

An illustration of a man with a beard, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a dark blue tie. He is holding a brown leather bag tied with a yellow cord, which is overflowing with gold coins. The background is a solid tan color with a faint circular glow behind the man's head.

***Treasure
or
Treasured***

I Samuel 25



A group of cowboys on horseback are riding through a field at sunset. The central figure is a man in a tan jacket and a cowboy hat, riding a white horse. He is looking directly at the camera. Other cowboys on dark horses are visible in the background, some slightly out of focus. The sky is a warm, golden color, and the overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

"Get your swords"

- I Samuel 25:13 (NLT)

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 18:11

The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense;
they imagine it to be a high wall of safety.

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable,
But the mouth of fools spouts folly.

Proverbs 18:16

A man's gift makes room for him And brings him
before great men.

Isaiah 53:5-6

5 But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to **intercede** with God on their behalf.

Romans 12:19

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

Proverbs 25:11

Like apples of gold in settings of silver
Is a word spoken in right circumstances.

I Samuel 25:29

“Even when you are chased by those who seek to kill you, your life is safe in the care of the Lord your God, secure in his treasure pouch! But the lives of your enemies will disappear like stones shot from a sling!

John 10:27-29

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

Hebrews 13:5

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,”

Romans 8:35-37

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Romans 8:38-39

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 8:32

"and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free."

Hebrews 4:2

For indeed we have had good news preached to us,
just as they also; but the word they heard did not
profit them, because it was not united by faith in
those who heard.

Are any of us like Nabal here today?

**Trusting in ourselves, or our money?
Disregarding the coming anointed King?**

Repent and trust Christ today!
You do not know when your last day may be.

Do any of us find ourselves in David's shoes today?

**Have we been deeply wronged?
Tempted to take our revenge?**

Turn it over to God.
(He's a pro at dealing with the Nabals :)

Do you have an Abigail in your life?

Someone who will tell you the truth, and call you to trust the promises of God in your situation?

Like David, may the Lord give us grace to listen when they do, and may we seek relationships with people like them.

Are any of us in Abigail's shoes?

Dealing with family who are cruel, or leaders using bad judgment?

Let's intercede for them! Reminding them to trust the promises of God in wisdom! We will be walking in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. And like Abigail, we too will be our 'Father's Joy'.

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Remember: If you belong to Christ today, your security lies not in your treasures, but in the fact that you and I are treasured by Him! The peace that can bring will only be known to us if we choose to trust that. There's only one way to find out: we'll have to give trusting a try! :)