

# 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

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וְשָׁלַח	וְשָׁא וְל	אֶל	יֵשׁ י	לְאִמֹּר	יַעֲמֹד	נָ א	דָּוִד
sent	And Saul	H413	to Jesse	saying	I pray thee stand	H4994	Let David
H7971	H7586		H3448	H559	H5975		H1732
לְפָנַי	כִּי	מָצָא	חַן	בְּעֵינָי:			
before	H3588	me for he hath found	favour	in my sight			
H6440		H4672	H2580	H5869			

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