

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

וְלֹא	נֶעְדָּר	לָהֶם	מִן	הַקָּטָן	וְעַד	
H3808	And there was nothing lacking	H0	to them neither	small	H5704	
	H5737		H4480	H6996		
וְהַגָּד וְלֹא	וְעַד	בְּנֵי יִם	וּבָנוֹת	וּמִשְׁלָל ל	וְעַד	כָּל רֶגֶשׁ
nor great	H5704	neither sons	nor daughters	neither spoil	H5704	H3605
H1419		H1121	H1323	H7998		H834
	לְקַח וְ	לָהֶם	הִכָּל ל	הִשָּׁבַי	דָּוִד:	
	nor any thing that they had taken	H0	H3605	recovered	to them David	
	H3947			H7725	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.