

“Far be it from me” (Hebrew, *chaliylah li*) in Samuel

2.30	[A “man of God” to Eli] Therefore YHWH the God of Israel declares: 'I promised that your family and the family of your ancestor should go in and out before me forever'; but now YHWH declares: ' Far be it from me ; <u>for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt.</u>
12.23	Moreover as for me [Samuel], far be it from me <u>that I should sin against YHWH by ceasing to pray for you [Saul]; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.</u> "
14.45	Then the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great victory in Israel? Far from it! <u>As YHWH lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground;</u> for he has worked with God today." So the people ransomed Jonathan, and he did not die.
20.1c-2	[David said to Jonathan] “And what is my sin against your father that he is trying to take my life?” [Jonathan] said to him, " Far from it! <u>You shall not die.</u> My father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me; and why should my father hide this from me? Never!"
22.15	[Ahimelech to Saul] “ <u>Is today the first time that I have inquired of God for him?</u> By no means! Do not let the king impute anything to his servant or to any member of my father's house; for your servant has known nothing of all this, much or little."
24.6	[David] said to his men, "YHWH forbid <u>that I should do this thing to my lord, YHWH's anointed, to raise my hand against him;</u> for he is YHWH's anointed."
26.11	[David said to Abishai]: YHWH forbid <u>that I should raise my hand against YHWH's anointed...</u> "
2 Sam 19-20	am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel; you seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel; why will you swallow up the heritage of YHWH?" Joab answered, " Far be it from me, far be it, <u>that I should swallow up or destroy!</u> "
2 Sam 23.16-17	Then the three warriors broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and brought it to David. But he would not drink of it; he poured it out to YHWH, for he said, "YHWH forbid <u>that I should do this. Can I drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives?</u> " Therefore he would not drink it.