

## Stuff and Belial

### Tarrying with the stuff, and David's resistance to sons of Belial

1 Samuel 30:1-26 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; 2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. 7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. 8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all. 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind **stayed** (*amad – stood*). 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook (*torrent*) Besor...

*David smites the Amalekites and recovers all and everyone taken captive.*

21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. 22 **Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.** 23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with **that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.** 24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. 25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;

**Stuff** – keliy - any apparatus (as an implement, utensil, dress, vessel or **weapon**): — **armour**, artillery, bag, carriage, **instrument**, **jewel**

**Belial** – worthless, wicked, destruction (Old Testament Antichrist, speaking evil rhema)

from the Hebrew *beliy*, meaning “not,” and *ya'al*, meaning “profit” or “benefit.” (reference “Princes of the Dark Realm”)

- Scriptures often reference this spirit of Belial/Antichrist spirit as coming from within the ranks of the people of God.
- We must beware and separate ourselves from those who are infected by this parasitic principality’s influence.
- Associated with Baal
- Brings division in the camp of the righteous
- Counters spirit of Holiness/Saintliness/Adoption

### **Dealing with (and not being influenced by) sons of Belial**

1 Samuel 25:3-17 (KJV) **3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good (towb) understanding (sekel – prudence, knowledge, sense, wisdom), and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish (qaseh – stiffnecked, hardhearted, cruel) and evil (ra) in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.**

*David sends men to ask for provisions – greeting him respectfully and peaceably, pointing out that they preserved his shepherds when they were in Carmel. He refused, doubting who David was and if their claim was legit. (understandable). David planned to attack him (400 with him, 200 with the stuff\*). Abigail intervened:*

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. 15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: 16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for ***evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.***

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. 19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But **she told not her husband Nabal.** 20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them....

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, 24 And fell at his feet, and said, **Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be:** and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. 25 **Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he;** Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: **but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.** 26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, **seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand,** now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. 27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid

hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. 28 I pray thee, **forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.** 29 *Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul:* but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle (*sarar*) of life with the LORD thy God (*Yahweh Elohim*); and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling. 30 **And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; 31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.**

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 **And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.** 34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

*Nabal had a "feast of a king" – lots of wine...*

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. 39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and **hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head.** And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

Other notable situations of Belial:

- The men of Benjamin who killed the Levite's concubine (Judges 19)
- Eli's sons (1Samuel 2)
- Jezebel uses sons of Belial to lie about Naboth, causing his death (1Kings 21)
- Being unequally yoked
  - o 2 Corinthians 6:14-17 (KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And **what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel (*apistos – unbeliever*)? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.