

# 1 Samuel 26:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

## Analysis

Saul's blessing carries prophetic weight despite his compromised spiritual state: 'thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.' The Hebrew 'yakol tukhal' (surely prevail) uses emphatic doubling to express certainty. This ironic prophecy from David's persecutor confirms what Samuel declared at David's anointing. The narrative conclusion, 'David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place,' signals their final parting. They will not meet again; the next time Saul sees David, it will be through a medium's dark arts.

## Historical Context

This represents the final direct encounter between Saul and David. The note that 'Saul returned to his place' suggests a return to normalcy that proves illusory. Within months, Saul will consult a necromancer, and soon after, he and his sons will fall on Mount Gilboa.

## Related Passages

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. When have unexpected sources spoken truth about your calling or future?
2. How do you process final encounters with those who have both blessed and wounded you?

## Interlinear Text

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אָלָּא וְשָׁאַלְתָּי אָמָר  
Then Saul said  
H413 H559 H7586

בָּרוּךְ תִּהְיָ אָמָר  
Blessed be thou my son David  
H1288 H859 H1121 H1732

בְּנֵי יִהְיֶה תִּהְיֶה אָמָר  
be thou my son David  
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תַּעֲשֵׂה הַמְּלֵאָה כִּי לְגַדֵּל תַּעֲשֵׂה  
prevail great great  
H3201 H1571 H6213 H6213

לְמִקְוֹמָה שֵׁב וְשָׁאַלְתָּי לִדְרָכֵךְ וְ  
to his place returned Then Saul on his way  
H4725 H7725 H7586 H1870

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 26:25** (Parallel theme): When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

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