

1 Samuel 30:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

Analysis

The emphatic repetition 'there was nothing lacking... David recovered all' emphasizes total restoration. The Hebrew construction 'lo ne'edar lahem... hakkol heshiv David' (nothing was missing... everything David brought back) stresses completeness. Not merely lives but possessions, relationships, and honor were restored. The categories, 'small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil,' cover every dimension of loss. God's restoration exceeds mere survival to include full redemption.

Historical Context

Complete recovery of captives and spoil was remarkable given the time elapsed and distances involved. The Amalekites had not yet dispersed their captives to slave markets or distant camps, allowing total rescue.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God's restoration sometimes exceed your expectations?
2. What does complete recovery teach about God's redemptive purposes?

Interlinear Text

אֵל	אֵל	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	לֹא	לֹא	מִן	מִן	עַד	עַד	פְּקָד	פְּקָד	
H3808	And there was nothing lacking	H5737		H0		to them neither	H4480			small	H5704	
											H6996	
אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	כָּל	כָּל	וְמִשְׁלֵל	וְמִשְׁלֵל	לֹא	לֹא	וְבָנֹות	וְבָנֹות	בְּנֵי יִם	בְּנֵי יִם	
nor great	H1419	neither sons	H1121	nor daughters	H1323	neither spoil	H7998			H5704	H3605	
											H834	
לֹא	לֹא	כִּי	כִּי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	
nor any thing	nor any thing	that they had	that they had	had	had	had	had	had	had	had	had	had
taken	H3947			H0	H3605	recovered	H7725	to them	to them	David	H1732	

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 30:8 (References David): And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

Matthew 6:33 (Kingdom): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.