

# 1 Samuel 25:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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David's oath reveals how far anger has carried him. The self curse formula 'so and more also do God' (Hebrew 'koh ya'aseh elohim') invokes divine punishment on himself if he fails to execute vengeance. The crude phrase 'any that pisseth against the wall' is a Hebrew idiom for males—David swore to kill every male in Nabal's household. This total destruction oath echoes cherem warfare against Canaanites. The phrase 'by the morning light' establishes deadline for completed massacre. David, who spared Saul when God delivered him into his hand, now swore to slaughter an entire household over insults. Anger had transformed the man after God's heart into potential mass murderer. Only Abigail's intervention would prevent this disaster.

## Historical Context

Self curse oaths were binding commitments invoking divine punishment for failure to fulfill. The idiom about males was crude but common in Hebrew texts. David's oath to kill all males represented total household destruction, since women and children without male protection faced severe consequences.

## Related Passages

## **Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation**

## **Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith**

## Study Questions

1. How can righteous anger cross the line into sinful oath-making?
2. What does David's extreme oath teach about the dangers of acting in anger?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

**1 Kings 14:10** (Parallel theme): Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

**1 Samuel 3:17** (References God): And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

**1 Samuel 20:13** (Parallel theme): The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

**1 Kings 21:21** (Parallel theme): Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

**Ruth 1:17** (Parallel theme): Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

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