

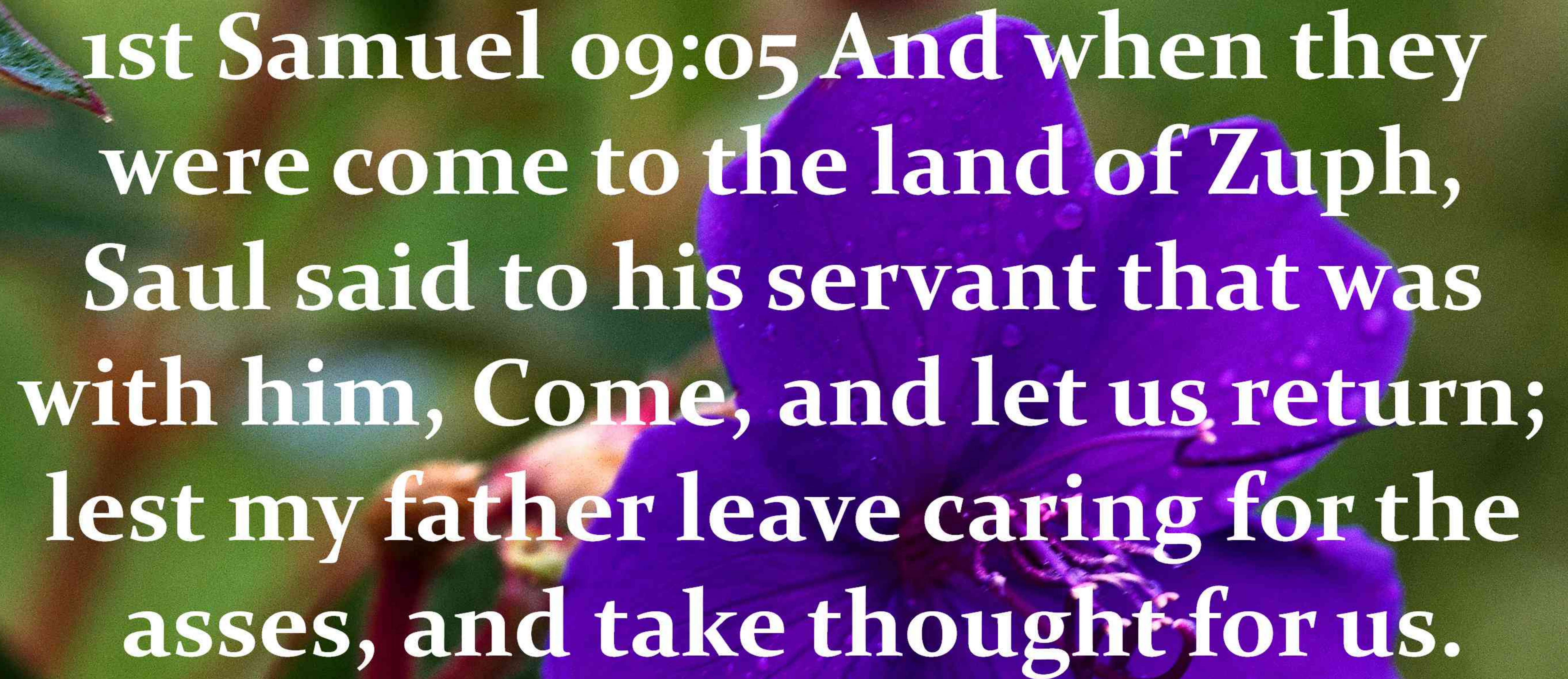
1st Samuel 09:01 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

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1st Samuel 09:02 And he had a son,
whose name was Saul, a choice
young man, and a goodly: and
there was not among the children
of Israel a goodlier person than he:
from his shoulders and upward he
was higher than any of the people.

1st Samuel 09:03 And the asses of
Kish Saul's father were lost. And
Kish said to Saul his son, Take now
one of the servants with thee, and
arise, go seek the asses.

1st Samuel 09:04 And he passed
through mount Ephraim, and
passed through the land of
Shalisha, but they found them not:
then they passed through the land
of Shalim, and there they were not:
and he passed through the land of
the Benjamites, but they found
them not.



1st Samuel 09:05 And when they
were come to the land of Zuph,
Saul said to his servant that was
with him, Come, and let us return;
lest my father leave caring for the
asses, and take thought for us.

1st Samuel 09:06 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can show us our way that we should go.

1st Samuel 09:07 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

1st Samuel 09:08 And the servant
answered Saul again, and said,
Behold, I have here at hand the
fourth part of a shekel of silver:
that will I give to the man of God,
to tell us our way.

1st Samuel 09:09 Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.

1st Samuel 09:10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was .



1st Samuel 09:11 And as they went
up the hill to the city, they found
young maidens going out to draw
water, and said unto them, Is the
seer here?

1st Samuel 09:12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place:

1st Samuel 09:13 As soon as ye be
come into the city, ye shall
straightway find him, before he go
up to the high place to eat: for the
people will not eat until he come,
because he doth bless the sacrifice;
and afterwards they eat that be
bidden. Now therefore get you up;
for about this time ye shall find


1st Samuel 09:14 And they went up
into the city: and when they were
come into the city, behold, Samuel
came out against them, for to go
up to the high place.

1st Samuel 09:15 Now the LORD
had told Samuel in his ear a day
before Saul came, saying,



**1st Samuel 09:16 To morrow about
this time I will send thee a man
out of the land of Benjamin, and
thou shalt anoint him to be
captain over my people Israel, that
he may save my people out of the
hand of the Philistines: for I have
looked upon my people, because
their cry is come unto me.**

1st Samuel 09:17 And when Samuel
saw Saul, the LORD said unto him,
Behold the man whom I spake to
thee of! this same shall reign over
my people.



1st Samuel 09:18 Then Saul drew
near to Samuel in the gate, and
said, Tell me, I pray thee, where
the seer's house is .

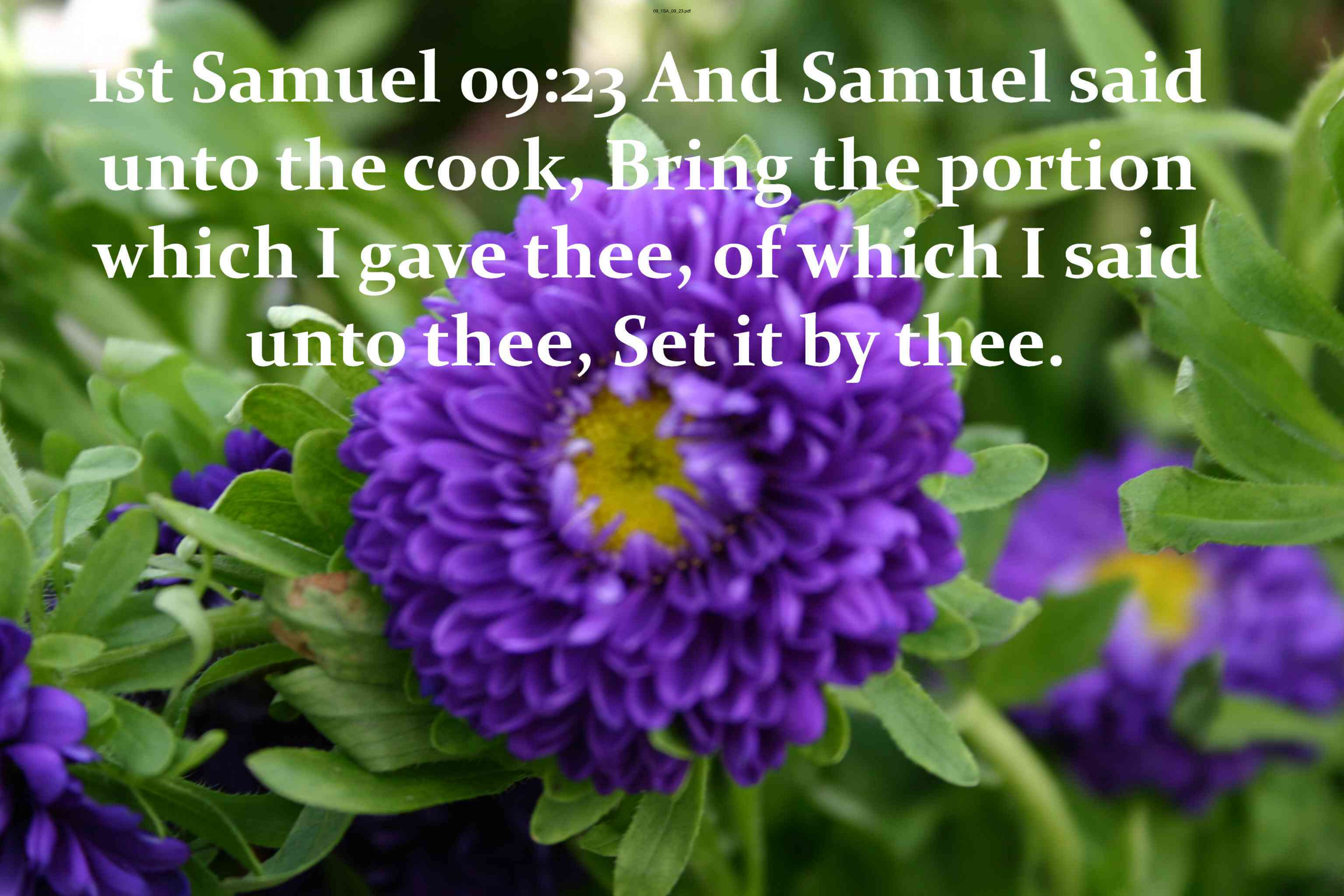
1st Samuel 09:19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

1st Samuel 09:20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

1st Samuel 09:21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

1st Samuel 09:22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

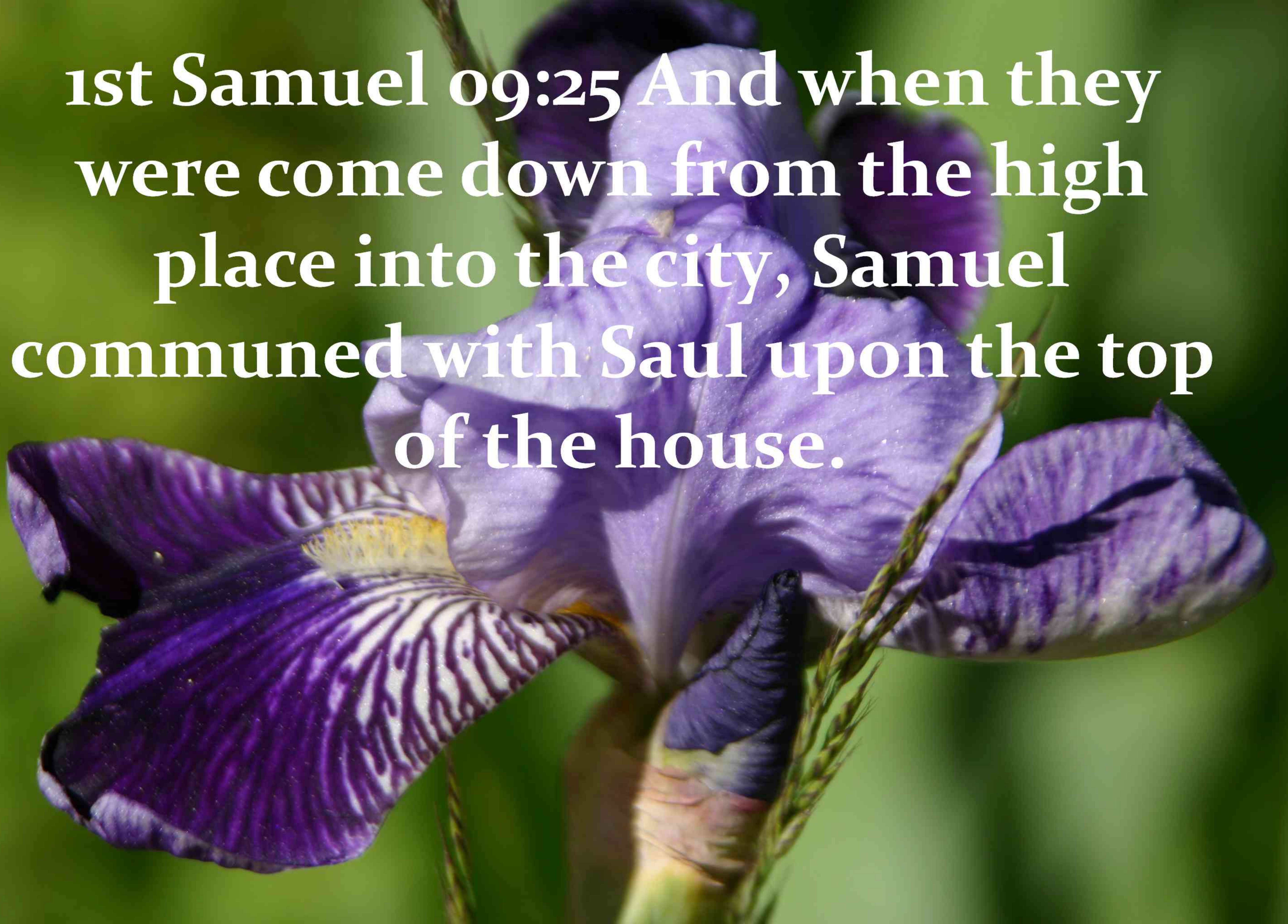
1st Samuel 09:23 And Samuel said
unto the cook, Bring the portion
which I gave thee, of which I said
unto thee, Set it by thee.

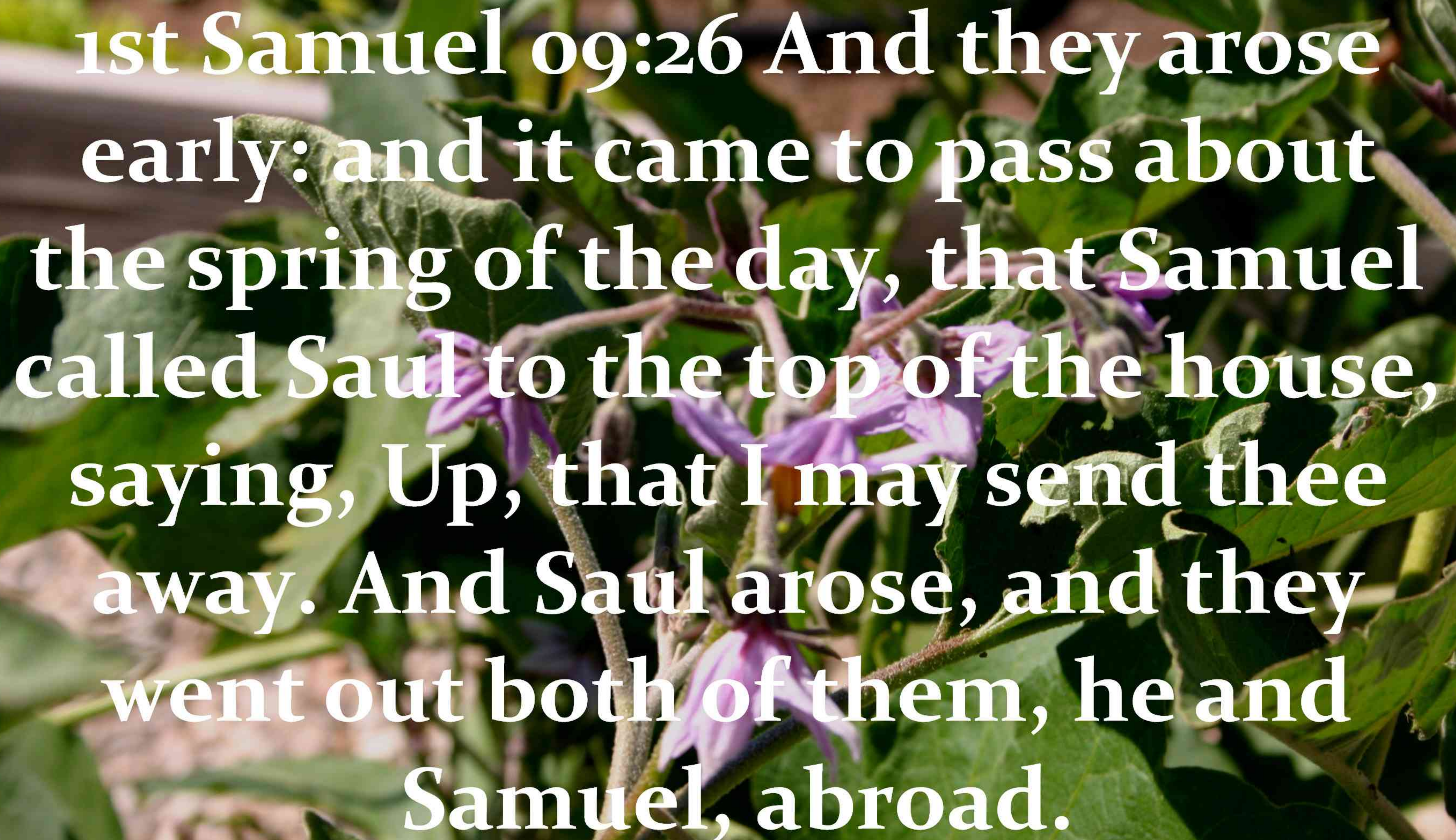


1st Samuel 09:24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul.

And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

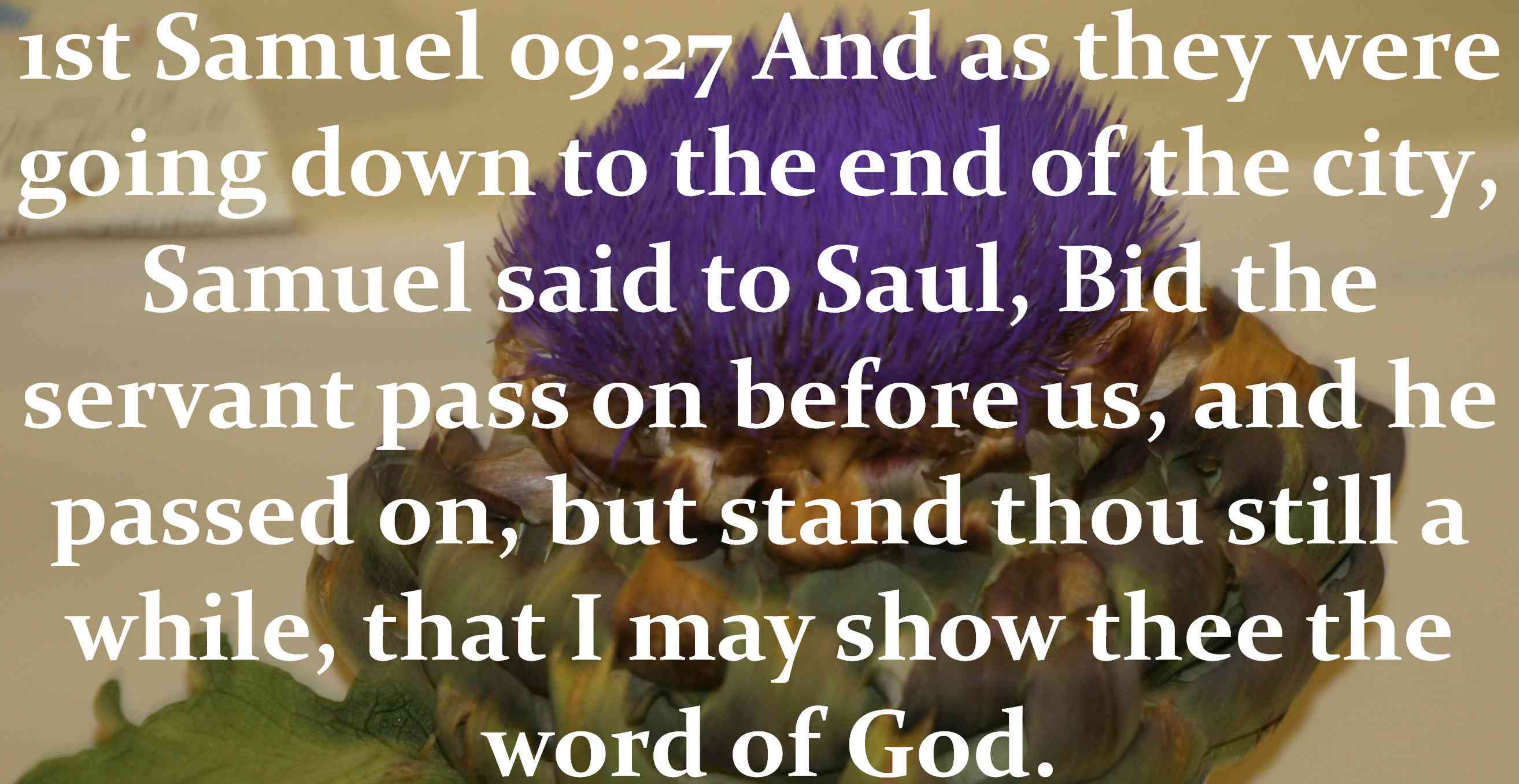
**1st Samuel 09:25 And when they
were come down from the high
place into the city, Samuel
communed with Saul upon the top
of the house.**





1st Samuel 09:26 And they arose
early: and it came to pass about
the spring of the day, that Samuel
called Saul to the top of the house,
saying, Up, that I may send thee
away. And Saul arose, and they
went out both of them, he and
Samuel, abroad.

1st Samuel 09:27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, and he passed on, but stand thou still a while, that I may show thee the word of God.

A purple thistle flower with a spiky head and green leaves is placed in a clear glass vase. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.