

# 1 Samuel 15:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.**

Samuel's interruption - 'Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night' - announces prophetic revelation superseding royal excuse. The word 'Stay' (raphah, 'sink down' or 'let alone') commands Saul to stop his self-justification and listen. Samuel claims direct divine communication 'this night' - while Saul erected monuments, God spoke judgment. The authority of prophetic word over royal word establishes a fundamental principle: kings are accountable to God through His prophets.

## Historical Context

The prophetic formula 'what the LORD hath said' claimed divine authority for the following words. Samuel's nighttime revelation established that prophets received God's verdicts before confronting kings. This pattern continued throughout Israelite monarchy.

## Related Passages

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. When do our excuses need to be interrupted by God's word?
2. What is the proper response when prophetic correction cuts off self-justification?

## Interlinear Text

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את לֹא אָמַרְתִּי וְיִדְעָה שְׁאָלָל אֶל שְׁמֹאֵל

And he said    Then Samuel    H413    unto Saul    Stay    and I will tell    H0    H853

H559

H8050

H7586

H7503

H5046

לֹא אָמַרְתִּי כִּי לְיְלָה אֶל יְהִי הָאָשָׁר דִּבְרָה:

hath said    thee what the LORD    H413    to me this night    And he said    H0

H834

H1696

H3068

H413

H3915

H559

דִּבְרָה:

hath said

H1696

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