

1 Samuel 16:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Saul's request that David 'stand before me' ('amad lepanay) denotes permanent court service, a formal appointment beyond temporary assistance. Finding 'favour' (chen) in the king's eyes recalls how Noah, Joseph, and others found grace with those in power. Jesse's consent would be necessary for the youngest son to leave family responsibilities. Divine favor with earthly authorities often advances kingdom purposes.

Historical Context

Standing before the king indicated official court position and continuous availability for service. Such positions brought family honor and potential economic benefit. Jesse's agreement would have been given readily, as royal service elevated the entire clan's status.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you navigate the tension between family obligations and new callings?
2. What does finding favor with authorities teach about God's sovereign direction of human affairs?

Interlinear Text

נִשְׁלָה	לְאַמְתָּה	יַעֲמֹד	תִּאָמֵן	לְאַמְתָּה	יַעֲמֹד	תִּאָמֵן	לְאַמְתָּה
sent	And Saul	H413	to Jesse	saying	I pray thee stand	H4994	Let David
H7971	H7586		H3448	H559	H5975		H1732
לִפְנֵי	בְּעֵינֵי	מִצָּא	מִצָּא	מִצָּא	בְּעֵינֵי	לִפְנֵי	
before	H3588	me for he hath found	H4672	favour	H2580	in my sight	H5869
H6440							

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