

1 Samuel 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Saul's approval of the servant's suggestion, 'Well said' (tov debareka, literally 'good is your word'), demonstrates his capacity to receive counsel, a quality that would later diminish as pride corroded his character. The phrase marks a decisive turning point: Saul now moves toward his divine appointment. The Hebrew construction emphasizes purposeful movement: 'they went unto the city where the man of God was.' Every step brings them closer to an encounter that would reshape Israel's history. The simplicity of the verse belies its significance: an ordinary decision to seek help finding donkeys initiates the formal establishment of Israelite monarchy. The servant's wisdom and Saul's receptivity work together under divine sovereignty, illustrating how human agency and divine providence interweave in the fabric of redemptive history.

Historical Context

The unnamed city is generally identified as Ramah, Samuel's hometown (7:17). The journey from Zuph territory to the city would have been relatively short, as these locations were in close proximity. The phrase 'man of God' continues to emphasize Samuel's prophetic identity rather than his judicial or priestly functions.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How receptive are you to counsel that redirects your plans toward God's purposes?
2. What seemingly small decisions have led to significant spiritual turning points in your life?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	שָׁא וּל	לְנִעַר ו	ט וּב	דָּבָרְךָ	לָךְ הַ	גִּלְכָּה	וּלְכוּ
said	Saul	to his servant	Well	Then said			
H559	H7586	H5288	H2896	H1697	H1980	H1980	H1980
אֶל	הָעִיר	אֲשֶׁר	שָׁם	אֵי יֵשׁ	הָאֱלֹהִים:		
	unto the city			where the man	of God		
H413	H5892	H834	H8033	H376	H430		

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