WEEK FIVE

David Part III

**Proverbs 29:11**

A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 25:1-17

Examine –

1. We open the passage with whom dying?
2. Where was David?
3. What man is mentioned in verse 4?
4. How many sheep did he have? Goats?
5. What was he doing in Carmel?
6. How does the Bible describe his wife?
7. How does the Bible describe him?
8. Define Churlish –
9. How many men did David send to him?
10. What were they to ask him?
11. How did Nabal answer them?
12. What was David’s response to this?
13. How many men did David have at this point?
14. What did the servants tell Abigail?
15. What was their opinion of David and his men?
16. In verse 17, what description does he give about Nabal?

Apply-

If someone were to describe you, what would they say?

Can people approach you with things or are you too stubborn to listen?

Don’t be a hard person to deal with!

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 25:18-44

Examine –

1. How does the Bible describe Abigail’s movements?
2. List the items that would make up the feast she made ready:
3. Did she tell her husband?
4. Who did she meet in the way?
5. What was David thinking at the point he met her?
6. What was he going to do with all the men of Nabal’s?
7. What did she do when she came near to David?
8. On whom did she want the iniquity blamed?
9. How does she describe her husband?
10. What did she ask in verse 28 for David to do?
11. Was she aware of what was happening in David’s life and about his future?

* If you look back at verse 10 so did Nabal!

1. How does David respond to her?
2. Did he listen to her advice?
3. What was Nabal doing when she came back?
4. What was his condition?
5. When did she tell him about David’s intentions?
6. What happened to him when she told him?
7. How long before he died?
8. Who avenged David according to David?
9. What happened to Abigail?
10. What happened to Michal (David’s wife)?

Apply-

Proverbs 15:1 “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.” There is no better story in the Bible to illustrate both sides of this verse. I wrote I Samuel 25 beside the verse in Proverbs. What kind of answer do you give people? Do you have to always be right? Get the last word in? Say something cutting? Speak your mind? Ask God to forgive you or you may become as Nabal!

Prayer

Praise

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 26: 1-25

Back to the story of Saul chasing David – he never learns!

Examine –

1. How many men are with Saul?
2. How did David know that Saul was there?
3. Who was captain of Saul’s host?
4. Where were the people in relation to Saul?
5. Who went with David into the host?
6. What did he (the man who went with David) want to do to Saul?
7. Why did David not want to do this?
8. What were the options for his death according to David?
9. What did they take with them?
10. Why were they so sound asleep?
11. Where did David go?
12. Who did he call when he got there?
13. How did David mock Abner (That is what I believe he was doing)?
14. What did Abner deserve because of this?
15. What did Saul recognize?
16. What does David want answered once again?
17. How does David refer to himself?
18. What was Saul’s response?

* We have heard this before! (See the end of I Samuel 24)

Apply-

Saul has proven over and over again that his word cannot be trusted. Can you imagine what his men must be thinking? Some of these had watched the whole thing unfold – they must be sick to their stomachs. How is your word? Do the people that really know you get sick when they hear you talk with hypocritical words?

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Read – I Samuel 27:1-28:2

Examine –

1. Of what was David afraid?
2. Where did he go?
3. Who went with him?
4. Did David’s plan work?
5. What did David ask of Achish?
6. What city did he give him?
7. How long was David there?
8. Who did David invade?
9. What did he take?
10. Where did he tell King Achish he had gone?
11. Why did he not leave anyone alive in the city?
12. Did the King believe him?
13. What did the king believe as a result of this?
14. Did David want to fight with Achish?
15. Who would they be fighting?
16. Did Achish believe David was on his side?

Apply-

We could argue whether David was right or wrong about deceiving Achish but one thing is true – things are not always as they appear. As we will learn tomorrow, weird things can happen to make things appear real. We must have discernment! Proverbs was written to give us that discernment (1:4) Run to the WORD for help!

Prayer

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Read – I Samuel 28:3-14

Examine –

1. Whom had Saul put away?
2. What was Saul’s response when he saw the enemies’ army?
3. Who did Saul ask counsel?
4. Did he get an answer?
5. What three things did he try?

* Bonus: What was Urim?

1. What did Saul want his people to find?
2. Did they know of one?
3. Where was she?

Saul’s servants appeared to learn well how to hide things and be dishonest. If he had eliminated these people from Israel how did his servants so readily know of one?

1. What did Saul do?
2. What did the woman initially say to them?
3. What did Saul (whom she did not know) promise to her?
4. Who did Saul want brought up?
5. Did it happen?
6. What was the woman’s response to him?
7. What did she see?
8. How did Saul respond to Samuel?

Apply-

I cannot totally explain this story as to what happened and why God allowed it but it did happen. This begs the question: How does the King of Jehovah’s people fall so far that he is using witchcraft to get answers to questions? How far will you fall? No one sets out to be in this position but when we refuse to obey God and allow sin to run our lives there is no telling where we will end up. Where will you end up?

The news is not good but that will have to wait for tomorrow!!

Prayer

Praise

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Read – I Samuel 28:15-29:11

Examine –

1. What did Samuel want to know?

* This term means to disturb.

1. Who was departed from him?

After all Saul has been through he is still using his own reasoning to get answers. It was ok to do wrong if there was a good reason was his though and this never changed!

1. Samuel not only says that God is departed from Saul but what else does he add?
2. Samuel was not better than God so why is Saul asking him? (You can only guess at this but it should make you think)
3. What had God done to his Kingdom?
4. To whom was it given?
5. Why had God done this?
6. What does Samuel say will happen tomorrow to:

Israel –

Saul –

His sons –

1. What did Saul do after he heard this?
2. Why was there no strength in him?
3. What did the lady want to do for Saul?
4. What was his initial response?
5. Who compelled him to eat?
6. What did she fix him?
7. What time was it when this happened?
8. Who did not want David to fight with the Philistines?
9. Why?
10. To whom did Achish listen?
11. Where did David go and when?

Apply-

OBEDIENCE – that is what we get back to with Saul. He could not obey God’s commands and refused to repent. I believe that God told him the night before to see if he would repent but he refused. (We can see this in so many other illustrations in Scripture)

Do you obey what God has asked of you? Maybe this devotion is another way of God asking you to obey. If you refuse what will be the long term affect?

Prayer

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Read – I Samuel 30:1-31

Examine –

1. When David and his men returned home what did they find?
2. Who had invaded their home?
3. Who had they taken?
4. What did David and his men do?
5. What did the people speak of about David?
6. What did David do when things looked rough?
7. Who did David ask about his plans?
8. What was God’s message to David about the things taken?
9. How many men went with David?
10. How many men could not keep going? Why?
11. Who did they find in the field?
12. What did they give him?
13. What happened when he ate?
14. How long had it been since he ate?
15. With whom was this guy traveling?
16. Had they just raided David’s city?
17. What would the guy do in exchange for his life?
18. What were they doing when David and his men arrived?
19. What did David do to them?
20. How many escaped?
21. Was anything lacking of their stuff?
22. What did some of the men want to do to those who did not fight in the battle?
23. To whom did he send presents? (generally)

Apply-

When everyone turns on you, you must turn to the Lord. David did this and God not only encouraged him but gave him a battle plan as well. God can do the same for you if you will turn to Him. Will you trust God for all your disappointments?

One short chapter left in I Samuel but it will keep till next week!

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