

1 Samuel 30:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

Analysis

The narrative notes that David's ruling became permanent policy: 'a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.' The Hebrew 'choq umishpat' (statute and ordinance) uses legal terminology for binding regulations. David's wisdom in this moment established precedent extending beyond the immediate situation. Future generations inherited this principle of equal sharing. Leadership decisions in crisis often shape long-term policy.

Historical Context

The phrase 'unto this day' indicates the narrator wrote after David's time, showing this statute remained in force during the writing of 1 Samuel. David's ruling became incorporated into Israel's military law.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What decisions you make today might become principles for future generations?

2. How do crisis responses sometimes establish lasting policies?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי י'	הַיּוֹם	הַהוּא	וַתֵּלֶךְ	וַיַּשְׁמֶה	לְחֹק
H1961	And it was so from that day	H1931	forward	that he made	it a statute
	H3117		H4605	H7760	H2706
וּלְמִשְׁפָּט	לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	עַד	הַיּוֹם	הַזֶּה:	
and an ordinance	for Israel	H5704	And it was so from that day	H2088	
H4941	H3478		H3117		

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