

1 Samuel 25:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Abigail presents her provisions as 'blessing' (Hebrew 'berakah'), transforming material gifts into spiritual category. The Hebrew term connotes more than mere present—it carries connotations of favor and goodwill. Her request that it be given to 'the young men' rather than David personally demonstrates understanding of his situation: a leader must provision his followers. The phrase 'that follow my lord' (Hebrew 'haholekim beraglei adoni'—literally 'walking at my lord's feet') acknowledges David's legitimate leadership. Her gift addressed the practical need that motivated David's original request while reframing the transaction from demand to blessing.

Historical Context

Presenting gifts as 'blessing' was customary in ancient Near Eastern diplomacy, elevating material exchange to relational gesture. Abigail's direction of provisions to David's men showed practical wisdom about his immediate needs.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does framing gifts as 'blessings' change their significance?
2. What does Abigail's attention to David's men reveal about understanding others' true needs?

Interlinear Text

וַעֲתָה H6258	הַבְּרֶכֶה הַ H1293	אֲשֶׁר הִזָּאת H2063	יָבִיאוּ H834	הַבְּרֶכֶה הַ H935
	And now this blessing			hath brought
שִׁפְחָתְךָ H8198	אֲדֹנָי: H113	וְנִתְּנָה H5414	לְנָעָרִים H5288	
which thine handmaid	my lord	let it even be given	unto the young men	
הַמִּתְהַלֵּךְ י H1980	אֲדֹנָי: H7272	מִי H113		
that follow	my lord			

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 33:11 (Sin): Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

1 Samuel 30:26 (References Lord): And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;

2 Kings 5:15 (Sin): And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

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