

# 1 Samuel 25:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.**

The messengers faithfully delivered David's message. The Hebrew 'vayanuchu' (ceased/rested) indicates they completed their speech and waited for response—proper diplomatic protocol. They spoke 'in the name of David,' invoking his authority and reputation. The phrase 'according to all those words' emphasizes they added nothing and omitted nothing—faithful representation. Their silence after speaking created space for Nabal's response. This brief verse emphasizes the messengers' integrity: they executed their commission exactly. What follows reveals Nabal's character in response to this respectful, reasonable request delivered with perfect propriety.

## Historical Context

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Diplomatic messengers were expected to deliver messages exactly as given without embellishment. 'Ceasing' after delivery allowed the recipient to formulate response. The messengers' conduct was irreproachable, making Nabal's response entirely unjustified.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does faithful message delivery teach about representing others' words?
2. How does the messengers' proper conduct heighten the offense of Nabal's response?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיָּבֹאוּ	נְעָרֵי י	וַיְדַבֵּר	וַיְדַבֵּר ו	אֶל	נָבָל ל	כָּכָל
came	young men	And when David's	they spake	H413	to Nabal	H3605
H935	H5288	H1732	H1696		H5037	
הַדְּבָרִים	הָאֵלֶּה	בְּשֵׁם	וַיְדַבֵּר	וַיִּנְחָל:		
according to all those words	H428	in the name	And when David's	and ceased		
H1697		H8034	H1732	H5117		

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