

28 February 2016: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: Don't be a Nabal!

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 25

1. Nabal means a fool and this man behaved as a fool. Nabal was very rich with great possessions. However, he was a hardened and evil person. Nabal had a godly wife Abigail and he was from the godly house of Caleb, but he was very stubborn in his own way.
2. David and his men had taken care of Nabal's shepherds and requested humbly from him food and water as they were hiding from king Saul in the wilderness. Nabal's response was to despise and humiliate David. He returned evil for the good that he had received from David and his men.
3. At first David responded in anger and wanted to avenge on Nabal. This was a test for David. When Nabal's wife Abigail heard of what happened, she quickly hastened to meet David and also prepared food and water for David and his men. Abigail was humble and pleaded for mercy from David and even was willing to take the blame of Nabal. She told David not to follow Nabal's foolish way but rather let God vindicate and mete out justice for David.
4. God sent Abigail to stop David from committing the sin of revenge. Thank God that David responded in a right manner to listen to Abigail's godly advice. David was indeed a man after God's own heart to quickly repent and do the right thing to please God.
5. For Nabal, his end was terrible as he was drunk in the night and the next way when Abigail told him what she did that his heart became a stone and he died 10 days later. This was the judgment of God. Don't be a Nabal to walk in his own foolish way and not take heed to God's way.