

1 Samuel 18:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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David's pleasure at the arrangement - even knowing its dangerous requirement - reveals his confidence in God's protection. The phrase 'the days were not expired' indicates a deadline for completing the bride-price, adding urgency to an already dangerous mission. David's positive response may reflect genuine desire to marry Michal, recognition of the political advantage, or confidence that God would preserve him as He had against Goliath. What Saul designed as an impossible death trap, David received as an achievable challenge. Faith transforms perspective on impossible circumstances.

Historical Context

Time limits on bride-price completion were common, preventing indefinite delay. The deadline intensified the danger by requiring rapid military action. David's acceptance bound him to attempt the mission regardless of its risks.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does faith transform your perception of seemingly impossible challenges?
2. What does David's eager acceptance of dangerous tasks reveal about his confidence in God?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּדֶה	וְעַבְדָּיו	אֶת דָּוִד	הַדְּבָר	קִיאָ לָהּ	וַיֵּשֶׁר
told	And when his servants	David	these words	H428	it pleased
H5046	H5650	H1732	H1697		H3474
הַדְּבָר	בְּעֵינַי	דָּוִד	לְהִתְחַתֵּן	בְּמֶלֶךְ	וְלֹא
these words	H5869	David	son in law	well to be the king's	H3808
H1697		H1732	H2859	H4428	
מָלֶאכֶיךָ	הַיָּמִים:				
were not expired	and the days				
H4390	H3117				

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