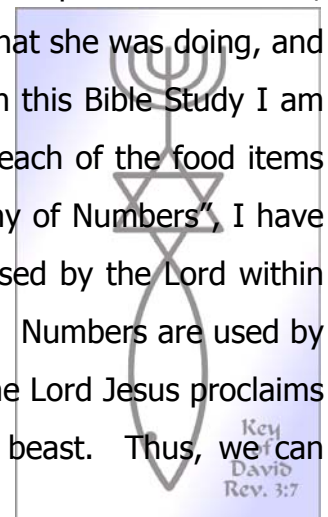
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The response of Abigail clearly reveals her knowledge of the Way of the Words of God and illustrates that she understood the Way of enabling the Lord to do Good Works as she desired of Him. Similar to like Queen Esther would later do in the time of Judah’s captivity in Babylon, Abigail prepared herself in the Way of the Words of God, so that she could go forth before a King, at the risk of her life, to save those of her household. Because she understood Good and because she had been faithful to hear the voice of the Lord, Abigail understood the time and season of the Will of God that she was in. Carefully consider the things that Abigail did in preparing to coming to David, and also how she came before David.

→ **1 Samuel 25:18-20** <sup>18</sup>Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred *loaves* of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted *grain*, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys. <sup>19</sup>And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

→ **1 Samuel 25:23** <sup>23</sup>Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground.

Abigail did not choose the numbers arbitrarily of the food items that she provided to David, nor did she choose the food items without wisdom. She understood what she was doing, and why she was providing each of the food items in specific numbers. In this Bible Study I am not going to go into the details of why Abigail chose the numbers of each of the food items that she prepared to send to David. In a Writing entitled “A Testimony of Numbers”, I have provided some basic explanations of a few of the numbers that are used by the Lord within the Bible as a testimony to His Words and the Way of His Good Works. Numbers are used by those who are wise to give testimony of the Lord’s Will. In addition, the Lord Jesus proclaims in Revelation 13:18 that the wise shall calculate the number of the beast. Thus, we can

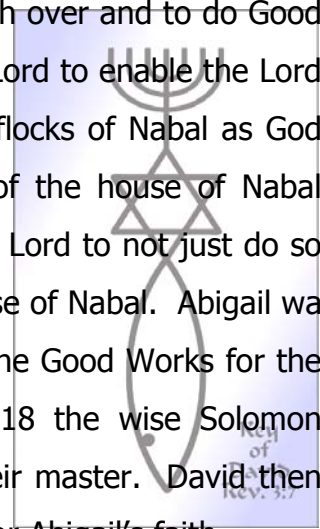


surely discern that Abigail, who is called as a woman possessing a “Good Understanding” would have knowledge of why to provide these food items in these quantities.

Consider the wisdom of Abigail in the bread and the figs. The bread is the symbol of the instruction of Good. In many Writings I have reviewed the way of using bread in doing the Way of the Words. Two is the number of Jesus, and it is the number of the witness. The number 100 is the number generally used as a number of what would call a company, and it is also referred to as the number 1 perfected. Thus, it is easy to see why Abigail is testifying that the bread is a testimony of the perfect instruction that she is asking the Lord to give to David.

Abigail also gives to David 200 cakes of figs. Again the bread of the cake is likened to a sweat instruction and to do so in the Way of the fig. The fig is the fruit of the fig tree. The “Tree” is a Word of God and so is the word “Fruit”. The tree is the representation of man. We grow from the earth and we produce fruit. If our fruit is Good, then it is pleasing to the Lord. To use the fruit and to make something good tasting from it, is the symbolic meaning of a Good Work. Thus, Abigail, by placing the fruit into the cake and presenting it to David, was asking the Lord to reveal to David that it was the Lord who has kept the house of Nabal, and that it was the servant of the master who made the fruit of the tree to be a Good Work. In so doing she was showing to David that despite the terrible man, Nabal, the Lord had used this house of Nabal for Good Work because of Abigail.

Abigail was asking the Lord to make known that if Abigail had not been faithful to do the Way of the Words to enable the Lord to do these Good Works for the “tree” of the house of Nabal grew, there would not have been flocks for David and his men to watch over and to do Good for in the first place. Abigail was doing the Way of the Words for the Lord to enable the Lord to make known to David that it was the Lord who had provided the flocks of Nabal as Good Works. Therefore, Abigail was revealing to David that vengeance of the house of Nabal belonged to be left with the Lord to fight the Good fight. But, for the Lord to not just do so for David, but also to fight the Good Fight of faith for those of the house of Nabal. Abigail was revealing that in the Lord’s Will those who tend to their master – do the Good Works for the gain of the master – shall be honored by God. In Proverbs 27:18 the wise Solomon summarizes this teaching that the Lord will honor those who tend their master. David then knew from what Abigail did, that it was the Lord who honored Nabal, for Abigail’s faith.

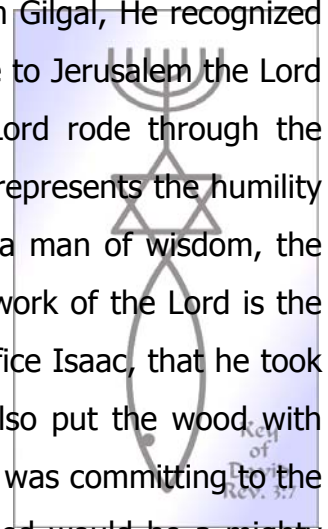


8→ **Proverbs 27:18** Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit; so he who waits on his master will be honored.

Take notice that Abigail presented to David 5 fully dressed sheep. The sheep is the represented the mature meat of His Word. She prepared them fully dressed because she was revealing that His Word only comes in the full measure of the Spirit of the Lord. She prepared five because that represents the fullness of the Law of God, and all His Words are Law for they are Truth and in Psalm 119:142 we are told that all His Law is combined in His Truth – and, His Word is Truth. Jesus prayed to the Father that we who desire to be of His Kingdom be set apart by His Truth and Jesus said that His Word is Truth. Thus, we are to be set apart from those who are evil by the Word of God, and this is what Abigail was asking for the Spirit to reveal to David. She gave witness to this by the five seahs of fully roasted grain. Again it was saying the same thing, for Jesus also said His Word is the seed. She gave to David fully roasted grain that represents that His Words come with the fullness of His Spirit.

Abigail also gave to David 100 clusters of raisins which are the completed fruit of the vine. And she gave to him two wineskins of wine. The wine is that which represents the completed work of God’s Kingdom. We will only be able to drink wine with our Lord when we have been made perfect by being washed by the knowledge of His Word so that we have no blemish (Ephesians 5:25-28).

Abigail sent all of these things to David not upon the backs of the servants, or on camels. She sent them upon donkeys. In the Bible the donkey represents the humble carrier of the Words of God. You recall that the Lord caused the donkey to speak to Balaam. Also you may recall that when the Lord began his final walk towards Jerusalem from Gilgal, He recognized all those who announced that He was King on that travel. As He came to Jerusalem the Lord sent the disciples to bring to Him a young donkey colt, and the Lord rode through the entrance gates of Jerusalem on the back of the donkey. The donkey represents the humility of the Words of God. The donkey bears its burden in humility. To a man of wisdom, the person who comes to them riding on a donkey in the witness of the work of the Lord is the carrier of the Word. You may recall that when Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac, that he took two young boys as witnesses and put them on donkeys. He then also put the wood with which He was to use to offer the sacrifice to the Lord. Thus, Abraham was committing to the Lord to remember His promise that He made to Abraham that his seed would be a mighty



nation, and therefore Abraham was doing the Way of the Words of God and asking the Lord in the Lord’s language to deliver Isaac because of the Promise of His Word.

Abigail sent the symbols of the Good Gift before her on donkeys, and then she herself came to David on a donkey following after. She had sent the gifts to enable the Spirit to open David’s mind and heart, and then she came afterwards, also riding upon a donkey. When she came to David she dismounted and came to him and bowed low to the ground. She was therefore revealing to David that she knew he was also a man of the Understanding of Good.

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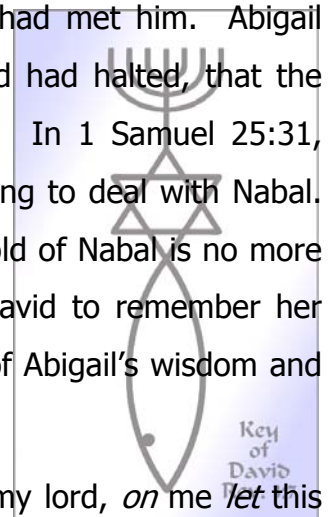
### **Abigail Speaks A “Good” Word from Prophetic Revelation**

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Abigail had prepared herself to come before David in the Way of the Words by enabling the Spirit of God to move on the heart of David. But Abigail had also prepared herself to hear from the Lord. She knew what the desire of her heart was, but she did not know what to speak. However, she had prepared herself by doing the Way of the Words of God that she also enabled the Lord to move on her and to have the Spirit to put into her mind what it is that she should speak in that moment. Remember also that Abigail was risking her life to go to David and intercede for her husband. She risked that her husband would kill her if David did not. But, in all this she relied upon her Understanding of His Good.

As she came to David she found that he had halted his march to come to harm Nabal. In Abigail’s words of 1 Samuel 25:26 she gives recognition that the Spirit of the Lord had done for her the Good Work that she had asked of the Lord by sending the food items on the donkeys. Abigail says that the Lord had caused David to stop. Abigail then reveals what the Lord has made known to her because David by having the Understanding of Good, had heeded the Lord, and had stopped where the donkeys of the food had met him. Abigail reveals that because David had obeyed the Spirit by knowledge, and had halted, that the Lord was going to avenge both David and his maidservant, Abigail. In 1 Samuel 25:31, Abigail reveals that the Lord has made known to her that He was going to deal with Nabal. His prophetic Word is so clear to her that she knows that the household of Nabal is no more and that she will be left alone. This is so clear that she asks of David to remember her situation when the Lord has dealt with Nabal. Consider the account of Abigail’s wisdom and her prophetic revelation as it is recorded in 1 Samuel 25:24-31.

↪ **1 Samuel 25:24-31** <sup>24</sup> So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, *on me* let this iniquity *be!* And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of



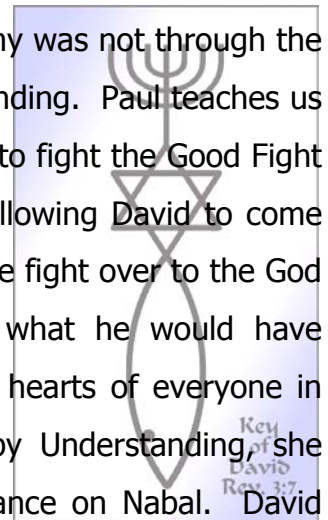
your maidservant. <sup>25</sup>Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name *is*, so *is* he: Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. <sup>26</sup>Now therefore, my lord, *as* the Lord lives and *as* your soul lives, since the Lord has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal. <sup>27</sup>And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. <sup>28</sup>Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the Lord will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the Lord, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. <sup>29</sup>Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the Lord your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, *as from* the pocket of a sling. <sup>30</sup>And it shall come to pass, when the Lord has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, <sup>31</sup>that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the Lord has dealt Good with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

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### **Abigail's Understanding Enabled the Lord to Fight the Good Fight for All**

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One of the revelations of the greatness of the Good understanding of Abigail, was that she showed to David that he had failed to fight this battle in the correct way. David had done the Way of the Words of God in the arrangement of his men and of the sword, etc. But, David had not done the Way of the Words of God in the fullness of understanding of the Words. Through Abigail, the Lord showed David that the way to fight the enemy was not through the mind of a man, but through the mind of one filled with Good Understanding. Paul teaches us that we are to fight the Good Fight of Faith – That means that we are to fight the Good Fight of the Understanding of the Way of the Words of God. Instead of allowing David to come and take vengeance as was his right to do, she taught David to turn the fight over to the God of Israel. Abigail enabled David to have a greater victory than what he would have accomplished by the sword. God is the reader and judge of all the hearts of everyone in every nation, city, and town. Because Abigail did a Good Deed by Understanding, she enabled the Lord to do a Good Work for David, and to take vengeance on Nabal. David



recognized what had happened and in verse 32 he blessed God for the teaching and in verse 33 he blessed Abigail for her wisdom and understanding that she had taught him by this.

→ **1 Samuel 25:32-34** <sup>32</sup>Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! <sup>33</sup>And blessed *is* your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. <sup>34</sup>For indeed, *as* the Lord God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!"

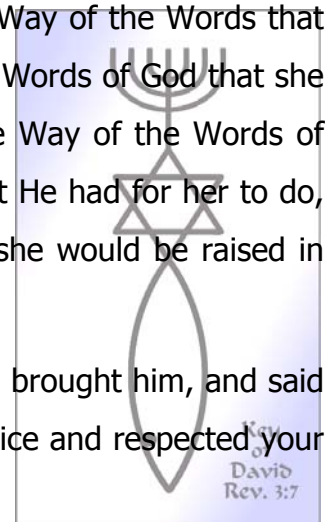
### **Abigail Receives a Blessing**

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After the Words and acts of Abigail had been received by David, Abigail was left with another daunting task. She had to go back home and reveal to her husband, the evil and wicked Nabal, what she had done. It is important to see that David understood the dangers that she faced. It is for this reason that David spoke a blessing over her and said to her to go up to her house in Peace. David said that he had heeded her Words of her voice. Understand that the meaning of this is not just the spoken Words that she mouthed, but the Words that she had done in her actions. The Lord refers to this as obeying His voice, for we are to obey the Way of the Words that He has spoken and the Way of the Words that He has shown us, for they are all a part of a Pure Language.

David added to this that He had respected her person. This means two things that He had not harmed her, but also that He respected what she had done. David respected that she was a woman with Good Understanding. When David added to his comment to go in Peace to your house, that he had heard her Words and had recognized the Way of the Words that she did, it gave authority to the Lord to protect Abigail because of the Words of God that she had spoken and done. David was sending her to her house with the Way of the Words of Peace. That means that God would keep her to fulfill all the work that He had for her to do, and that she would thereby be sealed by the Word of Truth so that she would be raised in that day for eternal life in His Peace.

→ **1 Samuel 25:35** <sup>35</sup>So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."



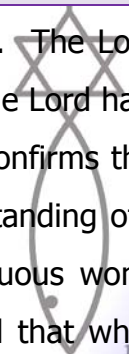
## Abigail is Protected by the Lord

When Abigail arrived at her home it was late in the evening. This reveals to us that she had gone to David in the early evening. Nabal is already drunk from the feast and the wine. Take notice that Abigail was sent in the Way of the Word of Peace to her house and to Nabal, and thus she did not speak to him until his mind was clear. She waited until the first light of the morning. That is the time when the Word of the Lord is made known. It was then she told these things to Nabal, and the Scriptures said that his heart died within him. Here he is a wealthy man, and all he thought about was that he had riches. He is suddenly told by his wife that the Lord had made known to her that David would be the next King. She revealed to him that she had saved their household for that time; but, she also revealed to Nabal that David had turned his fate over to the Lord. Suddenly Nabal’s strength had left him and his heart died in its pride. It is difficult to understand verse 37 easily, but it seems that Nabal was unable to move from that moment. The verse says that his heart died in him, and that he became like stone. That seems to indicate that he became paralyzed. It could also mean that he would not hear any words in the next ten days. He certainly did not repent of his sins and he ignored the witness of the Good Work that had been done for him. In any case, it was in ten days time that died.

→ **1 Samuel 25:36-38** <sup>36</sup>Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there he was, holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light. <sup>37</sup>So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *like* a stone. <sup>38</sup>Then it happened, *after* about ten days, that the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.

## Abigail Receives A “Good” Marriage Proposal

The prophetic Word of the Lord that had been spoken by Abigail came true. The Lord had taken his vengeance on Nabal. And, by the Good Understanding of Abigail, the Lord had kept this blood from being upon the hands of David. In 1 Samuel 25:39 David confirms that the Lord had done this, and again David gives acknowledgement to the Understanding of Good that was possessed by Abigail. David also understood the value of a virtuous woman, a woman who had the knowledge of the Way of Good. The Scriptures reveal that when the



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word of Nabal’s death reached him, that he said these things and then he sent his servants to Abigail to ask of her if she would become his wife.

→ **1 Samuel 25:39-40** <sup>39</sup>So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil! For the Lord has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head." And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife. <sup>40</sup>When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife."

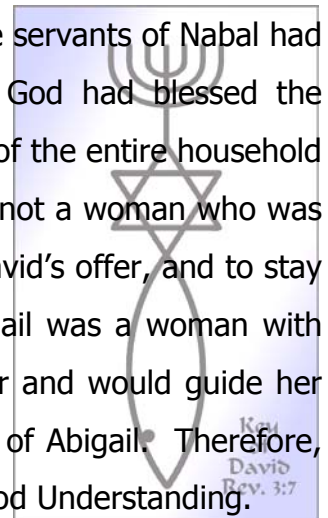
Take notice that even in the proposal that David gave to Abigail, he did so in the Way of the Words of God. The Scriptures record that Abigail was in Carmel. Remember that the name of Carmel is “Garden”. David was after Abigail as a helpmate in the true essence of the Word. David sent to Abigail a marriage proposal in the Way of the Words of God. David sent his ten young messengers. The Bible does not distinguish that these were different messengers than those sent to Nabal, and therefore we can understand that by wisdom David sent the same servants. By this Abigail again sees the hand of the Lord in her life, and she understands.

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### **Abigail Gives A “Good” Marriage Proposal Acceptance**

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What would a woman of Good Understanding do when a man of good Understanding sends to her a marriage invitation in the Way of the Words of God? You may think that Abigail had no choice in this situation. But, remember that her husband had been rich. She had a home in Carmel, and a home in Maon. Thus, Abigail was not poor. She would have to shay there under his remaining sons and their household. But, remember that the servants of Nabal had trusted her. The servants knew that it was because of her that God had blessed the household of Nabal. Also remember that she had saved all the males of the entire household of Nabal from their certain death. Thus, it is surely true that she was not a woman who was strapped into a hopeless situation if she would decide to not accept David’s offer, and to stay with the remainder of the household of Nabal. But, remember, Abigail was a woman with Good Understanding, and that means the Spirit of Truth was with her and would guide her into all truth and to tell her of things to come, as we have witnessed of Abigail. Therefore, the answer to her decision as told in the Scriptures is clearly one of Good Understanding.

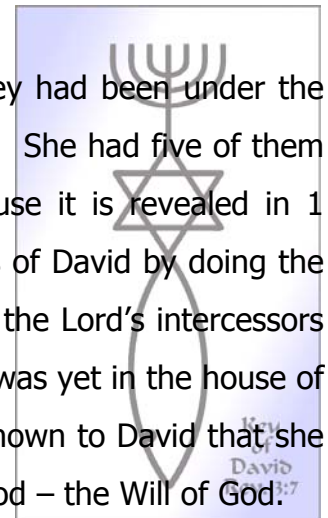


8→ **1 Samuel 25:41-42** <sup>41</sup>Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my Lord." <sup>42</sup>So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, attended by five of her maidens; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.

As you can see Abigail acted with wisdom. She arose and immediately obeyed the Lord desire for her life. She recognized that she had been called by the Lord to guide the footsteps of David with the Understanding of Good. She did not say to the servants that she loved or delighted in David. That may all be true in her heart. But, what she said and did revealed that she was first answering the Lord before she answered David. She committed to the Lord that she would wash the feet of the servants of her Lord. She understood that the Lord had selected her for David so that she could guide him into the knowledge of Good so that he would be kept from as many mistakes as possible. She was going to David to enable him and his servants to increase in the knowledge of Truth. God had given David a helpmate of Good Understanding to keep his feet in the Way of the Knowledge of Good so that the Lord would guide his path with the Understanding of Good.

Thus, Abigail, understanding the Will of the Lord rose in haste to be diligent to do as the Lord had placed the calling of the work of building His Kingdom before her. Because she had been faithful to watch for the Lord, she was able to discern the season of time of the Will of God when it past in front of her. She then did not look back. Once she put her hand to the plow she did not turn around. She rose then in haste and by wisdom and did the Way of the Lord when His Kingdom work is made known. She left everything behind and went forth to serve the Lord. She only took with her five handmaidens.

Clearly these five handmaidens were not normal handmaidens for they had been under the teaching of Abigail. They were surely the prayer warriors with Abigail. She had five of them because she kept the Word of the Law. Also she took them because it is revealed in 1 Samuel 25:41 that Abigail knew that she had to teach all the servants of David by doing the Way of the Words for them. Thus, she brought with her the army of the Lord's intercessors that the Lord had prepared for the work of His Kingdom, while Abigail was yet in the house of Nabal. Abigail also went forth to David riding on a donkey to make known to David that she was coming in the Way and by the blessing authority of the Word of God – the Will of God.



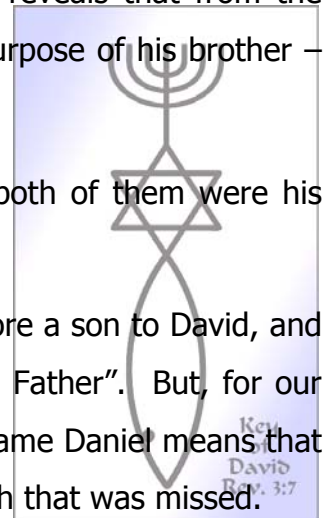
## The Failure to find the Fullness of His “Good” in the Marriage of Abigail and David

The Lord loved David, and David’s heart was for the Lord, but there is a weakness of David that was transferred into his son Solomon. The Bible records that David was always trying to do the Will of God to bring forth the Kingdom of God. Yet, the Bible records that David had a weakness for women. The Scriptures record that altogether David took eight wives, and that he also had children by his concubines. From these children there were those who rebelled against David, even to try and to take his throne against the Will of God. David’s problems during his time as King were a result of his failure to honor Abigail as the one and only wife, the necessary wife, whom His Lord gave to Him. Nearly everyone knows the story of David’s fall from grace with the sin of Bathsheba. From his marriage with Bathsheba, the child Solomon came, and Solomon became King. The weakness of David was manifest more than fifty times over by Solomon. Solomon followed in the way of David’s weakness and multiplied it, for Solomon had a total of 1000 wives and concubines. What would have been the greater glory of David’s Kingdom if he would have kept just Abigail.

After David wisely took Abigail, a woman of Good Understanding, as his wife, the Scriptures reveal the weakness of David - women. In Abigail the Lord had given to David “the wife” that he needed, for she was the helpmate brought by the Lord from the Garden (*“Carmel” means Garden*) to him. Abigail was the woman who knew how to be the godly helpmate that David needed. But, in 1 Samuel 25:43, right after taking Abigail as his wife, David takes another wife named Ahinoam of Jezreel. The name of Ahinoam means “Brother’s pleasantness”. The meaning of Jezreel is “God will sow”. This reveals a very interesting point. IT seems clear that the way this revelation of Ahinoam is set within this Scripture, reveals that from the beginning the Lord had planted Ahinoam not for David, but for the purpose of his brother – another person in Israel.

↳ **1 Samuel 25:43** <sup>43</sup> David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and so both of them were his wives.

Of a more intriguing note, it is revealed in 2 Samuel 3:3 that Abigail bore a son to David, and he was named Chileab. The meaning of Chileab is “Protected by the Father”. But, for our knowledge, this same child is named Daniel in 1 Chronicles 3:!. The name Daniel means that “God is his judge”, or “God judges”. It is revealing of a far greater truth that was missed.

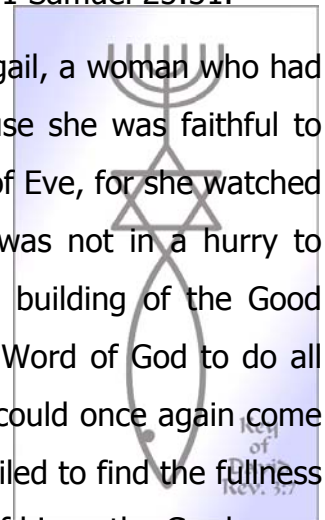


The plan of God from the beginning is that we would find the Way back to the Garden. The Way to that Garden is to have Good Understanding. The Lord gave to David the helpmate who could have keep his feet on the path of Good that would have led them to the Garden. The Lord gave David Abigail, and by Good Understanding she brought forth a son that was protected by the Lord; but the sad thing is that it is believed that Lord took this child away from David while the boy was yet at a young age.

The fact that Chileab is recorded in the Scriptures to have been called by two names reveals to us that the Lord had judged David and found that they were not yet ready to enter into the fullness of the Promised Land – the fullness of the likeness of the Garden of Eden - the Garden of God. It seems clear that through Abigail the Lord gave Chileab as a blessing to David and the house of Israel. It seems that this son of David should have been the one who would have been the wise leader of the people of Israel back to the Garden of God.

The Lord did not judge David harshly for this for it was not the time as was appointed by the Father. However, the Lord made the opportunity available to David and the house of Israel to change the times and that which was proclaimed by the Lord. Remember that the Lord changed His mind of the proclaimed judgment on the people of Nineveh because when the Way of the Lord was revealed in front of them, they stopped what they were doing and became diligent to seek His desired Way for them. The Bible says that it is the Lord’s “Good” desire to give us the Good things, and the ultimate gift for man is to live again in the likeness of the Garden of Eden where everything is done in the Way of the Words and the Good Garden causes the seed to grow. David had failed to discern the deepness – the fullness - of the Prophetic Word that the Lord had spoken to him through Abigail in 1 Samuel 25:31.

David and the house of Israel came to this opportunity because of Abigail, a woman who had Good Understanding and knew the Will of God for her season because she was faithful to Watch and obey His voice and all His Ways. Abigail was the opposite of Eve, for she watched and waited upon the Lord for knowledge and understanding. She was not in a hurry to receive the luxury things of this world. Rather, she rejoiced in the building of the Good Kingdom of God, and was diligent to seek to follow the Ways of the Word of God to do all that was required to bring for the Kingdom of God so that His people could once again come back to the Way of the Garden of God. Even the greatness of David failed to find the fullness of the Way of the Lord when He placed the ultimate gift right in front of him – the Garden.



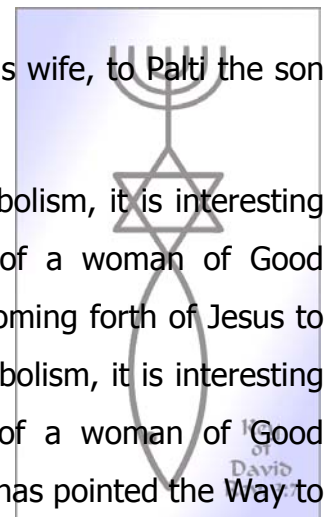
It is not clear whether Abigail bore David more sons or daughters. It is likely that she did not, for it seems that the Lord took away from David the great gift of Chileab, the Daniel of His day whom it seems could have revealed to David and Israel the things that were to come. Every evidence of Scriptures indicates that David had actually missed the greatness of what it meant to him and the people of Israel if he would have seen the Light of having only a single virtuous woman as his wife.

The Scriptures reveal to us that the Lord seemed to alleviate from David, Micah, the faulty wife of David who was the daughter of Saul. For King Saul gave her to Palti from Gallim, and who was the son of Laish. All of us will likely remember that it was Micah who mocked David at the end of the evening on the day that the Ark of the Lord was successfully moved into the city of David. On that evening David had come into his house to bless all of his household of their successfully increasing in sufficient knowledge that the Lord had allowed them to move the Ark to the City where the Lord would establish as the physical City of His Kingdom. Family before they retired. By mocking what David had done that day so as to do the Way of the Words of God Micah mocked the knowledge that David had gained of the Way for the Words

The name of Micah means “Who is similar like God?”, and the name of Palti means “my salvation” or “God liberates”. The Name of Laish means the “Lion is hidden”. The name of Gallim means “to cover up”. Consider that this information is added to us in 1 Samuel 25:44, immediately after the sorry of Abigail that is clearly written in the form of a Parable that reveals the secrets of the Truth of God’s Will. The entire chapter of 1 Samuel 25 reveals that the Lord was trying to prepare David with what he needed in order to , yet David took her back again later.

↪ **1 Samuel 25:44** <sup>44</sup>But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who *was* from Gallim.

It has been 3,000 years since the time of Abigail and David. In symbolism, it is interesting that Nabal had 3,000 head of sheep because of the faithfulness of a woman of Good Understanding. It was 1,000 years from David until the time of the coming forth of Jesus to a people who had long since lost the Understanding of Good. In symbolism, it is interesting that Nabal had 1,000 head of goats because of the faithfulness of a woman of Good Understanding. If we opened our eyes we would realize that the Lord has pointed the Way to us in the things that He has done for those before us so that we are without excuse.

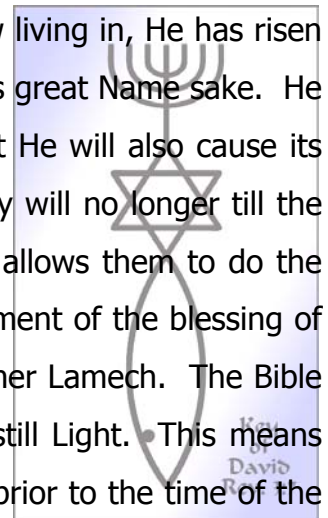


**Will We of this Day Fail to find the Fullness of His “Garden of Good”**

We have seen that David and the house of Israel missed the opportunity of Understanding the Good that would have brought forth the likeness of the Garden of Eden to Israel. It was not their season, but if they would have had Understanding and petitioned the Lord, all things were possible to them. The Lord has always desired that we increase in knowledge and come to understand the Way of Good. If we would just wake up to this, nothing would be impossible to us. That is the way that it is in the Kingdom of Heaven. We were not obedient to the Lord when he told us to pray diligently (*He told us to pray this way EVERY time we pray*) that His Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven, and we have taken His instruction lightly instead of the understanding that He gave to us a right to ask Him to unlock the key of David so that we would understand the true fullness of the Will of God for us.

- **Jeremiah 32:17** “Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.
- **Jeremiah 32:27** “Behold, I am the Lord, God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?
- **Jeremiah 33:3** “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and inaccessible things, which you do not know.”

In these days we are living it is our time to hear Him and to turn to seek Him, and enable Him to make known to us the Understanding of Good. In Ezekiel 36 the Lord reveals that it is our season for His people to now turn to the Lord and receive the knowledge of His Words – the knowledge of His Spirit of Truth that He is now pouring out on us from the throne. In Ezekiel 36 the Lord reveals that in this Day of the Lord that we are now living in, He has risen up to not only deliver to Israel the entirety of the Promised Land for His great Name sake. He will sweep all uncleanness from the nation; and He has promised that He will also cause its wilderness to be turned into the likeness of the Garden of Eden. They will no longer till the land by the sweat of their brow, but by the knowledge of Truth that allows them to do the Way of His Words and enable His Good Works. That will be the fulfillment of the blessing of request to the Lord that was spoken so long ago over Noah by his father Lamech. The Bible reveals that this Promise of the Lord must be fulfilled while there is still Light. This means that according to Zechariah 14:6-7, this event will happen very soon, prior to the time of the



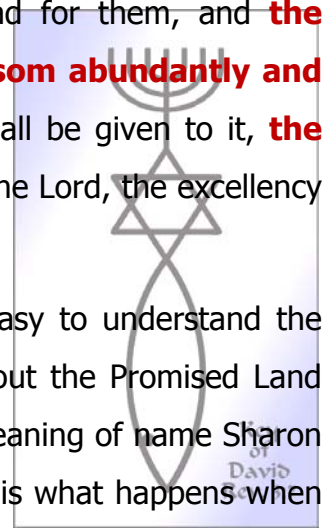
Midnight Judgment. Consider the Lord’s Promise of delivering the Promised Land and then changing it into the likeness of Garden of Eden.

→ **Ezekiel 36:33-38** <sup>33</sup>Thus says the Lord God: "**On the Day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities**, (*It is His Words that cleanses us – Psalm 119:9, John 15:3*) I will also enable *you* to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup>The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. <sup>35</sup>So they will say, '**This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.**' <sup>36</sup>Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that **I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.**" <sup>37</sup>Thus says the Lord God: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. <sup>38</sup>Like a flock *offered as holy sacrifices*, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I *am* the Lord.'" (*Before the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal Judgment every one on earth will know that He is Lord, so this proves that this happens before the Morning*).

In Isaiah 35:1-2, the Lord repeats this confirmation of the supernatural rebirth of the likeness of the Garden of Eden in these days. In this text, through the form of a Parable, the Lord reveals the deliverance of the Promised Land into the likeness of the Garden of Eden. In the story of Abigail we have seen the meaning of Carmel is the Garden. When the Lord uses Carmel in a Parable of the End Times you can easily understand that He is referring to bringing forth the Glory of His ultimate Good Works. Consider this passage of Isaiah 35:1-2.

→ **Isaiah 35:1-2** <sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and **the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;** <sup>2</sup>**it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing.** The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, **the excellence of Carmel and Sharon.** They shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God.

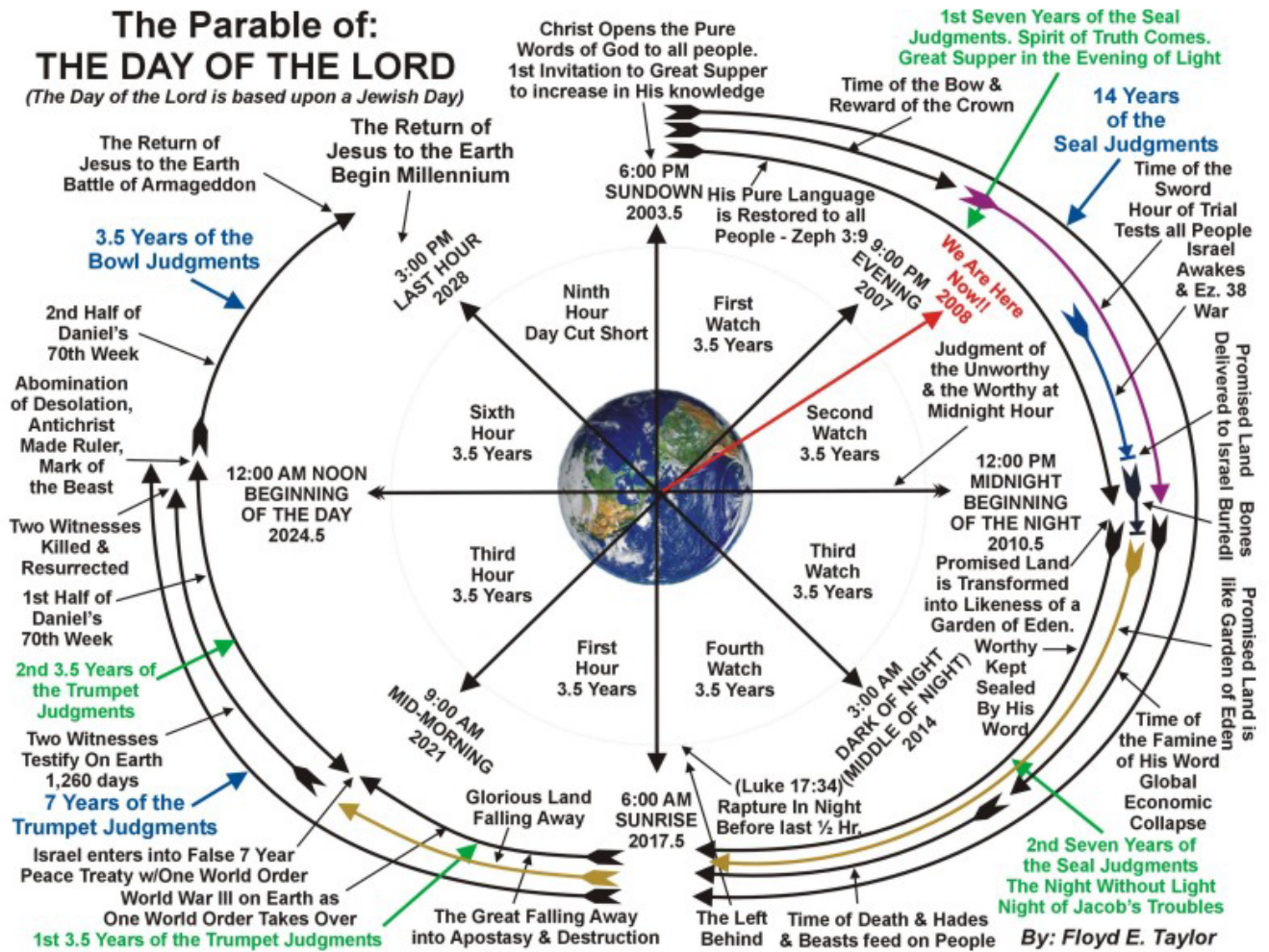
If you consider the Lord’s promise of Ezekiel 36:33-35 it becomes easy to understand the Parable of Isaiah 35:1-2. It is obvious that the Lord is speaking about the Promised Land becoming the likeness of the Garden of Eden in Isaiah 35:1-2. The meaning of name Sharon is “Princess”, but its true meaning is “to shine from brightness”. This is what happens when the Glory of the Words of God enter into the full Promised Land – into the Garden (Carmel) –



a Good Land flowing with Wine and Glory, and not just a partial deposit of the Promised Land that flowed only with milk and honey. The entrance of His Words brings the Light and keeping His Words gives forth the Good of the Land. If we will understand that then we should be willing to leave living in the Way of the world and put our efforts and our resources into bringing forth the Kingdom of God to all who will receive the Word of Peace offered to them by the Spirit when one with Good Understanding does the Way of His Words so as to enable His Spirit of Truth to make known all Truth to those who have a heart to hear His Will.

**In this Day of the Lord We Must Not Be a Fool of His “Good”**

There is an important understanding that we should see in the way of Nabal the fool. The Lord used him to point us to the Way of His Day that we are now living in. If you have read the Writing “This Time of Gabriel’s Warning!” it should be clear to you that we are now living in the time of the Twilight of the Evening of the Day of the Lord. The following is a chart from that Writing that reveals the Day of the Lord. If we will consider it, then you can see that the ways of Nabal on his last day parallel the ways of the Day of the Lord for the proud.



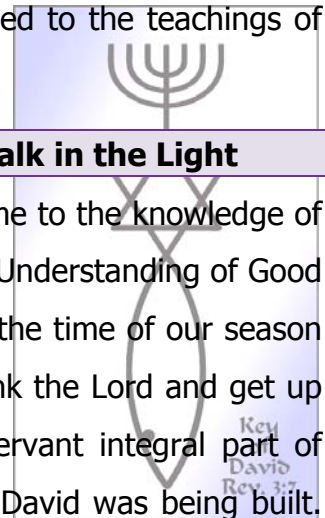
In the evening of Nabal’s last day he ate a feast in the most sumptuous ways of the rich of the world. While the knowledge of the Understanding of the Ways of Good were being made known to those of the Kingdom that God was raising up, Nabal was occupied with the cares of this world. His wife, the carrier of the Words of God, would not speak any Words with him during the Night. Even though he tried to have communication, the Bible records that there was a famine of words from Abigail, for she would not speak any words with him, neither big nor small. But, in the morning the knowledge of Truth was made known to him. This is just how the Lord says that it will be like in the Day of the Lord. In the Writing “This time of Gabriel’s Warning!” this matter is explained from the Scriptures that it will be in the first light of the morning that those set apart from God – the Left Behind – will have received their notice from God that their punishment is certain unless they had turned in the Night and sought after His Words with great diligence. After the first light on the morning it will be ten years until the Lord physically returns and all those who have stone hearts toward him shall be destroyed. So was it with Nabal. He was destroyed in 10 days, and that is symbolic of the 10 years from the time of the first morning Light of the Day of the Lord and the time of 3:00 Pm when He returns to the earth physically. If we do not learn from the Ways of truth that the Lord has revealed in the Scriptures, we are doomed to repeat the failures. Nabal rejected the knowledge of Truth, and He trampled upon the Holy Spirit of Grace. Now, he is residing in the prison of God that is called Death, and there he is in deep sorrow because he never repented and learned the Way of Good. What would you do to trade even one day in the terrible prison of God that is called Death, for a day like today when the knowledge of Truth and the Understanding of Good is being freely poured out from heaven? Do not pass up the opportunity to come to the Understanding of Good. The wise will heed to the teachings of Abigail and come to the Understanding of Good.

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**His “Good” is available to all those who Wash their Feet and Walk in the Light**

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The time has come for us to learn from the example of Abigail and come to the knowledge of the Understanding of Good. Abigail revealed to us that if we have the Understanding of Good that all things are possible for us. She also revealed to us that when the time of our season for bringing forth the Kingdom has come upon us, that we are to thank the Lord and get up hastily to follow Him. Abigail was there to serve as an obedient servant integral part of forming the knowledge that established the foundation of the Key of David was being built.

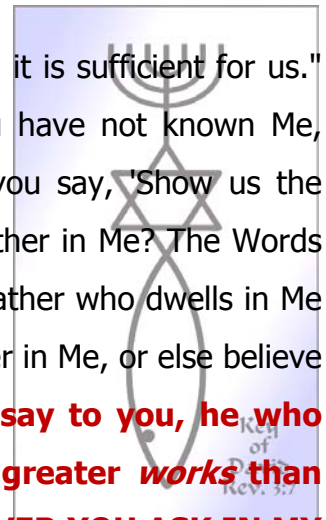


She was a servant who understood the true meaning of washing the feet of the servants of the Lord with water and providing them with the knowledge of His Words so that the Light will guide their path.

The Lord confirms the authority of the key of David in John 15:7 and in John 14:13-14. In these verses the Lord reveals that He will do His Good Works for all those who receive the Light of God in them that gives understanding and who keep the Way of His Words by doing them within His will in the season and times as He has made known. In Proverbs 13:15 we are taught that a man with understanding of Good receives favor (*The Hebrew Word for favor also means Grace*). Likewise, in Proverbs 11:27 we are taught that he who diligently seeks Good finds favor. It is the righteous who inherit the Kingdom of God, and the Lord reveals in Proverbs 11:23 that the righteous are those who only seek Good. In Psalm 145:2-3 and 53:2-3 King David reveals that the Lord is always looking down to see if anyone has understanding and that they do Good – do the Way of His Words – so that He can do for them what they have asked of Him. In other words we are to ask of Him by the doing of His Words and in so doing He who is always looking down to see if we will do His Words, will see that we understand and He will do for us what we ask of Him. The meaning of John 15:7 and John 14:13-14 are therefore the same. His Good Works are a promise of God confirmed in John 15:7, John 14:13-14, Proverbs 11:23 and Proverbs 13:15. It is this reason that the apostle James instructs us in James 1:22-25 that we are to be doers of the Words of God and not hearers only, and that we shall be blessed from becoming doers of the Word.

↪ **John 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, **YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU.**”**

↪ **John 14:8-15** <sup>8</sup>Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."  
<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The Words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup>Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.** <sup>13</sup>**AND WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY**



**NAME, THAT I WILL DO, THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON.**

**<sup>14</sup>IF YOU ASK ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT. <sup>15</sup>IF you love Me, keep**

**My commandments.** <sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you AND WILL BE IN you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

The Good Works of God are open to all people. The knowledge of God’s Words are open to all people for David reveals to us that if we just receive His Words we will receive God in us as a Light, and it shall open the understanding of all His Holy things even for the simple. Jesus taught us that whoever seeks shall find, and whoever knocks the door shall be opened to them. As stated previously, in Proverbs 1:23 the Lord promises us that whosoever turns at His reproof and seeks Him, that He will surely pour out His Spirit upon them and make His Words known to them.

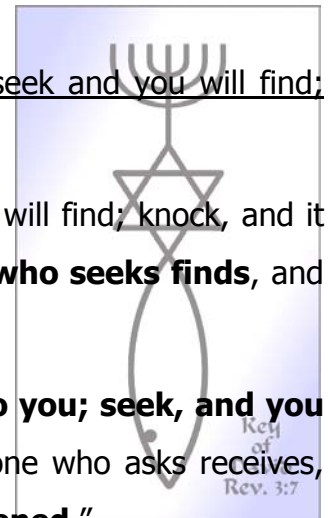
→ **Proverbs 1:23** Turn at My reproof: **Surely I will pour out My Spirit on you. I will make My Words known to you.**

We are taught in James 1:22-25 that we are to be doers of the Word of God. But, how can we become doers of the Words of God? An understanding of this is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Deuteronomy 11:18-21. In those verses we are taught that it is a Law of God that we are to teach His Words in our house and that we are to bind His Words to our hands, to our necks, to our ankles, place them on our doors and our gates, and make them as frontlets to our eyes. This mean that we are to put the symbols of His Words on those things that we use so that we enable the Lord to make His Words known to those.

→ **Luke 11:9** “And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.”

→ **Matthew 7:7-8** <sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and **he who seeks finds**, and **to him who knocks it will be opened.**”

→ **Luke 11:9,10** <sup>9</sup>“**And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.** <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and **he who seeks finds**, and **to him who knocks it will be opened.**”



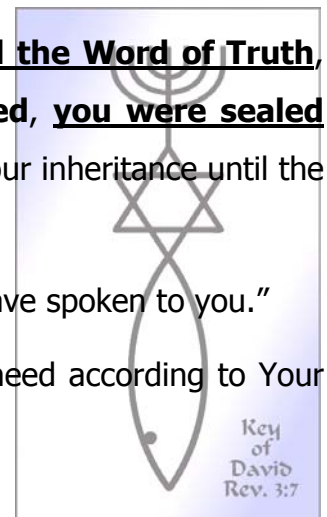
- **Luke 12:29-34** <sup>29</sup>"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. <sup>30</sup>For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. <sup>31</sup>**But seek the Kingdom of God** (*The Kingdom of God is the Words of God that are inside you, for you have heard them and read them, but you do not know them. The Lord is saying to harvest that Words that have already been sown in you*), and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>32</sup>**Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's Good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** (*It is a Good Work of the Father*). <sup>33</sup>Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. (*If you talk to people today they will not sell what they have and give it to the poor. As an example, what if you asked the top preachers in the nation to do that after they see the Words of God when they should realize that they have missed the boat of their true task. I believe that you would see that they would not obey God and sell what they have, or better to step down and give their ministry over to one who is teaching the Words of God, the Great Pearl, so that their congregations' ship can be righted. For they love the idol things of this world that they have gained for teaching what is actually not of the true knowledge of God. They love their exalted positions, and despite what is preached, they do not trust God that much to bless them for obeying Him in this. Thus, in them it will also be that the testimony of the Lord shall be made manifest that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God*). <sup>34</sup>**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

→ **Proverbs 11:27** He who **DILIGENTLY SEEKS "Good" FINDS favor** (*Grace*).

→ **Ephesians 1:13-14** <sup>13</sup>In Him you also trusted, **after you heard the Word of Truth,** the Good News of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of PROMISE,** <sup>14</sup>who is the GUARANTEE of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His Glory.

→ **John 15:3** <sup>3</sup>"You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you."

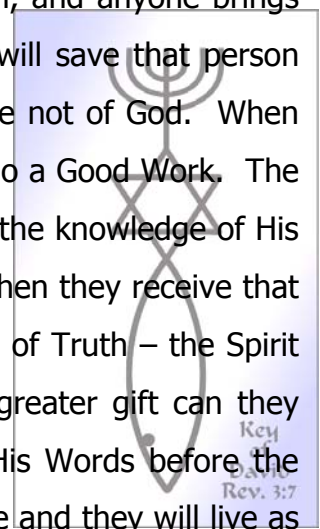
→ **Psalms 119:9** How can a young man purify his way? By taking heed according to Your Word.



8→ **Matthew 7:21-29** <sup>21</sup>“Not every one who says to Me, “Lord, Lord”, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and by Your name cast out demons, and by Your name do many mighty works?” <sup>23</sup>And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity.” (*This is the cutting off of the complacent, rebellious, wealthy, blind, naked, and prideful pastors as per Luke 14:24*). <sup>24</sup>**Therefore every one who hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: <sup>25</sup>and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the Rock. <sup>26</sup>And every one that hears these Words of mine (*He spoke the Words of God to them, and He spoke in Parables of instruction that He gave to them, and these parables used Words of God*), and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: <sup>27</sup>and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof. <sup>28</sup>And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching: <sup>29</sup>for He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.”**

8→ **Psalm 119:130** The Entrance of Your Words Give Light; It gives Understanding to the Simple.

As a closing summation, let us understand the importance of a teaching that James gave to us in John 5:19-20. He said that if any of us wanders from the Truth, and anyone brings him back to the Truth, that it will cover a multitude of sins and we will save that person from his appointment with Death, the prison of God for those who are not of God. When we turn a person back to the Truth, we are also enabling the Lord to do a Good Work. The reason is that the greatest work that we can do is to turn someone to the knowledge of His Words so that they receive the Understanding of His Way of Good. When they receive that knowledge and keep the Way of it they become sealed with the Word of Truth – the Spirit of Truth - that is the Spirit that raises them to Eternal Life. What greater gift can they receive? But, there is another gift, and that is that if they receive His Words before the Midnight Hour they will be given the Kingdom of God in its full measure and they will live as



in the likeness of the Garden of Eden during the time of the Night, just like they will after the Rapture – they will live in the Way of the Kingdom of Heaven.

→ **James 5:19-20** <sup>19</sup>Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the Truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. (*God grants favor for those who do Good for others, especially when they are doing as the Father would do for another*).

→ **Ephesians 1:13-14** <sup>13</sup>In Him you also trusted, **after you heard the Word of Truth, the “Good” News of your salvation**; in whom also, **having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of PROMISE**, <sup>14</sup>who is the GUARANTEE of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His Glory.

## THOSE WHO WALK IN THE WAY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FIND FAVOR AND LIFE

The Lord's Sheep HEAR His Voice and they set their heart's focus upon diligently Seeking the Entrance of His Words into their Mind so that they grow in Wisdom. Their focus is on Praying and Meditating upon His Words and the Ways that Jesus has done His Good Works so that they are able to grow in Wisdom and Understanding of how to do the Way of His Words so that they enable the Promise of the Father to do His Good Works for others, as they ask this of Him. As they progress in life being focused on increasing in knowledge of Him and His Good Works, the Father gives them favors to receive all necessities, such as knowledge of science for their career, of food sufficiency, of financial sufficiency, of clothing sufficiency, of housing adequacy, sufficiency of blessings and joy. As they increase in Knowledge and do His Words they receive the sure reward of Eternal Life. Their help comes from above, and their life ends going up.

