

1 Samuel 16:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Sanctification (qadash) involved ritual purification preparing participants for sacred encounter. Samuel's personal sanctification of Jesse and his sons set them apart for the special revelation about to occur. The sacrificial context provided legitimate religious cover while also genuinely preparing hearts for God's work. The tension between public ritual and private purpose reflects how God often works within ordinary structures to accomplish extraordinary purposes.

Historical Context

Ritual purification typically involved washing, clean garments, and abstention from sexual relations (Exodus 19:10-15). Such preparation acknowledged human unworthiness to approach the holy God and the need for ceremonial cleansing before worship. Family sacrifices strengthened clan bonds and renewed covenant commitment.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What practices of spiritual preparation help you encounter God more receptively?
2. How does the call to sanctification challenge your approach to worship and spiritual gatherings?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	שָׁלֵם	לְזַבְחֵם	לַיהוָה	וּבָאתִי	וַיְקַדֵּשׁ
And he said	Peaceably	to sacrifice	unto the LORD	I am come	And he sanctified
H559	H7965	H2076	H3068	H935	H6942
וּבָאתִי	אֶת־	לְזַבְחֵם:	וַיְקַדֵּשׁ	אֶת־	יֵשׁוּעַ
I am come	H854	them to the sacrifice	And he sanctified	H853	Jesse
H935		H2077	H6942		H3448
בְּנֵי יוֹ	וַיִּקְרָא	לָהֶם	לְזַבְחֵם:		
and his sons	and called	H0	them to the sacrifice		
H1121	H7121		H2077		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 19:10 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

Joshua 3:5 (References Lord): And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

1 Corinthians 11:28 (Parallel theme): But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Joshua 7:13 (References Lord): Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

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