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SPEAKERS

Baruch Korman, Intro Voice

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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 Zahra 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're going to see the influence of a man when he is being controlled by demonic factors. And a great example of that is found in the life of King Shaul. Now, I say this because of a very simple reason, a normal individual, one that is thinking properly, would not want to see his daughter's husband die. He would be thinking about the sorrow and the grief that that young woman would have because of the death of her husband. But we're going to find in regard to King Sheol, that none of this was important to him. Why? Because he was obsessed with one thing, and what was that he was obsessed with his will accomplishing what he wanted to do. And we see something very clearly. Remember when David killed Goliath? What did we learn? Well, the woman did something they were saying, and they were praising David, and they said, David has killed his 10 1000s, but saw his 1000, and immediately sheul felt insecure by that, and he understood that God was going to use David as the individual to replace him, because we learned last week that God had removed himself from King Shaul in order to now re establish His will, His purposes, his plan and place David over Israel. But we're going to see that King Sheol, none of this was important to him. And when I say none of this, what am I referring to? God's will, God's plan, what God desired. None of that was important to him. Why? Because he was in bondage to what he wanted. He felt so strongly that his perspective, what he thought, was the right way of thinking. And this is a common factor when we are under demonic influence, we become in bondage to our perspective, and we're uninterested in the vantage point of God. So with that said, take out your Bible and look with me, if you would, to First Samuel chapter 18, and we're ready now for verse 14 again, First Samuel chapter 18, and we're going to begin with verse 14. Look with me to that verse of scripture. It says here, and it came about that David, in all of his ways, he was wise, and the Lord was with him. Now are you seeing a biblical point. Here's what the scripture is trying to teach us, and that is,

when we are with the Lord, we will behave wisely. But when we are pursuing our desires, when we are doing what is right in our eyes, we won't have success. We will not behave wisely. Why? Because when I'm committed to my desires, my will, my plan, God is not going to be part of it. It's only when I humble myself, when I submit to his authority and when I'm committed to his plans and his purposes, then and only then are we going to see that we're going to behave wisely, we're going to demonstrate understanding, and all of that comes from God being with us. You cannot ever overestimate the importance of God being with us. And how do we ensure that God is with us. Well, there's a few things that we can do. First of all, we want to be in a new covenant relationship with God through the blood of Messiah. And then secondly, not only being in that new covenant, but as I said earlier, we want to approach God. Humbly. We want to approach God submissively, and we need to understand that if things are going to go well for us, we need something. We need the purposes and the plans of God that we need to understand them. How do we understand them through God's revelation, and what is the best source of God's revelation to you and me, it's found in this book. When we are fully committed to the revelation of the word of God, we are going to experience the wisdom of God. We're going to behave with a divine understanding, and we are going to be led and provided for by God in order that we can do His will. Because there is nothing better for you and me than the will of God. Let's press on look. Let's look at the next verse, verse 15, and Saul, Saul, that he meaning David was functioning with understanding and notice what it says that he was functioning. And we have a word, this word, maod, which means very or exceedingly So, David was functioning with a great deal of understanding or wisdom. And notice what it says, it says, And he was afraid from before him. Now this is what we see David, because God was with him, because he was behaving wisely, because he was committed to the purposes of God. We see that King Sheol, when he saw all of this, he became afraid. And this teaches us something. See, we ought to never fear the enemy, if, and here's a big, big if, if we are committed to God's plans, if we're walking in his ways, if we want to accomplish His will, then realize something. God is going to be with us. And we're going to have understanding. We're going to have access to the revelation of God through His word and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and we are going to behave in a way that produces those things that are pleasing to God. Here's the real issue, who are we trying to please? Are we trying to please the living God, the God of Israel, if we are God, is going to provide for us. He is going to lead us. We are going to experience His presence. We are going to know his power. We are going to see things from his perspective. So we have discernment, and we behave with understanding, like it says here, with excessive understanding, with great wisdom, all of that is possible when we are committed to the will of God, the plans of God, the purposes of God. But when you are deceived, and hear that very carefully, when you are deceived by the enemy, what are you going to think? You're going to think that your will, your perspective, your desires, are the very best for you, and what's going to happen? Well, because of that, you are going to be manipulated by the enemy. And instead of being where God wants you to be, you are going to be where demonic influence will lead you and where the enemy wants you to be. Why? Well, who's our enemy? Well, he is called Satan. That is a Hebrew word related to Satan, obviously, that speaks of his character and what is Satan? Satan is the adversary. What does he want to do? He wants to bring adversity into your life. He wants you to suffer. He wants you to know grief. He wants you to think of yourself as a failure all of these things. Why? Because he hates you. But what's the alternative? Well, the alternative is a wonderful alternative. And what is that that you can experience the love of God, and that you can be in his will, knowing His provision, experiencing His promises, and enjoying being made happy from his blessings. That's what God wants to do, because God loves you. What does the enemy love? He loves your misery. He loves

your sorrow, your grief, your frustration, all of this is what he is committed to. Let's move on to to the next verse, verse 16.

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And all of Israel and Judah loved David. Now look. Really says, Oh, hey, loves David in the presence. Why is that so important? Because whenever the present tense, or what Christian scholars will call the imperfect, whenever we see this, this tense, what do we know it is to emphasize something? So what's being emphasized here? Look at what it says, verse 16, and all of Israel and all of Judah loves David, for he would go out and he would come back before them. Now that is a Hebrew idiom, to go out and to come back. What does that mean? It means this, he would lead the armies out to battle, but he would bring them back successfully. And because of this victory over their enemies, they loved David, and this is what the scripture is trying to convey to us. David was achieving success. He was having victory in his life because God was with Him. And God gave him this great understanding, this wisdom in an excessive way, so that David could make good decisions, decisions that were glorifying God. And again, we have to ask ourselves a very important question, what are we wanting to do? Are we wanting to glorify ourself? If that's the case, be aware of something. When you make yourself the priority of your life, you will be under the authority of the enemy. You will be influenced by demons, and you will have that which is unclean, being the character of your life. You will walk in sin. You will be in bondage to the power of sin in your life. You won't have freedom. You won't have liberty, and that freedom and liberty is to serve God, but if you accept Messiah, Yeshua, that is Jesus Christ, and he becomes the Lord of your life. What will he do? He will give to you His Holy Spirit. Why? What is the primary purpose of the Holy Spirit? Well, it is to bring about God's order in your life. And let me just simply share with you, there is not a better order for you than God's order. And when you have God's order, you're pursuing that you're on the way to walking in his plans and his purposes. What else can you expect? You can expect God's guidance and God's help and God's deliverance from the attacks of the enemy. Now that does not mean that we're never going to suffer. We will suffer, and we will suffer for our faith and we will suffer for righteous behavior. But here's the good news, we will never have to suffer alone, just like we see in the book of Genesis, in regard to Joseph. And by the way, most scholars see that Joseph was a typology for the Messiah. What do we find over and over in these difficult times in Joseph's life, and Joseph, he had received revelation from God, we see that Joseph was being led by God. He was making good decisions. And what happened? Well, he was suffering for his faith. He was suffering for that testimony that was pleasing to God. But what does the Scripture say? Over and over? The scripture says in the book of Genesis, that the Lord was with Joseph, and that's what we can be assured of, that when we are walking in humility, when we are committed to his will, when we recognize God's authority over us and absolute authority, then what can we expect? God to leave us, leave lead us, God to guide us, God to provide for us, and that God will work in our life in an unbelievably blessed way, in order that we might know success. And what is success? Success is when we are doing God's will. That's what success is. What is failure? Failure is when you are accomplishing your objectives, your will, your plans and purposes. And this is why people are deceived. They think if they are accomplishing their will, they are having success. No, they are not. When they are accomplishing their will, they are knowing and experiencing failure, because our will never leads to blessings. Our will never leads us to experience God's anointing in our life. So let's move on look, if you would, to verse 17, where it says and Shaul said to David. Behold My eldest daughter, and her name was Merav, she I will give to you for a wife, but notice the response. Shaul is still speaking. He says only that you shall be to

Me or for me. Then we have this expression le ven hail, which means a son of valor. Now, what is really Sheol asking? Well, just keep reading. We're going to find that without any uncertain terms, where he says and fight the wars of the Lord. So what does Sheol want David to do? He says, I'll give you my eldest daughter, and her name, as we saw, was Merav. I'll give to you, meaning you'll be brought into my family. But I want you to do something. I want you to be a man of valor, and that means that that you are going to fight the wars of the Lord. Now, why did Shaul say this? Well, we don't have to speculate. The word of God tells us, For Shaul had said, Not that my hand should be against him, but the hand of the Philistines shall be against him. So what did Sheol want to do? Well, there's been no change in his plans and his purposes. He wants David to die. Why? Because she will wants to hold on to his position as king, and he's already heard the women saying David has killed his 10,000 but Saul his 1000s. He understands the people are turning away from him, and God has departed from him, but he is in bondage to his objectives, his purposes, his plans. He wants to remain as king. Let's press on. Look with me, if you would, to verse 18,

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and David said to Shaul, who am I? And who is the life of my family, of my father in Israel? Now, what are you saying? Is this? He says, Who am I? This is a statement of humility. And then he says, basically, who is the life? Meaning the people of my family, of my father in Israel. They come from a very simple family. How do we know this? He says that I should be the son in law, the word hatan, which is the Hebrew word for a son in law to the king, and then he's going to say more. Look at verse 19. And it came about at the time that Merav is the daughter of Shaul was to be given to David. What happened? It says she was, in fact, given to another, a man by the name of Adriel, who was the mikolite for a wife. And what happens? Well, notice, we're going to see that that Sheol has another daughter. Look, if you would now, to verse 20, where it says, And Michal, this is shaul's youngest daughter. It says that Michal loved the daughter of sheol, loved David, and it was told to Shaul. And it says, as we continue to read, that that this matter was right in his eyes, meaning he agreed with this plan, this purpose, which would now to be for Michal, his younger daughter, to marry David Shaul, was okay with that. Why? Because he could accomplish the same objective. And what is that? Well, you can be my son in law, but I expect you to go out and come back, meaning that you lead the armies of Israel successfully in the wars of the Lord, meaning when God wants us to go to war, you'll be the one that leads out the troops. And what did Shaul think? Well, it was just a matter of time that in one of these battles, that David would die, and Shaul would accomplish His plan, his purpose, that his his enemy, and not that David was an enemy to Shaul, but this is how Shaul perceived him as an enemy. Why? Because he stood in the difference between what Shaul wanted and what God wanted. Therefore, we see how this man was thinking, King Shaul. Well. Let's press on look, if you would, to verse 21 and she will said, I will give her to him, meaning to David, and she shall be for him. And we have a word, the word mokesh. What is mokesh? Well, mokesh is like a Snar, a snare or a trap, we might say. And it says here again, that shall be against him, the hand of the Philistines. Now he had said this. This is the second time, meaning it really doesn't matter who David marries, as long as he's being brought into King shaul's family, there was going to be this expectation of what, this expectation that David was going to lead the armies of Israel, and he was going to bring them out, and he was called to bring them in, meaning victoriously. But the thought was one of these battles that David would be put to death. This is what he's thinking. So Shaul said to David a second time, what was that? That you shall be my son in law today? Now, literally, what it says here is that you shall Mary into me,

meaning into my family today. This is what Shaul wanted to happen, because it obligated David to do what Shaul wanted him to do, and that was presumably that he would die in battle. Look now to verse 22 and Shaul commanded his servants, and they said to David, but they said this to him secretly, saying, Behold, the king delights in you, and all of his servants love you now you become the son in law of the king. This is what they're saying. Why? Well, these are servants of who servants of Sheol, and therefore they are committed to what Sheol wants, not what God wants. Well, look at the next verse, verse 23 and what it says here. And the servants of sheul spoke in the ears of David these things. And David says, And here again, over and over, we see something. David, remember what he says earlier. Who am I that I should should be the one to marry into the king's family, and he's going to say something else as well. At this time, keep reading in verse 23 Let's begin at the beginning. And the servants of Shaul said into the ears of David these things. And David says, I am. He uses a phrase, Han Kala, which means, I am insignificant in your eyes, that I should become the son in law of the king. Why? Well, notice what David says about himself. He says, I am a poor man. And again, he uses that same expression to mean someone who is insignificant, someone who is not of value, someone who is not of great importance. But yet, what's going to happen to him? Well, we're going to see in the weeks to come that indeed that David is going to marry King soul's daughter by the name of Michal. And we see something here, and that is that David is going to be obligated to lead the armies of Israel out to battle. And David is willing to do this. Look now to our last verse, verse 24 and the servants of sheul said to him saying these things David had spoken. Now, why is that being emphasized in this passage? Very simply. What is David saying? Well, these servants tell King Sheol, David is thinking about the fact that he comes from a poor family, that he comes from a family that is not really that significant within the tribes of Israel, and therefore David is susceptible to what you're offering him. That's what the word of God is trying to tell us because he's going to be married into the king's family. Now, most of the time a king is very, very wealthy. Likewise, it is the king's family which is usually the most important family within that kingdom, within that monarchy. And therefore David, now, who comes from this simple background, a poor background, an insignificant background. What's happening? He is being offered the opportunity to come into the king's family, to be the Son in law of the King, the husband of the king's daughter, and all of this, this is what the servants are trying to say to King Shaul. All of this is is going to be used in order for Shaul to accomplish his purposes. But we know something. And what is that? We know that the Lord was with David. We know that David was a man after God's own heart, and we see that David, he wanted to serve God. And what else about David? Well, David was an individual that recognized the Lord's authority over his life. Now, did he do that always? Know. We will see when we get into Second Samuel that there were some times of failure in David's life. We all at times failed God. We all at times succumb to temptation and enter into sin. When I say all of us, there is one notable exception, and who is that? That is our Lord and Savior, the Redeemer, and of course, speaking about Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, we know that the scripture says He was tempted at all points. Why he's fully man. But what was the difference? He never sinned, and therefore he could be that one who redeemed us from all evil, and be the one that reconciled us to God, the Father, and that reconciliation through redemption could be eternal.

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That's the good news that we have, that we can know God forever and ever and ever, and where will we know God for eternity? Well, not in this world. This world is going to come to an end. What's going to bring it to an end? God's judgment. Praise God for that. Why? Because God's judgment has a

purpose. Through the judgment of God, the order of God is established. I can say this differently. We see over and over, prophetically and also in the book of Revelation, God's judgment comes, and the outcome of God's judgment is the establishment of His kingdom. And that's what we should be seeking. That's what we should be desiring all the days of our life, that we look forward to this wonderful transition known as the end times when we leave this world and we are brought in by the grace of God and the redemption of God into His eternal kingdom. Praise him for that. Shalom.

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