

1 Samuel 19:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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When three sets of messengers failed, Saul went himself. His question at Sechu - 'Where are Samuel and David?' - linked the prophet and the fugitive as joint objects of his pursuit. The 'great well' (bor gadol) served as a landmark and gathering point where information could be obtained. Saul's personal intervention after three failed attempts shows both determination and desperation. He would soon discover that royal authority provided no immunity from the Spirit's power.

Historical Context

Wells served as community gathering points in ancient Near Eastern settlements. The specific mention of location suggests this was a well-known landmark. Saul's inquiry indicates he came without clear directions, relying on local information.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. When have you persisted in futile efforts despite clear signs of divine opposition?
2. What does Saul's decision to go personally reveal about his spiritual condition?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּלֶךְ	גַּם	וְהָוָא	בְּרָמָה:	וַיָּבֹא	עַד	בְּזֶרַע	הַגָּדוֹל
H1980	H1571	H1931	he also to Ramah	and came	H5704	well	to a great
			H7414	H935		H953	H1419
אֶשָׁר	בְּשֵׁךְ	כֹּה	וַיִּשְׁאַל	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֵיפֹה	לְשִׁמוֹעַ	לְ
H834	that is in Sechu		and he asked	And one said	Where	are Samuel	
	H7906		H7592	H559	H375	H8050	
וְדָוִד	וַיֹּאמֶר	הִנֵּה	בְּנֵי תַ	בְּרָמָה:			
and David	And one said	H2009	Behold they be at Naioth	he also to Ramah			
H1732	H559		H5121	H7414			