

1 Samuel 19:18

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Analysis

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David's flight to Samuel at Ramah returns him to his spiritual father for counsel and protection. 'Told him all that Saul had done' indicates need for godly counsel in crisis. Their retreat to Naioth ('dwellings' - possibly a prophetic community) placed David in a spiritual stronghold. When physical safety fails, spiritual refuge remains. Samuel's protection extended to sharing the danger.

Historical Context

Samuel's prophetic school at Ramah provided both spiritual guidance and physical safety among the prophetic community. Naioth may have been a settlement of prophets in Ramah's vicinity. Samuel's reputation and divine connection offered some protection from royal persecution.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Who provides spiritual counsel and refuge when you face crisis?
2. What does David's return to Samuel teach about the importance of spiritual mentorship in difficulty?

Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 7:17 (Parallel theme): And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

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