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Shalom and welcome to via after yisrayl 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 baru shares his expository teaching from the Bible. Dr. Baruch is the senior lecturer at the zero 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 at love Israel dot o RG. That's one word love Israel dot o RG. Now, here's Baroque with today's lesson.

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Our God has expectations for his people. God wants us to be individuals that live according to justice and righteousness. And in order to do that, we need to take hold of the truth of God. So we have his perspective, and not the perspective of the world. Well, with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to the book of Psalms and Psalm 119, the book of Psalms, and Psalm 119. We're going to begin our study with verse 121. And in this verse, we see an emphasis on making the truth of God, the foundation of our life, an order that through His truth, that we can have a powerful testimony to others. Let's begin looking at to that verse, Psalm 119. And verse 121. Word says, I have made justice and righteousness. What he's speaking about here is the fact that his life has been committed to justice and righteousness that he's done that. And what does that mean? He's applying God's word to his circumstances. And when we do that, that serves as an invitation to God, to get involved in our life, to work in our our situations. So he says, Here, I have done justice and righteousness. And then he says, Do not allow my oppressor to lead me. Don't allow those who want to oppress me. Those who are my enemies, don't allow them to lead me into where they would want me to go to do the things that they would have me to do. So here's the message. When we are committed to God's justice, his definitions of righteousness, we can also apply morality in that as well. When we are committed to these things. It is like taking an insurance policy out that our enemies won't dominate us, they won't influence us. He says, Look now to the next verse, verse 22. Now many translate this as word for a surety. And this is a guarantee. And what it speaks about is this, when we look at this first phrase, here, it's speaking about God getting involved, God being mixed up in our life, in a good sense, in a proper sense. So he says, Here, a surety for your servant is goodness, and what is good, it is the will of God. So what he's saying is this, when an individual is committed to God's will, what does he become a servant. And when we

are a servant to God, we can expect God to get involved that God to be to be mixed into our life. So it's that commitment to serving God, a commitment to the will of God. So once again, a shirty for your servant is the will of God, His goodness, and then he says, Do not allow. And we have a very important word. The word here is a word that Dean what is that? It is derived from the Hebrew word which speaks of those that intentionally do evil. I've mentioned this phrase moseyed. This is a different word from the same Hebrew root. It speaks about those who intentionally want to with knowledge, disobey God, and he says here, do not let the willful sinners, those who willfully stand against the purposes of God, don't let the Then I'll press me. And notice he says in the next verse, verse 23, it's a word of commitment. He says here, verse 123, my eyes, and then we have a word for coming to an end. What he's speaking about here is that he looks with anticipation. We could say he looks with expectation for something, and he's not giving up, he is committed. So he says, My eyes have reached in in meaning, I am going to continue, I am going to be committed, I'm going to be passionate for what you're sow Vation. So he's saying here, my eyes will come to an end, looking for salvation, looking for the fulfillment of your promises, your kingdom promises. So this individual, he's not only a servant, He is diligent, he is committed, he is passionate. And he understands that, that salvation has a purpose. He says at the end of this verse, and for your word of righteousness. So for God, to speak, his righteous word. What is important is this, we see a relationship. Remember, this is Hebrew poetry. The chief characteristic of Hebrew poetry is parallelism. And we see that, that there's a connection between salvation and righteousness. God saves us so that we can demonstrate righteousness. Why I say this frequently, biblically, there's a connection between righteousness and the glory of God being manifested. This is what we're called to do. This is what worship is, worship is behaving in a way, that that brings God's presence into your life, that you draw closer to Him, that you approach him. And through that, you walk into God's glory. And God's glory brings about a significant change always doesn't matter what's going on, who's the opponent? how strong the enemy may be? How, how wise someone may be against you. When you manifest God's glory, how do you do that through righteousness, you're gonna find that God comes into that situation, and he works out goodness. So he says, Here, my eyes are to the end, for your salvation, and for your righteous word. Verse 124. Make with your servant, according to Your Grace. Now, this is a very profound statement. He says, once more make for your servant. According to your grace, What's he asking for? Well, when grace is is in our life, and leading our life, that grace is going to bring us into the will of God. There is an inherent relationship biblically between grace and the will of God. You say, Grace saves, yes, Grace saves us, it's God's will to save humanity. God's paid the price for all of humanity to be saved. Does that mean everyone's going to be saved? Of course not. But it means that God has done the work to save all of humanity. And those who are not saved, are going to be ones who simply did not respond to God's offering. It is false. These individuals that talk about and I'm speaking about Reformed theology, these individuals that speak about a limited atonement? Well, as I've said many times, why use the word atonement, there's something better Messiah did not die on the cross and shed his blood, to atone, just to cover up our sins, but to eradicate our sin, to deal with them eternally. That's what redemption is all about. So it's not limited atonement, That's not biblical. What we see in the Scripture, that Messiah died not only for our sins, but the Scripture says, the sins of the world. So we read here, that that he says, Make with your servant, according to Your Grace, many he wants God's will. And that's for he says, and your statutes teach me. So he wants to what he wants the grace of God to work in his life, so that he understands the statutes of God the precepts of God, why, so that he can fulfill them that grace desires that grace gives us a desire to obey God? add him to do his will, verse 125, your servant, am I. And then he says,

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Make me to be wise that I might know your and here we have the word testimonies. Now a testimony represents the truth of God. So he says here, once more very important to words, he calls himself Your servant, a servant of God. And he says, I am your servant. And therefore he wants God to give him wisdom, give him understanding, that I might know your testimony. Now, what is he speaking about here? Well, he uses a word for knowing that is an experiential word, meaning this, he wants to demonstrate he wants to experience in his life through behavior, the testimony of God, meaning that he wants to agree and live in a way that testifies of his knowledge of God, that God is leading him, God is guiding him, God is is making him wise. And what he's doing his behavior is rooted in the truth of God. He wants to manifest that. And this just goes back to the simple biblical truth, that we need to be an individual that understands what God wants to do in our life. God wants to work so that we have a god pleasing testimony. Again, I say that a lot, because our witness is what's important to God. God saves us, we're going to be in His Kingdom. God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. But realize, if we want to experience the fullness of God, we need to reflect that in our behavior, so that we have a testimony we bear witness to the presence of God, the truth of God and the power of God being manifested in our life. Look now to verse 126, where he says, a time to do by the Lord. What he's saying here is this. There's a time for doing the things that belong to the Lord, those things that are of him. So there's a time to do the things that belong to the Lord. He says, But in contrast to that there are those who want to, and this is word for violating, there are those who want to violate your law. So the time is now to do the, the the will of God. This is what he's asking for here. There's a time to do the things that belong to the Lord. But there's going to be those who violate your law, verse 127, therefore, I have loved your commandments, more than gold. And then he says, more than and he uses a different word, that basic word for gold is a word Zahav. There is a finer gold, a unique gold, and this is the word pause. So what he says here, and the language is most informative, where he says, Therefore I have loved your commandments, more than gold, even find gold. Now, I wonder how many of us that believes in Messiah Chu, who have experienced salvation, how many of us really can say that, that we love more and love is a giving Word. Word, the word love is a word of investment, that which you love, you will be willing to invest in that you will be willing to get involved of your life, your resources in those things that you love. That's why Messiah said, you can't have two masters. You either love one and despise the other. This is just the reality. So this one who is a servant, this one who understands what belongs to the Lord, this one says, Therefore based upon that which is of you. He says, I have love your commandments, more than gold, even find gold. Therefore, last verse, look at verse 128. Therefore all of your commands now this is a different word for command. We've come across it many times. This is a word for War, a usually a verbal order. This usually is most frequently used in modern Hebrew, for a an officer, whether it's a someone who is high up in the police, or high up in the military, giving a subordinate instruction, a command an order. And what he says is this, therefore, all of the commandments, and it speaks here of commandments. In a general sense, all of God's ordering all of God's instructions, he says, all of the commandments, they all have a purpose. And what does that call your shirt T, all of them make my an implication is my life straight. It is the instructions of God, the orders of God, the commands of God, that give straightness to our life. See, most of us live a very inefficient life. Most of us do the things that we have great regret, if we find ourselves being deceived, we succumb to temptation, we are seduced by the things of this world. And therefore, instead of having a testimony that straight in light of God's word, what happens? We have all of these detours our lives

instead of being straight, looked like a river that meanders in various directions, this is not what we should do. And there's a solution. There's a way to have a guided life, meaning this a life that God directs a life that God brings order to his order. And it's found in the instructions of God, we can say that differently. It's found in the truth of God. That's why he says, there for all of the commands, all and we have that same word being repeated, in order to teach us it is the commandments of God. His instruction, his orders, that make our lives straight. And therefore he says, Every way of falsehood, and this is a pathway, it's it's the same word that we develop the word guests from, what is the guests will someone who's traveling, he's taking a pathway, and he arrives at your place, and therefore he becomes your quests. So he says here, every pathway that is false, I have hated. So let me ask you, what are the things that you hate, you should hate that which is false, that which is congruent to the truth of God, those things that are not rooted in the instructions that commands the orders of God, if we want God to move in our life, to direct us, to guide us to make our pathway straight? And again, what do I mean by that? To have an expedient life to have an efficient life, to have a life that that truly manifests the things of God? This is what this passage in the book of Psalms, Psalm 119, is teaching us how to have a life of effectiveness, where we are not deceived, we do not take some detour that is going to lead to pain and suffering and regret and oppression. Learn this principle. When we disobey God, we are empowering the enemy to afflict us. So when we say no to the orders of God, the truth of God, the instructions of God, the commands of God, the law of God, when we say no to this, what are we are going to be experiencing? We're going to be experiencing those things that are

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inefficient. Those things that that bring adversity and suffering and affliction into our life that causes us to waste things. We don't want to do that. We want to be an individual that has discernment. We talked about that last week. We want to be an individual that sees things from God's vantage point that we can make wise decisions, decisions that propel us in God's will, and or that we accomplish the things of God. And in doing so, we produce a testimony, a witness to others that we are under and here's the witness is that we want to manifest to under others, that we are, under his authority realize this, there is no safer place to be that under God's authority. And if you're wise, what you're going to be saying is this, well, how do I find myself under his authority, risk simple. You believe this book, you will apply this book to your life. And this book is a book of commands. When you study the Scriptures. And this is true, whether you're talking about the Old Testament, or the New Testament, when you study the words of God, more often than not, God commands. That's what God does. And why does he command us because that word for command, the basic Hebrew word for command is mitzvah. I've shared this before. It is derived from the same root about unity, about a team, a group of people that form a staff, those who are working together for a common purpose. So let me ask you, if you want God to be part of your life, if you want your life to be together with him, it's very simple. What must you do? You need to take God's instructions, take God's orders, take God's commandments, and apply them to your life. When you do so, you are making a public profession. He's the authority of my life. Now, people, they will see how God moves in your circumstances. But if you're disobedient, if you're selfish, if you're rebellious, God's not going to be part of that. And therefore, we need to make a commitment. That's where wisdom begins. When we say God, I want to demonstrate my commitment to you, I pray that you would make my life efficient in the things of God, I am going to study your word, I am going to hear your instructions, I am going to take hold of your commands, I'm going to apply them to my life, in order that my life becomes a life that is effective in God's will, that I do Your will, that I live in your will that I

demonstrate your will to others. And when we do this, we can be assured of something God is going to be most active in our lives. And isn't that what we want? Because it's only when God is active in our life, then only then can we anticipate that we can expect that we can believe that God's anointing is going to be upon us. And let me just simply say this, we are so desperate for his anointing. And I'm speaking about the anointing of the Holy Spirit, that the Holy Spirit, he wants to do a few things he wants to guide you in all truth, let me say differently, because you're sure it does as well. Not only is he the spirit of truth that leads you in all truth, that truth produces righteousness in your life. And righteousness, as I said, brings us into the presence of God, and gives us access to the blessings, the promises, the power, the provision, and the perspective of God, all of this we desperately need. If we're going to serve God, and it all comes down to this. Do we really want to serve Him? When we are committed to serving God, we are going to be very interested in the Word of God, we are going to cherish the instructions of God, the truth of God, the commandments of God, simply the law of God. When we want God to be active in our life, we are going to say yes to His Word. And we're going to experience if we are wise enough to do that. We are going to experience him, leading us and that's the foundation of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing comes and not only empowers us, provides what we need, but that anointing also also leads us into God's will, whereby we're in his will, for what purpose that we might do His will. And it's only in the midst of his will, that we're going to have access to God's revelation. When we're outside of God's will. God's going to be very, very silent. But when we are in the midst of his will, accomplishing His will, we're going to see that obedience to the will of God is a great source of Revelation, God's going to speak to us, God's going to reveal to us truth, God's going to give us insight. And that insight is going to give us the ability to live righteously. In other words, to live in a pleasing way. And it all comes down to this. Am I really interested in pleasing God? Most believers are not. Most believers, they are spiritually immature, and they are hung up on a God that can please them. And their prayer life, their their attitude, their their requests, all of this is about God doing what they want, that is foolishness. That is immaturity. That is not spirituality that is not behaving with the mind of Christ, no wisdom, maturity, and access to the things of God comes when we are committed to his will. When we are people that want to do passionately, the purposes of God. When that becomes who you are, your life is going to be radically changed and transformed. And you are going to see things most differently from the perspective of God. So my hope is this, that you would cherish God's instructions that you would value his commands, and that you would be an individual that demonstrates to others more than anything else, you are under his authority. When you do that, you are going to have a powerful testimony. And you are going to bring straightness to your life. A life that is going to move you from one location to another in a straight way. Always been in the will of God. To Him be the glory now and forevermore. I'll close with that until next time, Shalom from Israel

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