

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

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.

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	תֹּאמְרוּ	יְמִינְךָ אָוֶן	כִּי הַיְלָדָךְ יָמַר	לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	תֹּאמְרוּ	יְמִינְךָ אָוֶן	כִּי הַיְלָדָךְ יָמַר
And they said	And the messengers	came	C 3541	And they said	unto the men		
H559	H4397	H935		H559	H376		
בְּחֵמֶת	תִּשְׁׁוּעָה	מִרְאֵת	לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	בְּחֵמֶת	תִּשְׁׁוּעָה	מִרְאֵת	לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה
of Jabesh	To morrow	From	ye shall have help	of Jabesh	to be hot		
H3003	H1568	H4279	H8668	H3003	H2527		
לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	וְיִדְעָה	יְמִינְךָ אָוֶן	לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	וְיִדְעָה	יְמִינְךָ אָוֶן	כִּי הַיְלָדָךְ יָמַר	לֹא־נִשְׁתַּחֲוָה
by that time the sun	came	And the messengers	and shewed	by that time the sun	came	And the messengers	and shewed
H8121	H935	H4397	H5046	H8121	H935	H4397	H5046
וְיִשְׁמְחוּן	וְיִשְׁמְחוּן			וְיִשְׁמְחוּן	וְיִשְׁמְחוּן		
of Jabesh	and they were glad			of Jabesh	and they were glad		
H3003	H8055			H3003	H8055		

Additional Cross-References

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.

