

# 1 Samuel 29:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

## Analysis

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Achish's final instructions establish the practical arrangements for David's departure. The phrase 'thy master's servants that are come with thee' (Hebrew: 'avdey adonekha') may refer to David's men as servants of Saul (their former allegiance) or as David's own followers. The instruction to leave at first light ensures David's departure is orderly and visible, preventing any accusation of desertion. The practical details conclude the diplomatic resolution that saves David from his impossible situation.

## Historical Context

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Early morning departure was standard for military movements, allowing maximum daylight travel. David's honorable discharge with clear instructions prevented any later accusation of abandonment or treachery.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do practical arrangements help navigate the conclusion of difficult situations?
2. What role do timing and visibility play in maintaining honor amid complex circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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וַעֲתָה H6258	וְהִשְׁכַּמְתָּ מִ H7925	בַּבֹּקֶר H1242	וַעֲבִד י H5650	אֲדֹנָיִךָ H113
	Wherefore now rise up early	in the morning	servants	with thy master's
אֲשֶׁר H834	בָּאוּ H935	אֵתְךָ H854	וְהִשְׁכַּמְתָּ מִ H7925	בַּבֹּקֶר H1242
	that are come		Wherefore now rise up early	in the morning
וְאֵל וְ H215	לְךָ מִ H0	וְלָכֹחַ H1980		
and have light				

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 12:19** (Parallel theme): And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads.