

# 1 Samuel 25:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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David's oath confirms how close disaster came. The formula 'as the LORD God of Israel liveth' solemnizes his acknowledgment. His attribution—'which hath kept me back'—again credits God working through Abigail. The conditional 'except thou hadst hasted' recognizes Abigail's urgency as essential. David repeats his original crude oath about killing all males, not to renew but to reveal what would have happened. The phrase 'by the morning light' maintains the original timeline. This honest acknowledgment of his intended violence demonstrates David's recovered moral clarity. He now sees his own planned action as sin prevented, not justice delayed.

## Historical Context

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David's repetition of his crude oath showed complete honesty about his intentions before meeting Abigail. Such frank acknowledgment of prevented sin was unusual

among ancient rulers. His attribution of deliverance to God through Abigail modeled proper response to divine intervention.

## **Related Passages**

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

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## **Study Questions**

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1. What does David's frank acknowledgment of his intentions reveal about authentic confession?
2. How does recognizing 'what almost happened' deepen gratitude for divine prevention?

## Interlinear Text

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אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכָּא לֵאלֹהֵי יְהוָה חִי וְאוֹלָם  
**For in very deed liveth as the LORD God of Israel**  
H199 H2416 H3068 H430 H3478 H834

לֹא יִכַּיִן אֶתְּךָ מִהִב עֲמָנִי  
**which hath kept me back from hurting thee except**  
H4513 H7489 H853 H3588 H3884

אִם כִּי לִקְרֹאתִי וַתְּבֹאתִי מֶהֱרָתָ  
**thou hadst hasted and come to meet**  
H4116 H935 H7125 H3588 H518

הַבֹּקֶר אִרְעָ לְנָבָל עַד נֹתַר  
**me surely there had not been left unto Nabal light by the morning**  
H3498 H5037 H5704 H216 H1242

בְּקִירִי מִשֵּׁת יֵן  
**any that pisseth against the wall**  
H8366 H7023