

The Sons of Belial

Part 2

6- “20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near , the tribe of Benjamin was taken . 21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken , and Saul the son of Kish was taken : and when they sought him, he could not be found . 22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered , Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen , that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted , and said , God save the king. 25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away , every man to his house. 26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched . 27 But the children of Belial said , How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.” (1 Samuel 10:20-27) The people asked Samuel to give them a King to lead them and God granted their request. But after that we find the children of Belial despising to receive what they asked God for. Certain time people asked and demand certain things and when their request is granted you find the same people are the one to criticize what they requested. Such people are the children of Belial!

7- “1 And Samuel died ; and all the Israelites were gathered together , and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose , and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb. 4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. 5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: 6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast. 7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers : now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. 8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give , I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David. 9 And when David's young men came , they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased . 10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said , Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers , and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be? 12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again , and came and told him all those

sayings. 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff. 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. 21 Now David had said , Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. 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. 23 And when Abigail saw David, she hastened , 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.” (1 Samuel 25:1-25) Nabal was a stingy man, non willing to help David and his men who protected his flock. He was a man who behave foolishly up to the extent that no man can speak to him. For all that he was described as a son of Belial. Are you like that? If ‘Yes,’ then it is the time for you for repent and change your ways of life.

8- “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. 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 Besor. 11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; 12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. 16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all. 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. 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.” (1 Samuel 30:1-25) Here in this passage the men of David who went with him and recovered what the Amalekites had taken some of them were described as wicked and as men of Belial because they did not want to share the plunder with the two hundred men who were faint and not able to continue to pursue the enemy with them. David rebuked them for that and did change what they proposed. He stated it in this way: *“his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.”* (1 Samuel 30:24) Every one as along he is doing his ministry faithfully he should share with the plunder of the Lord. The church should be fare in distributing and giving the income of the Lord according to the needs and according to the instructions of God’s word.

My Dear and Beloved: Ponder on the message and discern and check your attitude. Do you carry certain wrong attitude and behavior that are linked with the children of Belial? Then this is the time for you to repent and commit your ways to God as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that shows me clearly myself and the things that I am failing you. Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord I commit my life and my ways into your hand. Lord uses me to serve you and to bring glory unto your name. This all I ask and pray is in Jesus name, Amen.

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