

1 Samuel 9:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The early rising 'about the spring of the day' (alot hashachar, the dawning or ascending of dawn) carries symbolic resonance: as a new day dawns, a new era for Israel begins. Samuel's summons 'Up' (qumah) employs the same root used in prophetic commissioning contexts, transforming a morning wake-up call into a call to destiny. The phrase 'that I may send thee away' (va'ashallcheka) uses language of commissioning or dispatch, anticipating the anointing that will formally send Saul forth as king. Their emergence together 'abroad' (hachutsah, 'outside' or 'into the open') moves the narrative toward its climax beyond the confines of the house into the open air where the anointing will occur. The shared rising and walking together symbolizes the prophetic-royal partnership that would define early Israelite monarchy.

Historical Context

Early rising was common practice in the ancient world where daylight determined working hours. Dawn was considered an auspicious time for important undertakings. The 'spring of the day' refers to the moment when morning light first breaks over the horizon. Samuel's practice of early rising for prayer and ministry established patterns later prophets would follow.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What new 'dawn' might God be calling you to arise and embrace?
2. How does the partnership of prophet and king model spiritual oversight of leadership?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּשְׁכַּם מֹעֲדָה	וְיָהִי	בְּעֵל וְתִּבְרָא	בְּשַׁחַר
And they arose early	H1961	and it came to pass about the spring	of the day
	H7925		H7837
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called of them he and Samuel	H413	And Saul to the top of the house	saying
H7121	H8050	H7586	H1406
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Up that I may send thee away	H7971	Up And Saul and they went out	both
H6965		H6965 H7586 H3318	H8147
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