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Hi, Shalom and welcome to via hafte Israel, a Hebrew phrase, which means you shall love Israel. We hope you'll stay with us for the next 30 minutes, as our teacher, Dr Baruch, shares his expository teaching from the Bible. Dr Baruch is the senior lecturer at the Zera Avraham Institute based in Israel. Although all courses are taught in Hebrew at the institute, Dr Baruch is pleased to share this weekly address in English. To find out more about our work in Israel, please visit us on the web@loveisrael.org That's one word, loveisrael.org Now here's Baruch with today's lesson,

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if we're going to understand our study today, there are two different words that we need to define properly, and the two words are in Hebrew, Raa and tov. What is Toph? Tov is the Hebrew word good. And when this word appears in the Bible, whether we're speaking about the Old or New Testament, when that word good appears there, it has to do with the will of God. God's will is always good. God is always faithful to His will. God is committed to that which is good. There is no unrighteousness in God. He is holy, and when his will is fulfilled, it is going to manifest His glory. Now what's the second word? Well, the second word is raa in this context, and it speaks about that which is evil. Now what we find is that many times translators don't like to translate what the literal meaning of a word is. They want to soften it. And here's the problem, what we're going to find is a spiritual law. What is that spiritual law? Well, very simply, it's this, when we are committed to the will of God. God is going to anoint us with His Spirit. He is going to provide what we need in order to do His will. He is faithful always too, helping his people do the good will of God. But when we are rebellious. What's going to happen? Well, there's a spiritual law. When one is not committed to the will of God, that person is going to be deceived by an unclean spirit or an evil spirit that which is opposed to the will of God. So this is what we're going to learn about Shaul. He is someone that we have already spoken of that has loathed the will of God. He does not find a commitment to the Word of God. He loathes these things, and therefore, the spiritual law is going to work in his life, instead of a good spirit coming upon him, there is going to be an evil spirit. Now again, it will say in the Scripture an evil spirit from the Lord. Why? Because whenever we are rebellious, whenever we are rejecting the Word of God, whenever we are committed to what we want instead of what God has commanded that is going to bring an evil spirit into our life. It's a spiritual law. When we submit and obey and we desire to serve God, we are going to find the anointing. It's

simply a spiritual law that we need to understand. So with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel chapter 16, and we're going to begin in verse 14. Again, First Samuel chapter 16, and we're going to begin with verse 14. So look with me to this portion of Scripture. What we find here is this the Spirit of the Lord was removed from Saul, and it distressed him, and an evil spirit from the Lord. So we find that when we are not willing to submit to God, we're not interested in His Word. It is going to bring a distressing influence into our life. And not only that, it is going to get more significant spiritually. As it says here, God is going to allow this evil spirit to bring distress. And what is distress? Anything that is apart from God's will. This is what's being taught in this passage. Again, let's learn the biblical truth. When a person is committed to God's will, what can they expect? Well, if that person is a believer, this commitment to the will of God is. To bring the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is going to bring God's power into our life, His presence, His provision. We are going to see things from a godly perspective, but that's only if we are committed to his will. If we are committed to our will, what's going to happen? Well, this is what we're learning. What's going to happen is this, instead of the Spirit of the Lord anointing us, empowering us, giving us the presence of God in that situation, so that we can do the will of God, what's going to happen, we are going to experience that which is evil, that which is contrary to God's will. So this is what we're learning in this passage. Look now to our next verse, verse 15, and the servants of Shaul said to him, Behold, please, an evil spirit of God is troubling you. Now they were able to see what the problem is, because Sheol was not interested in God's will, but his own will. It was already stated. We learned this God was comforted by the fact that he had replaced Sheol. It was never God's will for sheol to be the king. He allowed that for two reasons. Most scholars will say it this way, he allowed it to show the people the futility and the foolishness of being committed to their perspective. They chose Sheol because he appeared in their perspective, their vision to be a good candidate for the king, but he was not God's candidate, and that's what we saw with the anointing of David. David did not meet the description of the masses, meaning this, the vast majority of people would not have chosen David to be the king, even though. And we're going to learn a little bit more about David in this passage of Scripture today. We're going to see that David was a man of war. He was wise, and he was someone who was led by the Spirit of God. Why? Well, David was led by the Spirit of God because he was committed to God's will, and that is the big distinction between Shaul and David. Let's move on to the next verse, verse 16. Now here our Lord, who's the Lord? Well, in this case, the servants of Shaul are speaking to him, and they say, let our Lord. Say, Please, Your servants are before you, meaning this, these servants of Sheol, they are committed to Him, and they are going to give him advice. They say, Let there be sought out a man who knows how to play and specifically what is being said here. I realize that most of your bibles will say a harp, but when we look at this, it's the Hebrew word kinnor, which is usually related to a violin. So we see that David in this passage, is not playing a harp, that's what all the translations say. But if we look at it literally, he's playing a violin. And it says here that it shall come about when unto you is this evil spirit of God. What will happen he that is David will play with his hand, and it will be well for you. So what we see here is a principle being taught when and this, this being played, this violin being played. It is a reference to worship music, worship music that is soothing to one soul. David was someone who wrote, as we know, many, many of the Psalms. And it's very likely that what, what he was playing was indeed these psalms. He was confronting Sheol with the Word of God, and it was having a good result in his life. Why? Whenever we are committed to the Word of God, we're hearing it, we're studying it, it's going to bring about a good outcome. This is what the scripture is telling us. Move on to verse 17,

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and Shaul said to his servants, and most will say, provide, but it's the word, see, and it's a command. So he's saying something, look, please. And then he says, What do you want to me? Will be a man that knows how to play well and bring him to me. So they were supposed to bring this individual, someone who knows how to play well before sheul, in order that sheul would see a change in his situation, that whenever an evil spirit came upon him, and again, we need to be very clear in our understanding, God only does good. So you say, well, it says in the scripture an evil spirit from the Lord, yes, but we need to understand the principle. Let me restate it again. When you are committed to the will of God, when you are studying God's word, and your chief desire is to implement his word into your life. You will experience that anointing, that good spirit, that spirit that is going to be instrumental in you concluding and doing the will of God is going to be received. You are going to be anointed with such a spirit. But if you are rebellious, if you are committed to your will, doesn't matter what God has said, you're going to do it your way. When that's the case, you're going to find that that that attitude of rebelliousness is going to bring into your life an evil spirit. Now God is simply teaching us this spiritual law. If you are submissive, you will experience an anointing of a good spirit, the spirit of God, or what we would call today as believers, the Holy Spirit. But if you are rebelling, you are going to find that you will be manipulated and be at the mercy of this evil spirit. Again, God does only what is good. We've already talked about Saul a few weeks ago. God does not lie. He speaks truth. But if we're not interested in the truth of God, it is not going to go well for us. Read on to our next verse, verse 18 and one answered from his young men. And he said, Behold, I have seen a son of Yeshi. That is Jesse the bethlehemite, the bethlehemite, that is one from Bethlehem who knows to play. He knows how to play. And it says, in addition to that, they gibor chail, he is a mighty man of valor. And it says also he is a man of war, and he is wise that Hebrew word Navon, one who is very wise. And it says here he's wise in speech, that is in Word. He knows how to speak, and He is a man of towar. What is Tora a description? What it's saying here is that he has a good reputation. He is someone that when people look at him and describe him, they see that which is good, so he has a good reputation. And then it says, And the Lord is with him. Now, when sho hears all of this, what is his response? We'll look on to our next verse. Saul sent messengers to Yeshua, that is Jesse, the father of David. And he says, send unto me, David, your son who is among the flock. So what is David? Well, we've been told twice that David is a shepherd. He is someone that doesn't serve his interests, but rather he is committed to the flock, and that means that David, and if you study David's life, you learn so much about him that David, because of his role as a shepherd, there were both bears and lions that attacked the sheep, and what did David do? David didn't run away, but David defended both the sheep from the lion and from the bear, and he did so successively. This is why it tells us, in this same verse that he is a man of war. Now he's not warring against man at this time, but rather, he's warring against the enemies of his flock, and this is to all tell the reader that David is a faithful man. Let's move on to the next verse. We were told at the end of verse 18, that the Lord was with him. Verse 19, and Saul sent these angels to or messengers to Yeshua. And he said, Send To me, David, your son, which is among the flock Now, verse 20, and Yeshua took. A donkey, that is the Hebrew word Hamor. And he also took something else, Lechem, which can mean supplies or provisions, and also a wine skin and one young goat. And he sent it through the hand of David, his son, unto Shaul. Now we know at that time, even though David had been anointed, in reality, Shaul is hanging on to being king. And because of that, we see that Yeshua, David's father, also known as Jesse, we see that he wanted to send a gift, some provisions with David, in order that David would be received well by the king. So look now to verse 21 and David came to

Shaul, and he stood before him and notice what it says. The subject of this verb is Shaul, it says, And he that is king, Shaul loved him. And we have the word maod, which means exceedingly, very much. So immediately, there was that kindred spirit at this time between Shaul and David. And it says here, because of this, it came about to him, meaning David became the armor bearer, or the one who carried his vessels. And this would be his vessels as a warrior, the king was the chief warrior for the people. Look now to verse 22 and Saul sent to Yeshua, saying, David, please will stand before Me, for He has found Ken or favor in my eyes. So all of this is being done at the purpose of God. What do I mean by that? Well, we know something. David has been already anointed king, and where is David now, even though that he is shaul's armor bearer, the one who carries his vessels, what we find is that David is serving in the palace. And what is that to tell us? To tell us that God is already at work, that God is moving to bring forth this transition away from Sheol and to David. It's simply a matter of time now. We're going to see as as the book of First Samuel develops, we're going to see more and more Sheol is going to become suspicious at David. Why? Because even Sheol. He's not spiritually wise. He is not profound in the things of God. But even Sheol is going to begin to see this anointing of the Spirit of the Lord upon David, that David was a worshiper of God. He was a faithful servant of God. He knew how to accomplish the purposes of God. And all of this is going to and we'll see this in the weeks to come. All of this is going to provide information to you and me, the reader, that Shaul, Shaul is going to learn that David is indeed his replacement, and he's not pleased about it. Look at the next word, verse or verse. Verse 23

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and it came about when the Spirit of God was to Shaul. What happened now? The implication is this spirit of God that was upon Shaul. What type of spirit was it? It was an evil spirit. Why? Well, what we need to remember is that Shaul was not committed to the Word of God. What does the Scripture say, over and over in this chapter, in the previous chapter, that sheul loathed the Word of God. Not just didn't do it, but he hated. He loathed. It's that Hebrew word Maas, which is a very strong word for having disgust or hatred. And what did sheul hate? He hated the Word of God. What does that tell us? It tells us that he wasn't interested in the will of God, and because he was rebelling against the will of God, what's going to happen? Well, remember that spiritual law, because he was not committed to the will of God, what's going to happen to him? There's going to be that. That evil spirit, that God has created, this spiritual law, that when someone is rebellious, someone is against God's will. What can we expect? We can expect an unclean spirit, that evil spirit, demonic influence, that we are going to be manipulated by the enemy, and that evil spirit is wiser, stronger, more powerful, and we will not be able to restrain ourselves from him. Rather, we are going to submit to the influence of that evil spirit. This is what is happening to Shaul. Look at that last verse, verse 23 again, and it came about when there was the Spirit of God to sheul. What would David do? Well, he would do what he was supposed to do. David would take the kinoor, that is the violin, and he would play with his hand, and it says, and there was revach, that is, there was prophet to Shaul. That is, something good came about through when David would play that violin. And what was that? We see that Saul was comforted, and the scripture says it was good to him. Now this is a purifying aspect, and this teaches us something about worship. When we worship God, how are we called to worship him as believers in spirit and in truth, and when we do so, we can expect something that when we are worshipping, it will bring a change in our spiritual condition. That's why we worship God. We worship Him because He's worthy of worship. And when you look at the last psalm, Psalm 50, we find that there are two primary reasons why God is worthy to

be worshiped. First of all, who he is. He is God. He is our Creator. He is the Lord of Lords. He is the sovereign God. Therefore, just by nature of who he is, he is deserving of worship. But if you read on, also we worship God because of what he has done, all of these good things that God has done based upon this covenantal relationship he has with his people. God always is faithful to his covenantal obligations. So these are the reasons why we should worship God, and when we worship God because of who he is and what He has done, it is going to bring a spiritual change into our life. We are going to see things clearly. What does that mean? It means that we are going to see things according to the will of God. We're going to understand His purpose. Why? Well, this spiritual change that comes upon us through worship is so that we can be restored, that we can be spiritually healthy, and that we can understand what are the purposes of God so that we shall do them. What does the Scripture say we shouldn't just be hearers of the word of God. But what is the key is to be doers of the Word of God. So notice what it says here. Look again at verse 23 and it came about when being a Spirit of God to Shaul. And the implication is, as we've talked about, an evil spirit, David would take his violin and he would play it with his hand. And there was a ravach. There was something positive that came about unto sheul. And it says it was good to him. And then notice how the Scripture concludes. And it says that this evil spirit, Ruach, ha raa, this evil spirit, was removed from him. Now this tells us something. It gives us another indication of why we should worship God, because when we worship God, it is going to bring about a spiritual restoration, so that we can see what is good and what is good. Well, we don't have to guess about it. It's just what we've been talking about what is good. And I would say, Behold, very good is the will of God, what the scripture is telling us. And we can just jump back to the very first chapter in the book of Genesis, we see that when God created the heavens and the earth, there is a Hebrew phrase. That phrase is Tohu, ve vohu. What is that? Well, many people will translate as chaos. Most Bibles will say that it was empty, void. And formless, meaning this, when God initially created the heavens and the earth, what were they supposed to do? They were supposed to to proclaim the glory of God, but they didn't. Now that wasn't a failure. It has a message to us, because we are much like the creation of God, our lives, left to ourself, left to our own intelligence, how we see things and perceive things, we are not going to to live in a way that's pleasing to God. Why? Well, what was the first thing that God created in Genesis? Chapter one? To make this distinction, Well, God says vaihi, or which means, let there be light. What is light? Well, light is related to truth. Light is related to illumination. Or we could use the word revelation. We are desperately in need of revelation from God. What is the greatest source of his revelation? This book that I'm holding, and we're talking about the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, or, in short, the Bible. It is only when we take the illumination of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, and this is what we see in Genesis. Why? Well, remember what the Scripture says, The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters, Ruach, Elohim, mirahefat, al Pania, Mim. So the Spirit of God was there, and what was the next thing that mentioned? God began to do something. What was that God began to speak. There it is. We see the word of God and the Spirit of God. This brings about God's order, and that's what you desperately need. It is what I desperately need. It's what all humanity truly is dependent upon, that we don't rely upon our own understanding, we don't seek our own purposes, but we bring ourselves under the submissive will of God. What does that mean? It means that we recognize God's authority over our life. That is wisdom, and it's only when we submit to His absolute authority over our life then, and only then are we going to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are going to experience the presence of God in our life. We are going to have access to the provision of God, and we're going to see things from the perspective of God, and that is going to bring about a great change. What change it is going to bring us into the will of God, and that's where we

need to be. That's where we find life, that's where we find blessing, that's where we take hold of the promises of God.

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