

# 1 Kings 1:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

## Analysis

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**But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's accession and Adonijah's rebellion, within the book's focus on succession narrative and establishment of Solomon's reign.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

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First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. This passage describes events around 970 BCE during the transition from David to Solomon.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological

discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage illustrate the importance of clear succession planning and communication in leadership transitions?
2. What does Solomon's consolidation of power reveal about the relationship between justice, mercy, and political necessity?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלִי	אֲנִי	עַבְדְּךָ	וְלִצְדָק	הַכֹּהֵן	וְלִבְנֵי הוֹ
H0	H589				
		<b>But me even me thy servant</b>	<b>and Zadok</b>	<b>the priest</b>	<b>and Benaiah</b>
		H5650	H6659	H3548	H1141

בֶּן	יְהוֹיָדָע	וְלִשְׁלֹמֹה	עַבְדְּךָ	לֹא
H1121	H3077	H8010	H5650	H3808
<b>the son</b>	<b>of Jehoiada</b>	<b>Solomon</b>	<b>But me even me thy servant</b>	

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**hath he not called**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 1:8** (Parallel theme): But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

**1 Kings 1:10** (Parallel theme): But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

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