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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're going to see in this study that God felt very hurt by the people because they rejected the man of God. And of course, I'm speaking about Samuel, the prophet, and what we're going to see is some very clear indicators from the Word of God, that God was angry with the people, but that did not cause him to sabotage the next leader. And of course, I'm talking about Sheol, who would become king over Israel. With that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel. And chapter 10, the book of First, Samuel. And chapter 10, now we're going to begin in verse 19, and what we're going to see here again is how God felt based upon the people's decision to reject Samuel and demand a king. Why? Well, it's very clear they wanted to assimilate. They wanted to be like all the other nations. And therefore they were rejecting God, and they were also rejecting his unique call that he had placed upon them. So look with me to that verse First Samuel, chapter 10 and verse 19. And I want us to pay close attention to the literalness of the Word of God, what words actually appear here. Because many times translators, they translate based upon logic instead of the pure meaning of a word, and this is going to be seen very quickly. Look at verse 19. God is speaking, he says, and you today, and most Bible will say you have rejected, but it's a much stronger word than this. This is a word for loathing something. It is probably the strongest word in the Hebrew language for finding something distaste, double something that you do not want, something that you are quick to say no to. And what is this being said? The people are saying to God, no, we don't want your leadership. We don't want your plan, your purposes. We're going to be like all the other nations and do what is right in our eyes. And let me just simply say that when you and I are foolish to believe that we see things better than God, and we know the future better than God, and therefore we can make decisions better than God. That is not going to ever end well. It's going to end disastrous. And this whole experience with King Shoal did not end well

for the people. So look again at our first verse, verse 19, where it says, And you today, you have loathe your God, which he and notice this next word. It's a word moshia. Now, moshia is the Hebrew word for a savior. It is derived from the same word that the name Yeshua or Jesus is derived from. So what we see here is that God is saying that he is a Savior. And if you look at the next word, where it says Lechem, meaning he is a savior for you, that is God's disposition towards people. God wants to save us from problems, hardships, difficulties, and God, when we position ourselves in his will, we will experience the benefit of him being a savior for us. But the people, they loathe God. That's what the word of God literally says. And therefore, even though he was a savior to them and for them, they're not going to reap the benefits that day. Keep reading. It says, who he meaning God is a savior for you from all and this next word is literally the word you're. Are evil things? What is evil things? Those things that are opposed to God's will? So what is God? By nature? God wants to save us from everything that is opposed to His will. That's who our God is. And when we listen to him, when we submit to Him, when we take prophetic truth and apply it to our life, when we take any biblical truth and apply it to our life, what are we doing? We are inviting God to demonstrate who he is. As it says in this verse, He is our Savior, and he wants to save us from all evil and all what look at the next word. It's a word for your tribulations now. It's a word that is uniquely related to persecution, and what it's saying is this God, he wants to deliver us from all those things that bring trouble, trials and difficulty into our life, but it's conditional. We're only going to experience that when we listen to him, when we learn from him, and we apply biblical truth to our life. That is wisdom. That is how you experience joy. That is how God moves in an intimate way to bless you. You experience His care, His love, His faithfulness. There's so many wonderful benefits when we respond in obedience to the Word of God, this is what he's calling the people to do. But what have they done? We'll keep reading in verse 19, where it says, But, but you have said to him that a king set over us and therefore keep reading and now stand yourselves before the Lord according to your tribes and according to your 1000s. And this word can also mean, it's the Hebrew word aloof or Elif, and it's derived from the same root, and it simply means someone who is a champion. Now what is being said here is this God is saying, I want the tribes to come before me, and he is going to select from the champions of each tribe, the one who is going to do what the people want. And that is, and we saw it in that verse where it says Malik to see him, Aleinu, a king set over us. This is what they want, and this is what's going to happen on this day. Look now to verse 20, we see that Samuel is playing a leadership role in what's going on on that day. Look, if you would, to verse 20, and Samuel caused to come near all the tribes of Israel. And we see something as we keep reading, we are told the tribe of Benjamin was taken. Look now to verse 21 and from the tribe of Benjamin was taken, according to its family and what family was taken? As we keep reading, it says the family of Marty or Matri was taken. And we find that from within that family, it was Shaul, the son of Kish. And notice something. It says they sought him, but he was not found. Now, why was that? Well, we're going to see, and this is not interpretation. The Word of God is going to tell us that show was doing something, even though everyone, every member of a tribe, every member of a family that belonged to a tribe, they were called and commanded to be there. But guess what? Shaul was nowhere to be found. Why? Well, he felt inadequate. Now we need to understand something. One of the reasons why people don't want to get involved, they don't want to volunteer, they don't want to take a role or any responsibility, is because of pride. You say, really, yes, this is what I mean. It is because of pride. They are fearful of failing. And therefore we're going to see in so many different ways as we continue this study of First Samuel, we're going to see in the life of Sheol that he makes a lot of poor decisions, and these poor decisions are rooted in pride. He's thinking of himself. He doesn't want to embarrass

himself. He doesn't want to fail. He doesn't want to be thought of as someone who was not successful, and all of that is rooted in his own self image, that he doesn't want anyone to think less of him, and that is indeed rooted to pride. So what? Where was he? Notice what the scripture says they sought him, but he was not found. Look at now verse 22

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and they asked again in the Lord. And we see here that it says, come once more a man to this place. So again, what we find is another effort is being made to locate this one who was the people's choice, and we'll see why in a moment, to be the king over Israel. So they want to bring this one to this place. Keep reading. Look at the second part of verse 22 where it says, And the Lord said, Behold, he is hiding among the vessels. Now, many Bibles will say equipment. That's fine, but it's it's basically word for different instruments, different vessels, different things that a nation, a people, a tribe, would need. What was he doing? He was hiding himself there. Why he didn't want to be selected, and why didn't you want to be selected again? Pride. He was fearful of failing. He didn't want to put himself before everyone and be made king, because he felt insecure, and insecurity is oftentimes rooted in pride. So he was hiding among the vessels. Look now to verse 23 and they ran, and they took him from there, and the people were stood in the midst. So we find that the people stood him in the midst, and we see something very significant. And this tells us why the people wanted show to be the king. Notice it says here, vaik Ba, Miko Ha, am MI, Shik mo they Mala, which means and he was higher than all the people, meaning taller than all the people from his shoulder above, meaning this. There was no one else that reached up into the shoulders, their head up into the shoulders of Shoal. He was a very tall man. Now being so tall could be seen as an advantage that if you're tall, you might be a better warrior, stronger, more intimidating and such. But where's this going? Well, we're going to see very quickly in this account, not today, but in the weeks to come. We're going to see that show. He was the tallest one from the tribes of Israel, and therefore he looked, according to human eyes, he looked as a king should look. He was so tall. And what's going to happen? Well, as we go forward a few chapters, we're going to see that there's someone that's going to be taller than Sheol, and who is that? Well, of course, I'm speaking about Goliath, or Goliath in English, and we see that he's going to be taller than Shaul and left to this battle one on one, who's going to win? Well, Shaul is fearful, and again, fear is also rooted in pride. I'm afraid of defeat. I'm afraid of failure. What's the focus me, me and me, but when the focus is on God, and we're going to see one who did indeed put his life and focus his life upon the Lord, and who I'm speaking about, obviously, the son of Jesse, and I'm speaking about David, who would become king, as the true King's choice, meaning the choice of God and why? Because the Bible is going to teach us that David was a man after God's own heart. What does that mean? Well, heart. What does one do with his heart? Well, the Scripture says this, as a man thinketh in his heart. Therefore, David was thinking constantly of the Lord as a man thinks in his heart. This is what David was doing. He was purposing things according to the thoughts, the mind, the heart of God. And that is good counsel and good advice for us we need. To do that same thing. So we see that that Saul was taller shoulders and a head taller than anyone else. Look now to verse 24 and Samuel said to all the people, do you see whom the Lord has chosen him? Now? Why is that statement there? It's to remind us. It's to emphasize this is why God has chosen Sheol, because he's so tall, why this is what the people wanted. This meant the description of the people. It was why the people wanted a king, and they thought that was a good thing to desire. But we're going to find out very soon that it was a tragic heir among the people to want to be like the other nations, to resemble them, instead of being unique

and being that special people, that peculiar people, that God has called Israel to do. Look, if you would, to verse 24 again, in the middle of that verse, you see whom the Lord has chosen him, for there is no one like him among all the people. Now, this is what the people thought. Samuel is simply repeating what he has heard from the people. How unique, how special. Because this man is so tall he towers above all the other members of the tribes of Israel. And what happens? Look at the end of verse 24 it says, And all the people shouted, and they spoke, what did they say? Yechi hamalek, which means, May the king live now, this is what they were doing. They were revealing. This is our choice. Why? Based upon his wisdom, based upon his faith, based upon his relationship with God, no, none of those things were important to the people. What was important he looked as a king should look. He was tall, and therefore he met their expectation for what a warrior, a soldier should be. But we're going to see very quickly in the next few weeks how Shaul failed miserably in the battle. Let's move on to our next verse, verse 25 and Samuel spoke to the people. And what did he speak? Well, I want to say this first in Hebrew, then in English at mishpat ha melucha, which means the judgment of the kingdom. And what Samuel was saying is, this is how a kingdom is going to function based upon your choice. So he says he's going to teach the people, speak to them about the judgment of the kingdom. And he wrote in a book, and he set the book before the Lord and Samuel sent all the people. And notice what it says ish lay veto, which means every man went to his house. So this this day was coming to an end. Everyone went home. And notice what the Scripture says, Look now to verse 26

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also Shaul went to his house, and where was his house? Gibeah, and it says here and with him. And then we have a word, the word Ha, hail. And this is a word for Valiant, valiant men. This is speaking about good people. And here again, one of the things we learned last week is that God did not set up King Sheol for failure. God was not responding to the feelings that he felt in regard to the people rejecting him, or, as we saw earlier with that word for loathing. God didn't do that. God is always, always faithful. God's desire is to bless the people. And even though the people chose foolishly, they chose against God. God did not sabotage Shaul. What did he want to do? Well, notice he moved in certain ones, which ones, ones who were indeed Valiant, and it says whom God had touched them in their heart. Now God did that. He brought to Sheol, wonderful people to be around him, to support him, to help him, to lead him in the sense of counseling him on on the right way. So a very, very significant word, this word Hiel, which speaks about an army, an abundance, and so people who are abundant in in the character. Verse and in the principles of the Lord. And it says all of these God had touched them in their heart. Now let's look at our last verse, verse 27 now what we see is this, there's going to be a dichotomy. And why is that there for choice? Whenever we see two things being presented, there's always a choice. For example, God says I set before you this day, life and death, blessing and curse, there's a choice. Choose life and choose the blessing. Don't make the decisions. Don't live in a way that is going to bring you into death and place upon yourself, the curse. This is not what wisdom demands and what wisdom seeks. So we see a choice in verse 26 we see this valiant men that are being mentioned in verse 26 God fearing men, people who God has touched them in their heart. But look at verse 27 we have a interesting expression, uvne ya El. Now this is a term that we've seen before in the Bible, and it refers to the most miserable of individuals, those who are faithless, and those who are committed, and this is what's important, who are committed to evilness, what's evil their way? They are in bondage to themselves. They're also men that are driven by pride, driven by their own desires, driven by their own desires for their life, rather than by the word of God. So notice what it says

the sons of bully, yeah, El, they said what this one will save us now. What they're saying is this, this one will never be an instrument that brings salvation to us. Now, when they talk about salvation, they're talking about victory. They knew that they had enemies all around them, and the choice enemy was the Philistines, who were constantly plaguing the children of Israel. And again, we're going to see that later on in a soon study that we're going to learn about in a few weeks. But notice what it says verse 27 and the sons of Billy Yael, they said, what this one he will save us. And notice what it says they despised him. Now, that word for despising has to do with putting no significance. Now, even though this was God's choice. Now, God's choice was influenced by the expectations of the people what they wanted. But nevertheless, we see here that that God had agreed, God had blessed, God had brought him into a prophetic experience, all these things, and God had surrounded around him, these valiant men. But what happens we're going to see that show. Did not walk in obedience to his counselors. What? What he was told to do? Those ones who were spiritual advisors. He rejected all of them, and he relied upon and here's the key, he relied upon himself, and learned something. Whenever you rely upon yourself, there's going to be a process that you go through. First of all, self reliance leads to deception. You will be deceived and when you are deceived, you are going to fall. What does that mean? You're going to experience defeat. And those things that God wants you to have, that He has prepared for you to have you are not going to be the recipient of. And what are you doing? You're inviting shame, despair, hardship, trouble, difficulty in your life. Why? Because you chose your way rather than God's way, and it never ends in a joyful way. So look again. Verse 27 and the sons of Billy Yael, they said, what this one will save us? And they despised him, and notice they did not bring to him, Mincha, meaning any, any gift, any offering. And it says here, and it came about that he meaning show he was as and what it literally says he was as a deaf man, meaning, what means that he didn't respond. He didn't respond to. Who they're they're despising him, ignoring him and rejecting Him. Now here's the problem, he's supposed to be king, and when a king is not honored, there should be consequences. We know who the King of Kings is, and it is the Lord, and when someone rejects him, when someone does not respond to him in honoring him and glorifying Him, there are indeed eternal consequences, and God will remember what we talked about earlier. Samuel taught the people and spoke to them about the judgment of the kingdom, meaning judgment is vital. It is the foundation. When someone does not follow the leadership of the king, does not submit to His instructions, there ought to be consequences, and this is what Samuel was saying. But nevertheless, we find that Sheol was not the type of man that would ever enforce things upon the people. Why he was weak, and what caused him to be weak? Very simply, he was weak because he wanted to please men. And remember what what Paul says in Galatians, chapter one and verse 10, Paul says this, and I think it's a beautiful verse that we need to learn, especially as we move closer to the End Times. This is what Galatians 1:10 says, if I was still trying to please men, don't be a men man pleaser. He says, If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of God. That word servant can mean slave. What is that telling us we have to be fully committed to the Lord all in in regard to the things of God, and it's only when we are utterly committed to the things of God, then we can expect God's moving in our life. God giving us wisdom, discernment, conviction, so that we can see truth for what purpose that we might walk in the truth. But let me conclude by saying this, when you approach God, you need to make a commitment, and what commitment you say to God, God, whatever you reveal to me as truth, whatever it is, I am going to receive it. I am going to implement it into my life, and I'm going to demonstrate it, because I want a testimony of my life to be founded upon your truth. When we do that, you are going to be

amazed on how active God becomes in your life. Choose wisely. Don't assimilate, but be uniquely that peculiar people of the Lord God, the God of Israel.

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