

# 1 Samuel 25:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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David formally concludes the encounter with acceptance and blessing. Receiving gifts 'from her hand' symbolizes reconciliation. The dismissal 'go up in peace' (Hebrew 'le'i leshalom') grants formal peace and safe passage. His declaration 'I have hearkened to thy voice' acknowledges persuasion accepted. The phrase 'accepted thy person' (Hebrew 'essa panayikh'—literally 'lifted your face') indicates favor granted. David's comprehensive response covered all dimensions: material (receiving gifts), verbal (granting peace), and personal (accepting her). The encounter that began with Abigail prostrate concludes with her 'face lifted'—full restoration of dignity and relationship.

## Historical Context

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The phrase 'lifting the face' was technical language for granting favorable audience and petition. David's formal acceptance of Abigail's person indicated she had found favor beyond the immediate crisis. His dismissal in peace assured her safe return.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does 'lifting her face' teach about how to respond to those who offer wise counsel?
2. How did David's comprehensive response honor Abigail's intervention?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּקַּח	דָּוִד	מִן הַ	אֲשֶׁר	אָתָּה	לָּו
received	So David	of her hand	H853	H834	that which she had brought
H3947	H1732	H3027		H935	H0
וְלָהּ	אָמַר	עַל י	לְשָׁלוֹם	לְבֵיתְךָ	רְאֵי
H0	him and said	unto her Go up	in peace	to thine house	see
	H559	H5927	H7965	H1004	H7200
שָׁמָעַתִּי	בְּקוֹלְךָ	וָאָשָׁא	פְּנֶיךָ:		
I have hearkened	to thy voice	and have accepted	thy person		
H8085	H6963	H5375	H6440		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 19:21** (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

**2 Kings 5:19** (Peace): And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

**1 Samuel 20:42** (Peace): And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between

me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

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