

1 Samuel 30:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

Analysis

David's immediate request for the ephod demonstrates his spiritual instinct under pressure. Rather than reacting in anger, fear, or self-defense, he seeks divine guidance. The ephod, which Abiathar had brought when fleeing Saul's massacre at Nob (23:6-9), contained the Urim and Thummim for divine consultation. David's first response to crisis is inquiry of the LORD, contrasting sharply with Saul's forbidden consultation in chapter 28. Two leaders facing crisis turn to opposite sources.

Historical Context

The ephod was the priestly garment containing pockets for the Urim and Thummim, sacred lots for divine guidance. Abiathar's presence with David meant legitimate priestly inquiry was available, unlike Saul who had killed the priests and lost this access.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What is your instinctive response to crisis: action, fear, or seeking God's guidance?
2. How does having access to legitimate spiritual resources shape decision-making under pressure?

Interlinear Text

אֲחִימֶלֶךְ לְבָנָה בֶּן אֶחָד אֶל אָבִית רְבָבָה

said **And David** **H413** **And Abiathar** **the priest** **son** **Ahimelech's**

H559

H1732

H413

H54

H3548

H1121

H288

וְאַתָּה בְּאָפָד לְבָבָךְ וְאַתָּה

I pray thee bring me hither **H4994** **the ephod** **I pray thee bring me hither**

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אֶל בְּאָפָד אֶת אָבִית רְבָבָה

And Abiathar **H853** **the ephod** **H413** **And David**

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Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 2:26 (References David): And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.