1 Samuel 30:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried
> away: and David rescued his two wives.

Analysis

The brief statement 'David recovered all' fulfills the divine promise exactly. The specific mention that 'David rescued his two wives' personalizes the victory. The Hebrew 'wayyatsel' (delivered, rescued) uses the same verb God employed in His promise. What David received through inquiry of the LORD, he now sees accomplished through military action. The correspondence between promise and fulfillment demonstrates the reliability of divine guidance.

Historical Context

The complete recovery without a single loss contradicted normal expectations for captive rescue. Ancient raids typically resulted in death, dispersion, or sale of captives before rescue was possible.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How have God's specific promises been fulfilled in your experience?

2. What does complete recovery, against all odds, reveal about God's power to restore?

Interlinear Text

הִצִּיל   דָּוִד: אֵת   כָּל   אֲשֶׁר   וַלָּקַח
recovered   And David   H853   H3605   H834   had carried away
H5337   H1732   H3947

עֲמָלֵק   וְאֵת   שְׁתֵּי   נָשָׁיו   הִצִּיל   דָּוִד:
all that the Amalekites   H853   his two   wives   recovered   And David
H6002   H8147   H802   H5337   H1732

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 14:16 (Parallel theme): And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.