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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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David has arrived at the battle location, and we're going to see that he's going to have conflict with his family because they don't understand the man that David truly is a man of God, one who thinks according to the truth of God. With that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel, chapter 17. And we're now ready for verse 28 First Samuel, chapter 17 and verse 28 now, as I mentioned, David has arrived at the battle location where this war is going to take place. We learned last week that David has communicated with many individuals concerning what will be given to the man who fights this Philistine. And David has a most different perspective than everyone else. So look with me to our first verse, verse 28 now the focus here is on David's oldest brother, this one called eliaf. It says here and eliaf, his oldest brother, heard his words to the men, and he became very angry, that is, Eliab became very angry with David. And he says, for why is this that you have come down and concerning Whom have you left a few sheep of the flock in the wilderness? I know and notice what it says. Now, most Bibles do not translate this accurately. It is word zaddon. What is that? This speaks about a willfully evil intent, meaning this someone who knows the right thing to do but purposely chooses to do the opposite. This is not David at all. And we see here in the same way that Messiah was misunderstood and Messiah was slandered, so too is David. He is being spoken against by his own family. And we remember in the book of Genesis, there was also Joseph, the one who is called righteous Joseph, but what happened? His brothers did not want him to live. They sold him into slavery, and their first thought was to put him to death, and they lied about what actually happened to him, covering up their own sin. But in this case, notice what it says that eliaf mentions. He says, I know, literally, I have known the willful intent of evil. That's what he's accusing his brother of, and the evilness of your heart for on account to see the war you have come down Well, that's false. Why is David there?

He's doing that because his father requested from him that he goes and checks on his brother to bring back a report on how these three older brothers are doing. That's why he's there. What is being said concerning him is totally false. Look now to our next verse, verse 29 and David says, What have I done now? Surely, and we have a word now, this word, DEVAR in Hebrew, can also relate to a matter, something that's taking place. And David is saying that something of significance is happening. There is a matter, there is a word that is going forth. And what is that word? Well, it's a word that Goliath is making mention that he has been taunting and not only that, but also wanting to bring shame and disgrace upon the people of God and. And he's been taunting them for 40 days. And it's not by chance that at this time, David have arrived at this location. Look now to verse 30, and he turned from himself to before another. So he turned to another individual, and he said this thing, he asked the same question, what will be done for the one who delivers and puts to death this Philistines and the people responded to him a word as the first words. Now, what does this mean? David heard again. Now, why is this being recited over and over? When something is repeated in the Bible, it's for the purpose of emphasis. And this is important, because David is not understanding why they are willing to pay so much, so many benefits for killing this Philistines, he thinks differently. Why? Because he knows the faithfulness of God. So what happens? Look now to verse 31 and they heard the words which David spoke, and they were declared before sheul and sheul took him. Now, no one else wants to go out and fight the Philistine for 40 days in the morning, early and in the evening, this giant by the name of Goliath, he has come forth to taunt and to disrespect the children of Israel. No one is doing anything about it. David hears and his first response is to immediately go and fight the Philistines. Why? Because he knows the faithfulness of God. God has been with him in the past, and David is most confident that God will be with him in the future. So we see that Shaul took David look now to verse 32 and David said to Shaul, do not let fall a man's heart concerning him, your servant. Now notice how David speaks of himself before Shaul, your servant, will go and will fight with the Philistines. This Philistine. And then he says, Look at Verse 33 and Shaul said to David, you are not able to go against the Philistine. This Philistine to fight with him. Why? He says, Because you are a young man, and he is a man of war from his youth. Now the word that's used here for young man is the word na are, and it usually speaks of a youth that's somewhere between the age of 14 and 17, around that age, so David doesn't have much experience. He's not a warrior from his youth on up. Fact, David hasn't seen at this time any battle to speak of in a war situation, but David has been trusted with the sheep. And notice what is going to be said at this time. Verse 34 and David said to Shaul, your servant was a shepherd to his father's flock. And when a lion came, or a bear came and lifted up a lamb from the herd, what did David do? He didn't run away in fear. It says here, and I went forth after him, and I struck and delivered from his mouth, meaning I delivered that lamb from his mouth, and he would rise up against me. What would David do? I would seize his his beard, and I would strike him and I would put him to death. Verse 36 So David, he hasn't fought in war, but he has fought a lion and a bear in order to save this lamb from the mouth of such a beast. And David was successful. And notice what he says here in verse 36

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also the lion, also the bear, your servant has slain. And this Philistine will be literally this. These uncircumcised Philistines will be as one of them. Now, remember what we talked about last week? When David speaks of this Philistine over and over, he calls him this uncircumcised Philistine we talked about last week that there is a connection between faith and circumcision. The reason why Avraham was circumcised is because he believed in God. And what does this faith bring about? Faith brings

about the death of the flesh. That's what circumcision teaches. It is by faith that our flesh, that carnal nature, where sin dwells, is rendered powerless. It has no victory in the flesh, one brings about death. So circumcision speaks to the death of the flesh. Why? So that we can have life. And what does that life rest in one thing, the will of God, serving God, doing his commandments and bringing honor and glory before him. This is what David is interested in doing. So he says, Look again at verse 36 also the lion also the bear I have struck. That is your servant has struck, and this uncircumcised Philistines will be as one of them. Why? Well, David is very sensitive to what's going on here, because he has brought disgrace upon the armies of the living God. Now what it's saying here is this, Israel just doesn't go out and fight for the sake of war. They go out. Why? Because God has called them out. Because there is a divine purpose in what Israel is called to do. So Israel doesn't fight for the same reasons as others fight. Why is that for profit, for spoil, in order to gain the possessions of another or the land of another? This is not why Israel goes to war. Israel goes to war under the leadership of God. And what does God do? God brings them out, and God brings them back, and he brings them back victoriously. And David has experienced this victory, and this is what he's alluding to in this passage. Look at Verse 37 and David said, The Lord whom has delivered me from the hand of a lion and from the hand of a bear. He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. Now notice when David speaks, there's no doubt in his mind. Why? Because David has experienced the faithfulness of God. In the book of Ecclesiastes, there's a great verse where it says, The Battle doesn't go to the most powerful army, nor does the race go to the one whose lightest on his feet. But what do we know the battle belongs to the Lord. Victory is with him. This is what David is confessing, and not just confessing. It's also what David believes. Why does he believe it? Because he experienced it in his life. So David is someone who knows God's faithfulness, and the faithfulness of God brings about victory. It positions us where God wants us to be, to accomplish His will and bring glory and honor to him. David is confident of this. There is no doubt, no hesitation in David's voice. And this is very different than most of the people notice what happens at the end of verse 37 and Saul said to David, go and the Lord will be with you. Now, I think this is an extraordinary statement. Who made it? Shaul? Shaul. Shaul has been convinced by David's confidence, David's assurance of what's going to happen. So Shaul has agreed for David to go and fight this Philistines. Move on to the next verse, verse 38 and Shaul clothed David with his uniform, that's literally what it says, and gave to him a bronze helmet upon his head and clothed him with his armor. So we see three words, it's very important that we get it right. The first word has to do with a. Uniform. The second one has to do with this bronze helmet upon his head. And then it's the third word shieron That speaks about David being clothed with the armor of Saul verse 39 it says, And David girded his sword unto his uniform. But we see something, but it was not, and we might say, not fitting unto him to walk, because he had not tried it. He had never experienced this, wearing such garments, armor and such and David said to Shaul, I am not able to go in these because I have not tested. And what did David do? Look at the end of verse 39 and it says, And David removed them from himself. He didn't need these physical protections. Why? Because God was with him. And if God is with us, it doesn't matter who is against us. Verse 40, and he took a stick in his hand, and he chose for himself five smooths. And this is emphasized, five smooth rocks from the brook. And this word means kind of an empty Brook. In the wintertime, there's water, but most of the year there's not. So it's the Hebrew word nachal. So he took five smooth stones from the brook, and he set it in a vessel of the shepherds, which was to him and in and we talk about another word. It's the Hebrew word Yakut, which in modern Hebrew, it's a briefcase. And what? What is it? It's simply a bag that individuals would carry back then. And it says that his slingshot was in his hand, and what did David do? Now, fully prepared, not as a

warrior would fight, but as David has seen and experienced God in the past. Now, David was prepared to go and meet that Philistine, so it says. And he approached the Philistine verse, 41 and the Philistine went, and he goes and draws near to David, and it says, And the man that carries the shield before him. So this tells us, it tells us that also this guy who would go before Goliath with his shield, he was also not concerned about David at all. He was trusting in the fact that Goliath was behind him and that Goliath was going to be victorious. No one thought that David was going to be victorious in this battle. And what happens? Well, look again at the text, verse 42

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and the Philistine looked. And this word for looking means to look very intently, to look very carefully. And what happened? Well, we see here that the Philistine looked intently, and he saw David, and what was his thought when he saw David? The Scripture says, And he despised him because he was a young man. There's that same word na are meaning a young teenager, 14, 1516, years of age. And not only that, not only was he young, but it also says Adoni, which means he was, was a Gingy, a red in complexion, or ruddy in complexion, and what else with a good appearance. So nothing about David was, was being presented as he was a man of war. Now, what was the objective of the Philistine by the name of Goliath? Well, he was a prideful man. He was taunting. That's another way of saying he was bragging and putting Israel down. Why? Because no one was trusting in God. No one understood spiritually what was going to bring victory to the people of God. No one except David. Why? Because David had experienced the faithfulness of the Lord. Now let me just share with you something until you make a commitment to serve God, to take your desires, your will, your plans, what you think your life is for, and you set all of that aside, and you turn towards God in obedience. Once you do that, what can you expect? You can. Expect to experience the faithfulness of God. And God is forever faithful, and God will bring you the provision. What do I mean by that? Everything that you need to serve Him, everything that you need to carry out His will, God will provide. He will also give you insight. He will give you that perspective, that discernment, so you know what to do, how to do it in order that you can accomplish the purposes of God. This is what David strongly believes. Look now at the end of this verse, where it says and and Goliath despised him because he was a young boy or teenager, and his complexion was ruddy and he was attractive in appearance. Verse 43 and the Philistines said to David, am I a dog that you come against me with sticks? And what did the Philistine do? It says in the Philistine curse David with his gods. Now notice, it is Goliath that brings religion into this. But here's the problem. He brings a false religion. He brings idolatry. This is who the Philistines were. They didn't trust in the one true God, the living God, as David spoke of, but they were trusting in idols. And we know something, when you trust in idols, you're not going to be successful, you're not going to know victory, because the victory is with the Lord God, and it's not just any God, but the God of Israel. You need to understand that Israel is a most important word, and it's so disturbing to me when people talk and use the term Palestine, why? Well, Palestine, that word, if you do a good study of it, it is related to the people we're talking about right now, the Philistines. So you need to understand that there is a clarity in the Scripture. If you want victory, this word Yisrael speaks of of contending with a situation and doing so in a victorious way. And here's the key, remember what Sheol said, And the Lord be with you. It is because God is with us. Why is he with us? Because of this covenantal relationship, because of his promises, what we read in His Word, we can be assured that God is not going to forsake us. He is not going to be careless with us, but he is going to bring to his people who trust in Him who walk by faith and not by sight, they can expect victory. And this is why David is thinking very, very differently. Look at

Verse 43 once more, and the Philistine said to David, am I a dog that you come against me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David with his gods. Verse 44 and the Philistine said to David, come against me, and I will give your flesh to the fowl of heavens, the birds of heaven, and to the beasts of the field. Now, what is this? It was a threat, but you're going to see that David trusted in God. That is the wisest thing that you and I can do. And how do we demonstrate a trust in God by believing in His Word and expecting God how he functioned in the past, what he did for the children of Israel, how he was providing victory for David, that he will provide that same victory, a supernatural victory, a miraculous victory, even today. Why? Because God does not change. What does the Bible say in speaking about the Son of God, Messiah, Yeshua, that is Jesus Christ. The Bible says in Hebrews that he is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He does not change. Why not? Because He's forever perfect, and therefore he does not need to change, and that's why we need to believe in Him with all of our heart, and we need to take every thought, every imagination that we have, we need to bring it under his authority, listening to him and respond according to his commands. Me. Mean that we humble ourselves, we submit, we obey, and we do what God has told us to do. Why that wonderful verse? If God is for us, it doesn't matter who is against us, the victory belongs to the Lord, and He loves to share that victory with his people. So we see in this scripture, let's conclude that Philistine said to David, come against me, and I will give your flesh to the fowl of the heavens and the beasts of the field. But you know what? That's not going to happen on that day, because David was a man who thought differently. David was an individual who trusted in the promises of God, and that's what hope is all about. When we have a biblical hope, when we believe what God has said, it is going to change our perspective. We are going to see things as God sees them, and what does what will we see? We will see victory. We will see how God moves in our circumstances to provide for us victory. This is who the God of Israel is. He has never been defeated. He's never lost. He is forever Lord over all creation because he made everything he can as well do everything we never need to doubt, we never need to panic, we don't need to fear. We simply trust in the Word of God and we implement his word into our life. Why? Well, let me conclude with this. There's a very important word. It's the Hebrew word mitzvah, which means a command. And we look at the Scripture, we find that throughout the Scripture, both Old and New Testament, we find that God's word is full of commandments, but this word Mitzvah is derived from a similar Hebrew word for a command, but we see that it can also be spoken of with the term savit, which is a team or a staff or a group of workers, and here is the key, that work together. And why is that important? Because mitzvah, a commandment, is how we experience God, how we serve Him, and we find his intimacy. We are together with him through his instructions, and that's why it's so important that we humble ourselves listen to His word, not loathe his word, but implement his word into our life so that we can be found faithful, doing his purposes, achieving his will, and bringing glory and honor to him. This is our call in Yeshua s name.

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