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HOST, Shalom and welcome to via 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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We have seen that the men of yevesh Gilad are under a threat, and we saw how Shaul the leader of Israel, how he wisely responded being led by the Spirit of God To follow prophetic truth in order to lead the people united against this threat of the evil one called nachash. And I made mention last week that that name nachash is the same Hebrew word for the serpent that was in the Garden of Eden. And therefore we learn much truth spiritually about how to fight the enemy from this passage. Well, with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel chapter 11, and we're now ready for verse nine again, First Samuel, chapter 11 and verse nine. Now remember that Sheol, he had led all of Israel to come after him, and not just him alone, but also wisely, and I would say to you also humbly, he included Samuel. Now even though Samuel represented a previous administration. We see that Saul is wise enough to include him in his administration. Now we're going to learn in the next chapter that it's time for Samuel's departure. He'll be around for a few more chapters, but he understands that he's getting old and his life is coming to an end, and there will be a transition. And let me just simply say to you, no matter who you are, we all get older, and there will come a time where there will be a transition, and we need to embrace that, and we also need to do so under the Lord's leadership, building up the next generation. This is what we see and learn from the life of Samuel. Look with me to verse nine, where it says and they said to the messengers, the ones who are coming, thus you shall say to every man of yavesh Gilead tomorrow, that there shall be for you salvation in The heat of the sun. And the messengers came, and they declared to the men of yavesh, and what did they do? And they were glad. Now what we see here is, under Saul's leadership, he had a plan to overcome this attack of the enemy. And again, we need to see this in not just physical terms, but because of that name, nachash the ammonite. We see that there are spiritual lessons to be learned from this passage. And we see, once

again, it is because Shaul was wise enough to listen to the leadership of the Spirit of God that he understood what should be the prophetic response. And when I say prophetic response, I'm just simply speaking about God's communication to Shaul. He needed to hear from God, because we don't fight the enemy based upon logic, what seems right to us, what makes sense in our own eyes. We need to do battle with the enemy being led by prophetic truth. And this is a principle that we see over and over in the Scripture being taught to us. So look again. We see here that Shaul has faith. He starts off so well. He relies upon God. He trusts in the Spirit of God and prophetic truth. And what does he say? Well, he says at the end of this verse, he says, tomorrow, this. Shall be for you salvation in the heat of the sun. And the messengers went and they proclaimed that message of hope, that message of salvation, to the men of Ephraim, Gilead, and what did they do? The Bible says that they were glad. And the emphasis here is on this joy, this happiness, this gladness, because we see that there was a man of God, and I'm speaking about currently, show that he was submissive to the instructions of God, being led by the Spirit. And that is indeed a formula for victory. And therefore we see that Shaul had confidence. He did not say, perhaps tomorrow there will be salvation for you all. He said it as a matter of fact, because you can believe in the promises of God. Let's move on to the last the next part of the passage. Look at verse 10, where it says, And the men of Ephraim, they said, Tomorrow, we will go out unto you. Now we have to understand who they're speaking to. We find that there is that evil one called Hachish, the Ammonite, and they are addressing him. They are giving a response. Now, whether seven days have expired or not, is not what's important. They now have an answer to give this wicked one. And what did they say? Look again at verse 10, the men of Ephraim said, Tomorrow, we will come out unto you, and you will do to us according to all that is good in your eyes. Now this is an idiom that speaks about submissiveness. What these individuals are saying to Hachish tomorrow, we're going to come out to you and whatever seems right, good, proper in your eyes, you do to us. We're not going to rebel against that. We're not going to fight you. We're going to surrender to you, but understand

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this is being said in a way to cause Hachish to let his guard down, thinking that everything's going to go well, that there's not going to be any resistance, and he can do what he wants to do, which is, as we learned in the first part of chapter 11, and that is that he wants to bring *kerpa*, that is disgrace, shame and reproach upon all the children of Israel. That is what the enemy wants to do. And again, we see this enemy, Hachish, as related to our great enemy, and I'm speaking about Satan. Look again at our texts. They said, whatever is good in your eyes, you do to us. Now, let's press on to verse 11. And it came about on the next day that Shaul set the people and we have in three heads. Now what does that mean? Well, what it means is that Shaul is putting the people in three different groups, three different companies, we might say. But the word here is head, and what we see is that there's three leaders that he is utilizing to divide the people under this common purpose, this prophetic truth, so that they can experience what Sheol has promised. And that is *Shua*, which is another Hebrew word for salvation. Now what's important is this number three. When the Bible has number three, that number can relate to victory, but it can also, and more likely, has to do with revealing something. And we put those two concepts together, what's going to happen on that day under prophetic revelation, because Shaul follow the truth of God and and put into practice the purposes of God, there is going to be victory revealed, and Shaul is confident of that. So notice what it says as we press on in this 11th verse, and they came into the midst of the camp. And when did they do this? It says the morning watch so very early in the morning. Now there are four watches during the night, and there are also four. Watches

during the day, and the first one would begin at approximately six in the morning, or sunrise. And so this is when this battle is going to take place. And what does it say? Well, they struck Ammon, meaning all the Ammonites, they struck Ammon until the heat of the day. Now that would be at noon time. So approximately six hours they were battling this war, this battle was taking place between the Israelites and the people of Ammon. And it says, Keep reading the last part of verse 11. And it came about the ones who remained. So there were some survivors, but notice what it says. And it came about the ones who remained. They were scattered, and they did not remain among them, two together. So now this expresses in great fear that they scattered so much that they would not find two of the Ammonites together. They were utterly scattered. And if you know anything about the Bible, when it talks about being scattered, it usually foreshadows a defeat, and that's exactly what we see in this passage, that it is foreshadowing a man's defeat, and we see Israel's victory. Let's press on to verse 12, the people said to Samuel, who is the one who says that Sheol will reign over us. So you might remember that there were some wicked ones. There were two types of people that were related to Shaul, those who were Hayao, which is those who were Valiant, those who were godly, those who were seeking righteousness. But we also see, if you go back to the end of chapter 10 and look at verse 27 it says, Here, UV, nay, believe ya El, now these are these wicked ones. And the term here means those who are exceedingly wicked. And what we find is that these individuals, they did not want. And if you go and read the rest of this verse, it says they said, what this one will save us. And they despised him, and they did not bring to him, that is, did not bring to Shaul any type of offering, and they acted as though they were deaf, meaning they were indifferent to what God was doing, who God wanted to use. And now we see that there's going to be a consequence. And one of the things that we are learning in this passage is this, there is always a consequence to your actions. Realize that and whatever decision that you make, it is going to have an outcome. There will be a result. There is going to be a rendering meaning this. There's a great old word in English, recompense. And we see that word frequently in the King James Version of the Bible. And it's simply a recompense is a payday. You make a decision, you do something, and there's going to be an outcome. There's going to be a response to everything. Now that being said, what should that lead us to do, to not make decisions on our own, but to bring every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah that we want to submit, that we want to demonstrate humility and that we want to be people that demonstrate a trust, a dependence and a absolute reliance upon God, when that's our heart and that's our objective, it's going to bring about a good outcome. But look again at our verse. Look at verse 12, the people said to Samuel, who is the one who has said, Saul will reign over us. And what did the people say? Bring the people out, and we will kill them. Now, what it speaks of is a group of people. And again, going back to chapter 10 and verse 27 bene, believe ya El, these very, very wicked ones. And they didn't want to accept God's choice. They did not want to accept this. This leader called Show. Why

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they being wicked. They did not see him as the type of man they wanted. Now, in actuality, unfortunately, Shaul is going to represent more this group than he does these valiant in men and such that wanted to serve and support him. So what happened to them? Well, because they said what they said, What soul is going to be our Savior? No, we're not going to respond. We're going to be deaf to him. That's literally what it says at the end of verse 27 of chapter 10. Notice the next verse, verse verse 13, and Sheol said, No, a man will not be put to death on this day. For today, the Lord has made salvation in Israel. Now, what do we see here? A very important principle, we see that there was a

group of wicked individuals, and they said, We're not going to support Shaul as leader. Now this might be a perfect opportunity that people were saying, let us put them to death. It might have been very easy for Shaul taking this personally, being a man of pride to want revenge. They didn't want to support me, and now let's put them to death. But this was not his heart. And again, what the scripture is teaching us is that God moved in a very, very mighty way in order to bring to Sheol everything that he needed to be a successful King, and what we're going to find out in the weeks to come and the months to come is that Shaul. He did not express faith. He didn't walk in dependence upon the Lord. He did not wait upon the Lord to move in a given situation, but he became more and more one who wanted to take everything into his own hands and be in control of his future. We need to understand that that is not a wise thing to do. We need to understand that God is the source of success, and we need to put ourselves under him, under his authority, that he will rule us, guide us, that He will provide and he will give us that prophetic revelation so we know his decisions, so that we can agree with the decisions of God. What do we read, Look again at verse 13. Instead of this being a day of retribution upon those who did not want to support Sheol, what do we find? He says, this is Shaul

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not will be put to death a man this day, because today, the Lord has made salvation in Israel. Now let's look at verse 14, and Samuel said to the people, go and we will go towards Gilgal, and the kingdom will be renewed there. Now this, again, is teaching us an important principle, and what is that under shows leadership, under his grace, his faith, his dependence upon God, what is he bringing about? Well, we don't have to guess. The word of God tells us that the kingdom is going to be renewed. Where at Gilgal, why is that so important? Well, this is where the people celebrated Passover before taking possession of the land. And Passover is the day of redemption. And what we see here as Sheol began, what did he bring about a great day of victory? Why he was not acting in his own mind according to his own thoughts what seemed right in his eyes, but he was trusting God, and he made himself dependent upon the revelation of God. They came through the Spirit of God in order that he could reach reach the right judgment, that is the right conclusion on how to handle this problem. And he did so in a marvelous way, a way that brought about victory, a way that related to salvation. And now Samuel saying, Let us all go to Gilgal and let us bring a renewal to the kingdom there and here again. All of this is to tell us that things are right now scheduled and ready to move forward in God's redemption. The purposes. We need to pause for a moment and realize how important that term is, because when we study the Bible, and I remember there was a pastor many years ago, and he's went on to be with the Lord again, many, many years ago, and his name was W A Criswell, and and he spoke and gave some messages, and I believe, also a book that talked about that, that scarlet thread, or crimson thread, throughout the Scripture. And what he was referring to speaking about that, that red color thread, he was speaking about red relating to blood, and blood is necessary for redemption. And when he talked about that, that scarlet thread that ran through the pages of the Bible, he talked about and revealed to us, and he was right, that the main message of the Scripture is that we serve a redemptive God, and redemption. Where does it lead to? Here's the answer. Redemption leads into the kingdom of God. That is God's redemptive process. It begins with a salvation experience, and it moves us forward into God's redemptive plan that ultimately leads with the establishment of the Kingdom. And this is what Samuel is saying. It is telling you and me, the reader, if we understand this, that God is going to use Sheol in order to establish the kingdom of Israel. Now there's the kingdom of Israel for this world, but ultimately, that kingdom of Israel is going to become the kingdom of God, and under this type of leadership, this

truth, these set of biblical principles, we can experience that kingdom victory. That is what's being spoken of in this place. Look on now to verse 15, where it says and all the people went towards Gilgal, and what did they do there? And they enthroned Shaul before the Lord at Gilgal. Now the word for enthroned had to do with making him king. So now it's official, and it's so significant, the place where Shaul was made king was Gilgal, and this tells you and me, the reader, that he was enthroned there for a reason, because God wanted to use him for his redemptive purposes. And again, redemptive purposes relate to Kingdom truth, that the children of Israel would become that kingdom people and live according to Kingdom truth. So let me just pause for a moment and ask you a question, when God looks at you and he is, does he see someone who is living according to Kingdom truth that you having been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, you are now committed to a kingdom experience, walking, living and making decisions under that kingdom character, so that you are not someone that relies upon your own insight, your own intellect, your own perspective, but you understand that kingdom truth can only be received through a prophetic Word. And when I talk about prophetic word, first and foremost, I'm talking about the Scripture. And therefore Notice again, look at our last verse, verse 15, where it says, And all the people went towards Gilgal, and they made, we could translate it this way, and they made their Shaul to be king before the Lord at Gilgal. Now, if you're listening carefully, we see that there's a repetition of Gilgal. Gilgal. Gilgal. Why? Well, that word means to roll away. Gilgal comes from a Hebrew word, to roll away or to take away. And what is it referring to? Referring to circumcision, because uncircumcision relates to shame. And what God wants to do is that God, if we follow Him, humble ourselves, submit to Him, obey Him, follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. What is God wanting to do? Remove all shame, remove the reproach. This is what we see. Remember that word, Herpa, the enemy wants to place upon us, that shame, that disgrace, that reproach. But if we walk in obedience, if we trust God, if we rely upon prophetic truth. Us, what are we going to see that shame being removed from us? This is why Gilgal is mentioned over and over. And what did the people do there after, after making Shaul King, it says here, they sacrificed there. Now that word there repeats again a few times to emphasize that place, Gilgal, they sacrificed their peace offerings before the Lord. And what was the outcome? Well, let's conclude. It says, And Shaul and all the people of Israel, what did they do? They were glad. Now this word for glad speaks about an exceedingly great joy. And notice something here how the Scripture concludes this chapter. It says, VA, yes, Mach, sham and Shaul and all the people they were glad there. And notice it says ad meod, which is unto exceedingly is what it literally says. And I want to conclude by saying this, this word, meod, especially this phrase, ad meod, is usually used in regard to a future reality. And what do I mean a future reality? I'm talking about a kingdom reality, what we're going to experience in the kingdom of God. And what is that? Well, it's that great gladness, that exceedingly large joy, that happiness, that peace that passes all understanding, it means that you are going to be fully and utterly content forever and ever and ever. That's what God wants to do. So let me ask you a question, why is it so hard for us to trust God, rely upon God, believe His word and implement his words into our life. What does he want us to experience? This exceedingly great joy, gladness, happiness? That's what God wants to provide for you. And what does the enemy want to do? He wants to move you away from God's truth, away from his word away from his instructions, His commandments. Why? So that you are going to know shame, reproach and disgrace? God has a wonderful thing for you. The enemy has a horrible thing for you. Let's be wise. Let's not be like the future Shaul. But let's be like Shaul was at the very beginning, trusting God, relying upon God, and demonstrating faith. When we do that, we're going to experience that triumph from the Lord and know that exceedingly great gladness.

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