

# 1 Samuel 20:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The plan begins execution: David hid while the king proceeded with the New Moon feast. The contrast between David hiding in the field and Saul eating at his table captures their respective positions - one hunted, one hunting. The New Moon feast proceeded normally, with Saul unaware his intentions would soon be exposed. Divine providence often works through ordinary occasions; religious festivals became testing ground for Saul's heart. David waited in the field while events unfolded at the table.

## Historical Context

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New Moon feasts were significant religious observances requiring attendance of court officials. The king presiding over such feasts demonstrated royal piety. David's hidden position contrasted sharply with his expected place at the king's table.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How do ordinary religious occasions sometimes become moments of significant testing?
2. What does it feel like to wait hidden while crucial events unfold elsewhere?

## Interlinear Text

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רָאָתָה	וְיָדָה	בָּשָׂדֶה	בַּיּוֹם	בְּחֹדֶשׁ
<b>hid</b>	<b>So David</b>	<b>himself in the field</b>	H1961	<b>and when the new moon</b>
H5641	H1732	H7704		H2320
לְאַכְול	כָּל	חַמֵּם	עַל	לְיִשְׁבַּב
<b>sat him down</b>	<b>was come the king</b>	H5921	<b>meat</b>	<b>to eat</b>
H3427	H4428		H3899	H398

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