

# 1 Samuel 14:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Saul summons 'all the chief of the people' to 'know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.' He assumes sin exists and determines to find the sinner. His process is correct (involving leadership, seeking identification of sin), but his self-examination is absent. The irony intensifies: Saul will discover his own son violated his own rash oath, yet never questions whether the oath itself was the problem. He seeks sins in others while blind to his own.

## Historical Context

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Investigating sin through lot-casting was established procedure (Joshua 7:14-18). The process involved progressively narrowing identification until the guilty party was revealed. Saul follows proper procedure while missing the larger issue.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How can proper procedures for addressing sin miss the actual problem?
2. When have you searched for fault in others while missing your own contribution to a situation?

## Interlinear Text

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אָמַר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וְשָׂא	וְלֹא	גִּשְׁוּ	לְהֵלֵךְ	כָּל	לְהֵלֵךְ	פָּנֵי	וְהָעָם
<b>said</b>		<b>And Saul</b>		<b>Draw ye near</b>	<b>hither</b>	H3605		<b>all the chief</b>	<b>of the people</b>
H559		H7586		H5066	H1988			H6438	H5971
וְדָעוּ	וְרָאוּ	בַּמָּה	הַ	הַיּוֹם	אֵת	הַחֵטִּי	אֵת	הַיּוֹם	
<b>and know</b>	<b>and see</b>	<b>wherein</b>	H1961		<b>this sin</b>	H2063		<b>hath been this day</b>	
H3045	H7200	H4100			H2403			H3117	

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