

THE LIFE OF
DAVID

**GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS FOR
GODLINESS**

1 Sam. 25

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David's request for provision: 1 Sam. 25:7-8

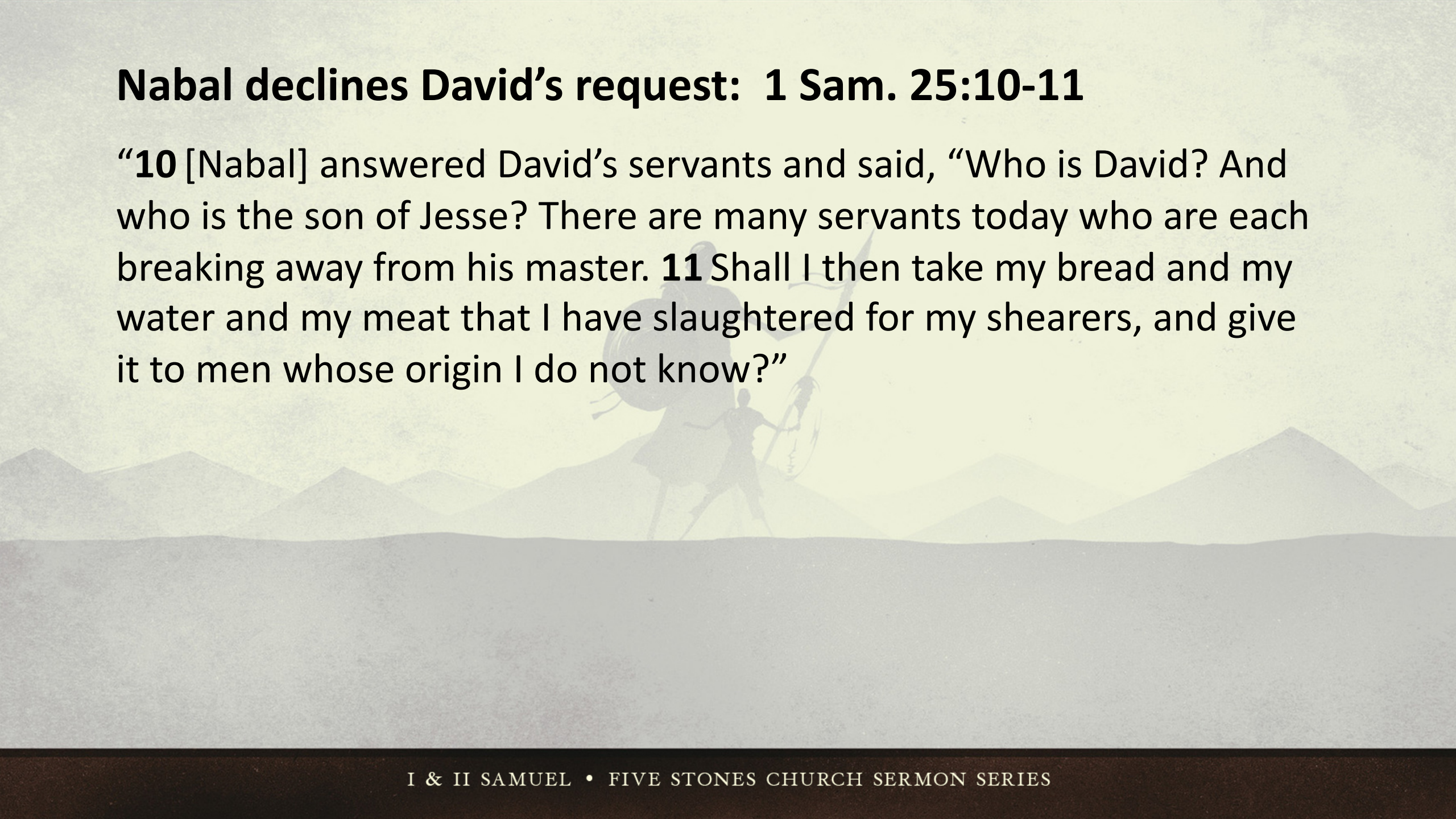
7 I have heard that you have shearers. Now, your shepherds have been with us; we have not harmed them, nor has anything of theirs gone missing all the days they were in Carmel. **8** Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, **for we have come on a festive day. Please give whatever you find at hand to your servants and to your son David.”**

Nabal's shepherds confirm David's report: 1 Sam. 25:15-16

15...the men were very good to us, and we were not harmed, nor did anything go missing as long as we went with them, while we were in the fields. **16** They were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the time we were with them tending the sheep.

Nabal declines David's request: 1 Sam. 25:10-11

“10 [Nabal] answered David's servants and said, “Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are each breaking away from his master. **11** Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men whose origin I do not know?”



David is furious! 1 Sam. 25:13,21-22

13 “Each of you strap on your sword!” So they did, and David strapped his on as well. About four hundred men went up with David, while two hundred stayed with the supplies.

21 David... said, “It’s been useless—all my watching over this fellow’s property in the wilderness so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good. **22** May God deal with David, be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!”

*(KJV) **22** So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.*

Abigail's intervention: 1 Sam. 25:18-35

18 Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves of bread and two jugs of wine, and five sheep already prepared and five measures of roasted grain, and a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and she loaded them on donkeys. **19** Then she said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20 As she came riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, there were David and his men descending toward her, and she met them.

Abigail's intervention: 1 Sam. 25:18-35

23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. **24** She fell at his feet and said: “Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say.

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

Abigail's intervention: 1 Sam. 25:18-35

28 ...The Lord your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the Lord's battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live.

30 When the Lord has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, **31** my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself.

Abigail's intervention: 1 Sam. 25:18-35

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

35 Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request."

Abigail tells Nabal what she did: 1 Sam. 25:36-38

36 Then Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was having a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was cheerful within him, for he was very drunk; so she did not tell him anything at all until the morning light.

37 But in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became *like* a stone.

38 About ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal and he died.

David's response to Nabal's death: 1 Sam. 25:36-38

39....he said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of the shame inflicted on me by the hand of Nabal, and has kept back His servant from evil. The Lord has also returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent a proposal to Abigail, to take her as his wife.**42** Then Abigail got up quickly, and rode on a donkey, with her five female attendants who accompanied her; and she followed the messengers of David and became his wife.

Psalm 19 – David's poetic powers at work

General Revelation from Creation

19 The heavens tell of the glory of God; And their expanse declares the work of His hands.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

5 Which is like a groom coming out of his chamber. It rejoices like a strong person to run his course.

6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to the other end of them; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 19 – David's poetic powers at work

Specific Revelation from the Law

7 The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold; Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, Your servant is warned by them; In keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 19 – David’s poetic powers at work

Applying the revelation to himself

12 Who can discern *his* errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.

13 Also keep Your servant back from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be innocent, and I will be blameless of great wrongdoing.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

God hears our prayers to be godly.

The End



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