

1 Samuel 25:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The messengers return with Nabal's insulting refusal. The Hebrew 'vayahapku' (turned back) describes their reversed journey. They reported 'all those sayings' (kol haddevarim ha'elleh)—every insult faithfully transmitted to David. Their accurate report would inform David's response. Unlike Nabal's servants who later withheld information from their master, David's men provided complete intelligence. The phrase 'went again' emphasizes the wasted journey—respectful request met with contemptuous refusal. This verse transitions from diplomatic initiative to military preparation, as David would respond to insult with intended violence.

Historical Context

Messengers were expected to report responses accurately, however unpleasant. The return journey through wilderness territory would have taken considerable time. David's men demonstrated loyalty by faithful reporting despite the humiliating reception they received.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you deliver bad news or report insulting treatment to those you serve?
2. What did the faithful reporting of Nabal's insults set in motion?

Interlinear Text

וַהֲפֹכָהוּ	נְעָרִי	דָּוִד	לְדִרְכָּם	וַיֵּשׁ בּוֹ	וַיָּבֹאוּ	וַיֹּאמְרוּ
turned	young men	So David's	their way	and went again	and came	and told
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