

# TUESDAY NIGHT

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Crescent

## "ABIGAIL"

**A study of a cool hand on a hot head (1 Samuel 25)**

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1. Last week we promised to look at the Scripture concerning Saul and the witch at Endor (1 Samuel 28). Spiritists use this passage to claim that their contacts with spirits are biblical. This is entirely untrue. So, notice:
  - a. Saul disguised himself and only went to see the medium during the night. He was ashamed of himself, having formerly banned the practice in Israel.
  - b. The witch was struck with terror and screamed out in fright when Samuel appeared. She was expecting a normal "familiar spirit". The medium's complete lack of composure at the appearance of a real spirit, as distinct from her normal familiar spirit is a complete and irrefutable demonstration that the real spirit of a deceased person does not appear at a mediumistic seance, even though it claims to do so. This one instance was by special Divine permission and power.
  - c. Luke 16: 25-26 shows that it is not permissible or possible to communicate with the dead, whether saved or lost because there is "a great gulf fixed" between "us" and "them". God refuses man "guiding spirits" and says there is only one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
2. Nabal, the fool (1 Samuel 25: 2-11). Every society has one:
  - (a) Overbearing to his inferiors. (b) Intolerable in prosperity. (c) Abject in misfortune.
3. David, the passionate (1 Samuel 25: 13-22):
  - (a) Passion is not a handmaid to self control. (b) Passion led David to the brink of crime. (c) Passion always feels itself thoroughly justified.
4. Abigail, the beautiful intercessor:
  - (a) It is remarkable how many Abigails get married to Nabals. (b) To Abigails in such a circumstance the clear teaching of Scripture is that you must stay where you are. Don't let your purer nature be bespotted. (c) Abigail, one woman to four hundred men, saved the day when beauty and brains combined. (d) All God's idylls end happily, either in this world or the next.

*"What a revelation this is of the ministries with which God seeks to avert us from our evil ways! They are sometimes very subtle and slender, very small and still. Sometimes a gentle woman's hand laid on our wrist, the mother reminding us of her maternity, the wife of early vows, the child with its pitiful beseeching looks: sometimes a thought, holy, pleading, remonstrating. Ah! Many a time, we have been saved actions which have caused lasting regret, had we only heeded."*

(F. B. Meyer).

