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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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We're going to see once again, that King shul is not going to be successful. Why? Because he's not committed to the purposes of God. And realize that this is a biblical law. If you are not committed to the purposes of God, I can say that differently. If you're not committed to the will of God, you are not going to find success. You are not going to be pleasing to God. And everything that you want to do with your life, it is going to fail. And even if you should accomplish your desires, it will not bring about the joy, the happiness, the contentment that you are seeking. It is only when we are humble and submissive to the purposes of God, then and only then are we able to recognize what is right, what is good, what is pleasing to God, and only when we recognize his authority over us are we going to be given what we need in order to accomplish the will of God. With that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel and chapter 18 again, First Samuel, chapter 18. Now we're going to begin in verse 25 and remember what we learned last week. It was sheul's desire that David would become his son in law. Now he didn't do it because he liked David. He was doing this in order to challenge David. And what do I mean by this? Well, you'll recall that one of the things that Sheol said to David is that you need to be a man of valor. Now what does that mean? Well, the implication we saw this last week, that it would be David who would become the leader of the armies of Israel, that David would lead them out, and that David would be the one that would bring them back. And David did this successfully. And it was for For this reason, that the children of Israel and the children of Judah, both, this entire nation loved David. They were committed to Him because David brought to them victory. And what we're going to see is this, that Shaul, he was playing a numbers game. And what do I mean by that? Very simple. What king Sheol was thinking was this, if David just goes out enough times, certainly based upon the odds, there's going to be a time when David isn't successful. I mean, you can't be victorious all the time. Well, when

God is on your side, as the Bible has said last week, even King Shaul could see that the Lord was with David. And when God is with you, it doesn't matter who is against you, you are going to know victory, because God will provide for you. You will experience His presence in your life. You will have access to His power, and you will see things with discernment, meaning you will have the perspective of God. So all of these things were going on in David's favor, and David one battle after another, he was victorious because the Lord was with him. And the Lord gave David understanding, gave him wisdom, whereby David could perform in a matter of victory, doing the things that would bring about a godly outcome. Well, let's begin look with me to our first verse, verse 25 we read in this verse, and she'll said, Thus you shall say to. To David. Now, according to the context, the ones who King Sheol was speaking to were his servants, those who were loyal to Him, those who were committed to the same objectives that sheul was committed to. So it says in verse 25 Sheol said, Thus you shall say to David, the king does not delight in a dowry. Now notice what was being said here. Usually, when a man married a woman, that man had to pay a sum of money to the woman's father, so the father of the bride. So David is being informed of something, because King Sheol is saying to His servants, thus you shall say to David, the king does not delight in a dowry, meaning, I don't want you to give me some money. Why? Because 100 foreskins of the Philistines. This is what sheul wanted from David, not a sum of money, but rather, he wanted to see David go out. And of course, we know something. What do we know that the Philistines were not going to submit willfully to circumcision? But rather, we see something else. If David was going to get these 100 foreskins, he was going to have to kill 100 Philistines. And notice what the scripture says here, even though sheul had intended this to bring about David's demise, David's death, this was not going to be a problem for him at all. Notice what it says as we continue in verse 25 it tells us the objective of sheul from one standpoint, where he says, this is to avenge against the enemies of the king. And we read continuing on, and sheul thought, to bring down David. Now that word to bring down means to make him fall. And this is an expression in a military sense of one who would fall in battle. This is what Shaul was thinking about. He would say, I don't want a financial payment, but nevertheless, I want 100 foreskins of the Philistines, knowing very well, the only way that a Philistine would give up this part of his body was through death. This is what he wanted David to do, to kill 100 of the Philistines. So sheul thought this to bring down that is to cause David to fall at the hands of the Philistines. Look at verse 26 and his servants, that again, are the servants of King Shaul, declared to David these things, and notice his response. This was not a problem for David. Why? Because he was a mighty warrior and he knew something. What is it that David knew? David knew the faithfulness of God. He knew that God was at work in his life. David knew that he was submitting to God's authority over him, that David was committed to the purposes of God. And what did God want? Well, we already know, because he had already been anointed as king by Samuel, the prophet. So David knew that he was God's choice to lead the people of Israel, and because David, God was with him. David because he recognized God's absolute authority over him, we see that David acted wisely. He behaved with exceedingly great understanding. And because of that, David had confidence. And why do I say that? Well, just keep reading what it says in the middle of verse 26 where it says, vayi Shar had Divar be ne David, which means and the matter, or this issue, was right in the eyes of David, and what was that for him to become the son in law of the king. And notice David did not wait long to carry this out. It says, and not days, meaning not many days were fulfilled. What is that trying to tell us that David felt very comfortable and. In order to act upon this request of King Shaul, in order to become the son in law of the king, what was he called to do? He was called to kill 100 Philistines. And notice what the Word of God is going to tell us. Look at verse 27

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David rose up and he went, he and his men, and what did they do? It says here, and David struck 200 Philistines. So David just didn't do the minimal. David just didn't kill 100 that was the dowry that was requested by King Shaul, 100 foreskins. But what did David do? Well, to show that David was a man of success, but here's the key, what caused David to be successful? Well, the answer is clear. We saw that last week, and that is that the Lord was with David. Now my question to you is this, we always want to place ourselves within the scripture, and what I mean by that is to see how we would fare in the midst of this. Would we be an individual that recognized God's absolute authority? Would God be with us? Would we be given this supernatural understanding, this wisdom in order to carry out, at once the purposes of God? Would this describe us, or would we be someone who was very different than David, and would be fearful and afraid to go to battle. But notice what the scripture says. Look again at verse 27 and David arose and he went, he and his men. And it says, David struck 200 Philistines, and what did he do? Keep reading, and David brought their foreskins, and it says, And they were fulfilled, meaning they were first counted, and the number was fulfilled before the king. And now we have notice how verse 27 concludes, and David became the Son in law of the king. And Shaul gave to him Michal his daughter for a wife. So now we see something. David is a married man. He fulfilled this request of the King 100 foreskins. But he didn't do it to the minimal, but he did it to the maximum. David brought 200 foreskins before King Shaul, meaning he killed twice the men that he had to and why was that? Because David was not a man who did the minimal. But this was all to show and this word for doubling has to do with abundance, and that's how God works in a person's life. Remember the scripture from the book of Luke in chapter six, how does God measure out the minimal? No, it says that it's pressed down, shaken together, and it's overflowing. This is an image of abundance, and that's how God wants to work in your life and my life. He wants to work abundantly. That shouldn't surprise us, because the scripture says that he came that we might have life. And what the scripture literally says is ever increasing meaning. It's not a stagnant life, but it's becoming more and more abundant. This is who our God is for, who for all of humanity. No, that would be incorrect when we speak about how God behaves. We have to understand that it is a limited group, a subgroup. And what do I mean by that, those who are in a new covenant relationship with God, those who recognize, and this is so critical to recognize God's authority over your life that as a redeemed individual by the blood of Messiah, we have been bought with a price. Therefore, what are we called to do to glorify God? How do we glorify God with righteous behavior? What is this righteous behavior? It's always doing God's will, always being committed to the purposes of God. So I want to ask you that simple question, Are you truly committed to his purposes? Because when we base our. Decisions on what is right in our eyes, we usually tend to agree with ourselves. What becomes the focus of our life, our purposes, our plans, our objectives, and when they are indeed the focus and the priority of our life. What will we be every time we will be deceived. So when I'm committed to what I want, I can expect to be deceived by the enemy, and I won't know success. What is Success? Success is doing God's will. It is always about me surrendering to the will of God. It's always about me taking my desires and being very similar to Messiah in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he says, Lord, not my will, but Your will be done. That is the words of a servant of God, not what we want, not our words, but rather, we are committed to the Word of God, and we need to see over and over in the scripture that there is that inherent relationship between the Word of God and the will of God, meaning This. It is only and learn this principle, it is only when you are committed to this book as the revelation of God to man, and that you believe it, you don't doubt it, you don't think it's

full of errors. You don't limit it to certain periods of time. But this is and what we call it in Hebrew is a *sefer Kadosh*. It is a holy book. And remember what I said about the word holy. The word holy is always connected to the purposes of God. What is holy, his purposes? What are unholy, my desires, my purposes, my plans, my will. When I'm committed to the purposes of God, I'm inviting joy and happiness and blessings and the promises of God that I might take hold of them, that I might be a recipient of them. But when I am stubborn and when I'm committed to what I want, what am I being set up for? Well, I'm being set up to be deceived by the enemy, and I won't have discernment. I won't have that understanding, I won't have wisdom. What will I have? I will have deception that will cause me to make poor decisions to believe what is right when it's really wrong and that which is wrong, this is going to speak to my heart. I'm going to desire these things that are displeasing to God, these things that are not part of his will. So when I'm committed to what I want, I am seeing set up for failure, and who am I going to be serving? I'm not going to be serving the living God, but I'm going to be serving myself. And we can take that in another way, understand it in another way, I'm to be serving the enemy. Well, let's press on notice. What it says in verse 28 it says,

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And Shaul saw and knew that the Lord is with David. Now it's in the present tense, he is with David. Now, how did Saul see this? And why did he know this? Because David was immediately having success. Now we can't always think that, that if we love God, if we recognize his authority, if we make the priority of God our priorities, that every time we're going to be successful, no, there is an enemy out there, and he is powerful, and he can have success at a time, but realize something, that enemy has been defeated. It's so important that we see that and understand that he has been defeated by the blood of Messiah. And it's only when we are walking under the authority of our redemption, and when I'm speaking about redemption, that Redemption was achieved through a price. What was that price the blood of the Son of God. Now, what does the Scripture say in Hebrews chapter nine and verse 12, one of my favorite verses, it tells us not with the blood of goats or calves or sheep, but rather with his own blood. Who are we talking about? Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, with his own blood, He has redeemed us, and that redemption, through his blood, has purchased for us eternal. Redemption. Now remember what I frequently say, that word eternal is a kingdom word so he has purchased for us a kingdom redemption. What does that mean? It means that we can have absolute authority, that when we die, and that's not something that I grieve about death. No death for the one who is in that new covenant, for the one who loves God, and that one who is called to the purposes of God, death is a release, a release from this body, this body that is susceptible to disease and injury, this body that can be led astray and tempted, this body that oftentimes is in bondage to the flesh, rather than walking in the freedom of the Spirit. So we need to realize that death is not the end of the world. In fact, death, for the believer, is a wonderful transition. So notice what it says. Look again at verse 28 and Shaul saw and knew that the Lord is with David. And what happens? Keep reading and Michal, the daughter of Saul that she loved him. Verse 29 and sheul. And then we have a word here. Most Bibles don't translate it correctly. It is word *Laos Soph*, which means to be gathered, and what was gathered to Shaul, well, we have a word, and that word is fear. Now notice this Shaul is totally committed to his plans and his purposes. He is not recognizing God's authority. He is not committed to God's priorities. And what is Sheol? Well, what was gathered to him was, according to this scripture, what was gathered to Him was fear because of David. And then we have a word more. That word more means greater amount of fear. We learned last week that Shaul feared David. We saw that in the scripture, and we're

going to see and that was found in Chapter 18 and verse 15, where it says Shaul saw that he, that is David, was very wise, and because of David's wisdom and understanding, it says, And he was afraid from before him, well, he's even more afraid now, that's what the scripture is telling us. Let's press on to to the end of this verse, where it says, Look, if you would, to verse 29 once more. And it was gathered to Shaul fear because of David even more so. And it came about that Shaul became an enemy of David, and notice what it says. Ko hayame, all the days now that expression all the days is an expression that has a purpose. What is saying is this, that from that moment on, we see continuously, is how I think one Bible translates it, but it's literally all the days, but the implication is continuously sheul was an enemy to David. Now notice it doesn't say that David was an enemy to him, but rather that sheul Why? Because David represented faithfulness to God. And this is what we need to see when we're living in this world. There are two groups of people, those who are committed to God, that love God and want to serve God and are committed to the will of God, and those who are not and realize something those who are not committed to God's will. What can we expect? We can expect the world and those who belong to it to rise up against those who are faithful to God, and this conflict is growing. It's going to get worse and worse and worse as we enter into the last days. And that's why we see those who love the Lord, they are going to be persecuted, and who is going to persecute them? Very simple. Just read properly, the book of Revelation. Word tells us that those who dwell in the heaven, meaning who have a kingdom citizenship, they are going to be persecuted and hated by who those who belong to this world. See, there's really only two groups of people, those who belong to this world, who will grieve when God. Brings judgment to this world, but we know something very different. And what is that? Well, we know this, that when God's meant when God's judgment comes, we're not going to be sad when all the wealth of this world is destroyed in a moment. That's what the book of Revelation tells us. We're not going to be sad over that. Why? Because we're going to know something money. And we see this in Luke chapter 16, money, which is uniquely connected to this world. There is no money in the kingdom of God, and that's why money is called unrighteous. What's righteous the will of God, what's pleasing to God, His righteous purposes. And we are called to be individuals that turn away from the deceit and the lust and the ways of this world, to embrace the will of God. And the only way that we can do this, and the only way that we will have that discernment, that understanding, that wisdom to make God pleasing decisions, is when we are not in commitment to the things of this world, but we realize something. We realize that this world is heading for destruction. Messiah is coming back, and he is going to destroy the enemies of Israel. He is going to bring destruction to this world. And what is he going to do, establish a new kingdom. What kingdom are we talking about, the millennial kingdom. He will destroy the enemies of Israel, but Jerusalem will survive. The enemies are going up to make war at Jerusalem, but they won't be successful. Only God is successful. He is going to triumph. His will is going to be the will that is established. So Jerusalem will become that city of a great king, and those who love that King, and I'm speaking about Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, those who love Him, they are going to go up each Shabbat and every new moon. So says Isaiah, 66 in order that we worship Him in the holy city. Doesn't matter where we're located on Shabbat and that new moon, we will be in Jerusalem to worship the Lord of Lords and the King of kings, the one who has redeemed us out of this world, out of deception, out of evilness, in order that we might live and serve a righteous, holy God being committed to his plans, his purposes, and walking in His will and recognizing his authority. That's what a true child of God is committed to. I'll close with that.

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