

1 SAMUEL 25 'BEAUTY' - Series David #7

Outline sermon 20 October 2019 + questions for fellowship groups

INTRODUCTION

Beautiful people. Who would you recognise as beautiful? Is it one of your favourite celebrities? Someone good looking? Someone who matches your dreams? In the books of Samuel we meet people who are described as beautiful. But somehow beauty is measured in a different way. The famous line in this book is in 16:7 'Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.' Now David was beautiful (1S16:12) and we've see his beauty in this series already. In the way he honoured the LORD in fighting the Philistine, in not killing Saul. In fact there are 2 events in which he should have killed Saul according to the standards of his friends, but he doesn't. In chapter 24 and 26. But between these 2 chapters is chapter 25 in which David loses his beauty.

DAVID LOOSES HIS BEAUTY

- * Nabal = fool, doesn't give David what he requests. He could and he should for many reasons, but he the kind of man who says 'there is no God'. We meet these kind of people in our lives. Beware. In the book of Psalms there are 2 almost identical Psalms starting with the line 'The fool says in his heart 'There is no God' >> Psalm 14 and 53
- * David is offended and responds with the sword and strong words. He is so angry. Read verse 22 in the KJV (closer to the Hebrew): male = one who pisseth against the wall, indicating the way men urinate.
- * In his response he loses his beauty. His heart is not after the LORD, he doesn't think of Him and doesn't consult Him. He is in danger becoming a fool himself, not thinking about God.

Think of situations in which you tend to forget God easily.

BEAUTY RESTORED THROUGH ABIGAIL

- * Her name = the Father rejoices. Abigail humbles herself, taking all the blame, acknowledging the foolishness of her husband and asking forgiveness
- * Most importantly, she brings back to David the sense of his identity as the anointed of the LORD. Read especially verses 28 and 29.
- * Abigail is beautiful because she mentions the name of the LORD 7x and David in his anger only refers to God once.

Read Abigail's speech. What (else) is beautiful about it?

BEAUTY

- * Now all of us are sensitive to beauty. That is the way God created us: with the ability to enjoy beauty. But there are two dangers here: the eyes are never satisfied: Proverbs 27:20 and secondly, beauty is never just what our senses report to us: that is what we learn in 1 Samuel.

Please share what can make people beautiful

Lyrics 'You Say', by Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough. Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up. Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low? Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know. You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing. You say I am strong when I think I am weak

And You say I am held when I am falling short. And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours

And I believe, oh I believe What You say of me, I believe. The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me. In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity, o-ooh

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet. You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory, o-ooh

Reflect on the lyrics and share what you recognise.

Don't just fight on the level of emotions and self esteem, but also and more importantly fight the spiritual battle which will effect your whole well being.

How do you fight this spiritual battle?