

1 Samuel 25:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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David's response attributes their meeting to divine providence. The blessing formula 'Blessed be the LORD God of Israel' recognizes God as the actor behind Abigail's intervention. The phrase 'sent thee' (Hebrew 'shelachek') explicitly identifies Abigail as divine messenger—God sent her to intercept him. David's recognition of providence demonstrates spiritual discernment restored after his angry departure. He now sees what Abigail claimed: their meeting was divine prevention, not coincidence. His blessing acknowledges that God used this wise woman to save him from sin. David's teachable spirit accepted correction from an unexpected source.

Historical Context

Blessing Yahweh for specific providential actions was common Hebrew worship practice. David's recognition of Abigail as divinely sent elevated their encounter from mere meeting to prophetic intervention. His immediate response showed receptivity to correction.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you recognize when God sends people to redirect your course?
2. What does David's immediate blessing reveal about his spiritual responsiveness?

Interlinear Text

אָמָר	לְאַבִּיגַל	בְּרַ וְ	יְהֹוָה	אֱלֹהִים	אָשֶׁר
said H559	And David H1732	to Abigail H26	Blessed H1288	be the LORD H3068	God H430
אָשֶׁר	לְקַרְאָתִי	בַּזְהָר	שְׁלָמָה	וּמִ	אָשֶׁר
H834	which sent	thee this day	H2088	to meet	H7125
H7971	H3117				

Additional Cross-References

Luke 1:68 (Blessing): Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

Psalms 72:18 (Blessing): Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

Exodus 18:10 (Blessing): And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

Genesis 24:27 (Blessing): And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

2 Corinthians 8:16 (References God): But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

Ezra 7:27 (Blessing): Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

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