

# 1 Samuel 11:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

## Analysis

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The confident message promising deliverance 'by that time the sun be hot' demonstrates faith transformed into action. What began as impossible - a relief force materializing within seven days - becomes certainty through Spirit-empowered leadership. The timing 'by the heat of the day' indicates a morning attack, utilizing the element of surprise and the sun's position for tactical advantage. The men of Jabesh 'were glad,' their hope vindicated and their faith rewarded.

## Historical Context

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Military campaigns in the ancient Near East typically began at dawn to avoid midday heat and maximize daylight hours. The promise of deliverance during the morning heat suggests the main battle would conclude before noon, allowing pursuit of the routed enemy through the afternoon.

## Related Passages

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does faith in God's promises enable confident action in seemingly impossible circumstances?
2. When has God turned your despair into joy through unexpected deliverance?

## Interlinear Text

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תֹּאמְרוּן	הַמַּלְאָכִים	כָּה וַיָּבֹאוּ	לְאִנְשֵׁי י	תֹּאמְרוּן
And they said	And the messengers	came	unto the men	
H559	H4397	H935	H376	H559
יֵבֶ יֵשׁ	גִּלְעָד	מָחָר	לְכֶם תִּהְיֶה	תִּשְׁוֶעַ הַ
of Jabesh		To morrow		ye shall have help
H3003	H1568	H4279	H1961	H8668
הַשֶּׁשׁ מֵשׁ	וַיָּבֹאוּ	הַמַּלְאָכִים	וַיִּדּוּ	לְאִנְשֵׁי י
by that time the sun	came	And the messengers	and shewed	unto the men
H8121	H935	H4397	H5046	H376
יֵבֶ יֵשׁ	וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ:			
of Jabesh	and they were glad			
H3003	H8055			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 18:17** (Parallel theme): He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

