

# 1 Samuel 20:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

## Analysis

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Jonathan's benediction - 'Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD' - sends David forth grounded in covenant certainty. The eternal scope 'between my seed and thy seed for ever' extends far beyond their immediate crisis. Jonathan's final words commission David into a future neither would fully share but both trusted to God. Peace (shalom) amid parting comes from trust in covenant faithfulness.

## Historical Context

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Covenant blessings at parting invoked divine protection for the journey ahead. The multigenerational scope reflected ancient Near Eastern understanding that covenants bound families across generations. David would fulfill this covenant through Mephibosheth.

## Related Passages

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

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How does certainty about covenant relationships provide peace in uncertain circumstances?
2. What future generations might be affected by the commitments you make today?

## Interlinear Text

אֲשֶׁר לְשָׁלֹוֹם לְךָ לְדָוִד וַיהוֹנָתָן לֵאמֹר  
**said** **And Jonathan** **to David** **in peace**  
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יְהוָה בְּשֵׁם אֲנִי חֲנוּ שָׁנָיִינוּ כַּכֵּן עָנֹו  
**forasmuch as we have sworn** **both** **of us in the name** **The LORD**  
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וְיָ יִצְרָעַךְ וְיָ יִצְרָעַךְ וְיָ יִצְרָעַךְ וְיָ יִצְרָעַךְ וְיָ יִצְרָעַךְ  
**said** **The LORD** H1961 H996 H996 H996 H996 **and thy seed**  
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כִּי אָבָה וַיהוֹנָתָן וְלֵךְ וַיָּקָם עוֹלָם: עַד וְיָצְרָעַךְ  
**and thy seed** **for** **ever** **And he arose** **And Jonathan** **went**  
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הָעִיר:  
**into the city**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 1:17** (Peace): Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

**1 Samuel 23:18** (References Lord): And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

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