

1 Samuel 19:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Restoration appears complete: David returns to Saul's presence 'as in times past.' Jonathan's threefold action - called, showed, brought - demonstrates thorough mediation. He first summoned David from hiding, then provided full disclosure ('shewed him all those things'), then personally escorted him to the king. The phrase 'as in times past' suggests normalized relationship. Yet this reconciliation proved superficial. Without genuine heart change, Saul's repentance lasted only until David's next success triggered renewed jealousy. Apparent reconciliation without underlying transformation creates false security.

Historical Context

Formal restoration to royal presence after estrangement required intermediary negotiation. Jonathan's personal escort provided protection and legitimacy. Ancient courts carefully tracked who had access to the king, making David's restored presence significant.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between genuine reconciliation and temporary truce?
2. What does the failure of this reconciliation teach about the necessity of heart change?

Interlinear Text

וְקָרָא	וְהֹנֵה	דָּוִד	וַיָּבֹא	לֹ	וְהֹנֵה	אֶת	כָּל
called	And Jonathan	David	shewed	H0	And Jonathan	H853	H3605
H7121	H3083	H1732	H5046		H3083		
הַדְּבָרִים	וַיָּבֹא	וְהֹנֵה	אֶת	דָּוִד	אֶל		
him all those things	brought	And Jonathan	H853	David	H413		
H1697	H935	H3083		H1732			
וַיְהִי יוֹם	לִפְנֵי יוֹ	כְּאֵתְמוֹל	שְׁלֹשָׁה				
to Saul	and he was in his presence	as in times past	H8032				
H7586	H6440	H865					

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 16:21 (References David): And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

1 Samuel 18:13 (Parallel theme): Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

1 Samuel 18:2 (Parallel theme): And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

1 Samuel 18:10 (References David): And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.