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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 are going to see that God is going to move in the life of David, the son of Jesse and Samuel, is being called today in this passage of Scripture that he would go to Bethlehem and he would anoint one of the sons of Jesse and Samuel as a man of faithfulness, he is going to carry out the will of God. And why is he going to do that? The answer is very simply, because Samuel believes in the Word of God. He understands that if we wanted to be well for us that we need to obey the instructions of God and that truth everyone needs to understand. Everyone needs to implement that fact into their life. If you want to know God's favor, you want to receive His provision, and you want to be found faithful in carrying out the will of God. That's what every disciple should desire. So with that said, take out your Bible and look with me, if you would, to First Samuel and chapter 16. First Samuel and chapter 16. Now when we look here, we find something we remember that last week in our study that Samuel was grieving because of Sheol, they were a close relationship. They had a close relationship, but now because of Saul's disobedience, we see that there was that separation. We learned last week that Samuel would never again see Shaul until the day of his death. So let's begin as I said, look with me to First Samuel, chapter 16, and verse one word says, And the Lord said to Samuel, Until when are you mourning for Shaul? Now it shows this close relationship that these two men had, and we see furthermore that Samuel was grieving over the fact of Saul's failure. Let's keep reading. God is speaking, and he says, and I have loathed him from ruling. And that word ruling means from being king over Israel. Now again, this is a word that we encountered last week in regard to Sheol. The scripture says over and over that it was Shaul who loathed the Word of God, who was not interested in carrying out the purposes of God. And we see something very important. We see that there is a correlation between the Word of God and the will of God. If you want to obey his will, you need to be committed to

his word. That's what the scripture is admonishing you and I to do to be people who love the Word of God, if we don't, if the Word of God is a inconvenience for us, if we loathe it, then we're going to see that God is not going to function mightily in our life, just like we see in the failure of King Saul. What does God tell David? He says, Look at the next part. He says, Fill your horn. What is this horn? Well, it is going to be used as the instrument. Notice what he says, Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Yeshi. That is Jesse, who is in Bethlehem. Or we could say that he is one of the people of Bethlehem, for I have seen among his sons. And notice how it concludes, Lee Malik, which means, for me, a king. So we're told something one of you shy son, that is Jesse son is going to be for God King, and we're going to see that a new diner. Is thee is going to be established, that is through the household of ye shy Jesse, the one who was from Bethlehem. And this is important, because we see that Bethlehem, what it literally means, Bethlehem in Hebrew, what it means is this Bethlehem. Bethlehem is the house of bread, and here we find that bread is being spoken of as a provision. God is a God of truth. Everything that he says has significance, and what the Word of God is telling us is this, that David is going to be the foundation of this dynasty that ultimately the son of David. And we're not talking about King Solomon, we're talking about Yeshua, that is our Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, that he is going to come from this location, as we know Messiah. So too, was born in Bethlehem, and we see that this is the provision that God's going to provide for the purpose of salvation, or, as we talked about last week with this word netzak, which is eternity, and it's related to victory. What is the Scripture telling us? The scripture tells us that God is going to provide for us out of His mercy, out of His grace, out of his goodness that is inherently tied to his will. He is going to provide for us eternal victory. That is who our God is. Everything that he says, he says in order to bless us, to keep us out of evil, away from the enemy, in order that we might live that victorious life and come out of this world and find ourselves being established in the kingdom of God. And that's why Bethlehem plays such an important role this place of God's provision. Move on to verse two, where it says And Samuel said, How will I go? Shaul will hear and he will kill me. Now notice Samuel is concerned, because he knows something. He knows that soul is not a faithful man. He's not interested in serving God. He's not interested in demonstrating the character of God, and he's angry now because he knows something. He knows that Samuel is no longer his ally. He knows that Samuel is going to be faithful to God, and that he was the mouthpiece of God to teach him that he was going to be removed from being king over Israel. And this is devastating for Shaul. And what do we see here? Well, Samuel has a degree of concern. He feels that Shaul is going to move against him if he goes to Bethlehem to anoint a new king and that that show will have him killed. Move on to the second part of the verse, where it says, And the Lord said, and we have an expression here it is, a calf of cattle. Now we're talking about one young animal, a calf, and he says, take in your hand and you shall say, for a sacrifice unto the Lord, I have come. So what God is telling Samuel to do is this. He says, I want you to go to Bethlehem. I want you to take a young calf, and I want you to tell the people that you are there for a specific reason. What is that? To make a sacrifice to the Lord? What are we talking about? A time of worship that he's going there to lead the people to worship God. Move on to the next verse. Look now to verse three, where it says, And you shall invite Yeshua or Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make known to you whom you shall do, that is what you shall do, and whom you shall anoint. For me, the one

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whom I will say unto you, so God has it all figured out. He has given to Samuel a reason for going to Bethlehem, and primarily that reason is to anoint the new King. Obviously, Shaul is not going to be

happy about that, but it's God's will that matters. And in the end, we're going to see that indeed Samuel the prophet, He is faithful. What does that mean? He exemplifies. Is the character of God. Why? Because he does the will of God, and those two things are closely connected. What do I mean by that? I mean this when we want to demonstrate the character of God, and that's what we're called to do. That's how we live a righteous and a God honoring life. So we want to manifest the character of God. How do we do that? Very simply by submitting to His commandments. Biblically speaking, there is a great connection between the commandments of God and the character of God. When I implement his commandments in my life, I'm going to be manifesting his character. And that's what we're called to do. That's what we were saved to do, and that's what we were created to do, both the first time in an actual way, when we look in the book of Genesis chapter one, when it says that man was created in the image of God, what does that mean? We're called to reflect that word, image is a reflection, and specifically a reflection, of the character of God. We don't look like God, but we're called to behave like God would behave, in other words, to do His will. Well, move on. Look at the next verse, where it says, Here verse four, and Samuel did what the Lord had spoken, and he came to Bethlehem and notice what it says the elders of the city, what did they do? They trembled to meet him. Now they understood, if Samuel, this man of God, is there, there must be an important reason and he said, peace of your coming. Now what they want to know is, have you come for a peaceful purpose? Is that's why you are here. And notice what he says. Look at the next verse, verse five. And he said, this would be Samuel peace for a sacrifice unto the Lord I have come. And then he tells the people of that city, sanctify yourselves, and you shall come with me to the sacrifice, and the the one of Jesse will be sanctified of his sons, one of the sons of Jesse will be sanctified. And he called to him to the sacrifice, meaning the household of Jesse was also invited to this sacrifice. Look now to verse six, and it came about when they came, he saw eliaf, and he said, Surely before the Lord, is his anointed. Now here we have the same word for Mashiach or Messiah, but we're talking about the one who's anointed to be king. And what do we see here? Well, we learned that Samuel when he saw this one, the firstborn eliaf, he thought for sure, this is the one who is going to be anointed that is to be the next king. That was what he was thinking. But look very carefully. Verse seven. But the Lord said to Samuel, do not look at his appearance and neither the height of his stature, because I have and notice what the Scripture says, same word that we've encountered, both earlier last week in our study and also this week for I have loathed him for it says here, I do not look, meaning God does not look as man looks for man looks with his eyes, but the Lord looks to the heart. So it makes a distinction. Here we see that man, he looks with his eyes, from his standpoint, his perspective, but God's different. God looks to the heart. Now, what do we see? Well, when we look at someone, we see the exterior. God doesn't see that. The Bible says very expressively, here, God looks to the heart. Why? Well, what's heart rather reminiscent of one's thinking, how one thinks their thoughts. So God wants to look at the thoughts of an individual to see what is he thinking and is if he is committed to the will of God, that's what. Scripture is saying, move on to verse eight. And he called, that is Jesse called to avi Nadav and caused him to pass before Samuel. And he said, also with this, the Lord has not chosen, meaning this one, this second son of you shy, this is not the Lord's choice. Now look at verse nine, and Jesse caused to pass Shama. This is his third son. And he said, this would be God. Also with this, the Lord has not chosen. Now something's going on here. We have the three best candidates from a human perspective, and God has said, no, no, no. Why? Because God's looking to the heart of a man, and he does not see a heart that is committed in these three men to the Lord, but that is soon to change. Read On now to verse 10 and and you shy, that is Jesse caused to pass his seven sons before Samuel. And Samuel said to you, shy, the Lord has not chosen

among these verse 11. And Samuel said to you, shy. And we have a word here for the end is this is the end of the young men and and he said, one more remains. What? One more? The smaller one. And behold, he is a shepherd of the flock. And Samuel said to you, shy, send and take him, because and then we have something that's very accurate, if we want to translate it properly. Most Bible says we won't sit until this one comes. But if we look at this, what he says is, we are not going to turn about we're not going to go a different location until he comes here. And what happens? Look at verse 12, and it says, And he sent, and they brought him, and he and notice what it says.

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Ad Moni, what does that mean? Well, a dome is the color of red. And what it says here is that David. And in modern Hebrew, we might say that he was a Genji, which means he had red hair. And not only that, we see something more also. And we have the word yefa Ye Fay means that he was a handsome young man. He was of a reddish hair, perhaps also fair skin. But it also says that he was handsome to the eyes, and it says, here he was of good appearance. Now, here again, this is not the one that man would choose. Man wouldn't choose a good looking young person to be king, they would want to choose, as they had done earlier. That is with Saul, someone who was tall, large and was an experienced warrior. David was none of those things. What was he? Well, the Scripture tells us he was a shepherd. Now being a shepherd taught David a great deal. A shepherd loves his sheep, and he's willing to lay down his life. He's willing to defend them, and we see here, this is wonderful preparation for being a king, because a king should love those in his kingdom and He should be willing to defend and David was just that he was a man after God's own heart. And we see here that he was thinking as God thinks, and this is why David is going to be chosen to be king. Let's move to our next verse, where it says, And the Lord says, Rise, meaning God is speaking to Samuel. He says, Rise up and anoint him. Because this is he. What do we have here? A proclamation. This is the one who is going to be, for me, a king, and it did not. He was not any, any of the choices of of Samuel or Isai, or any of the people. Why? Because God does things his way, and I'm gonna give you some good advice. If you want to know success, if you want to experience God's favor, if you want to be a recipient of his blessings, you want to be someone whom God provides to then do something. Stop thinking as a man thinks. I want to share with you a scripture when, when Messiah was at a place called Caesarea Philippi. We see something. He asked His disciples, Who do men say that I am? And there was a variety of responses. Then we find that Messiah said something more precise. He said to the disciples, but who do you say that I am, and what we find here is this. It was Peter who responded, saying, You are the Messiah, the Son of God. And what did Messiah say? Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but this is a spiritual truth. So Peter gave a wonderful answer, but be careful, because shortly after that, Messiah did something, he began to teach his disciples what Messiah was going to do. Now, the expectation of the people is that Messiah would be this mighty warrior that would defeat the enemies of Israel and bring about a reestablishment of the kingdom, the kingdom of Israel from Jerusalem. That was their expectation. But Messiah was going to do something else. And what was that? He was going to go to the cross on Passover, lay down his life in order to make redemption for the forgiveness of sins, so that we could be eternally forgiven. And I want to emphasize that, that we would be eternally forgiven, and that we would have the assurance that God would welcome us into His kingdom, that where he is, we will be forever. That's the good news of the gospel. And when Messiah began to teach what he was about to do, that he was going to go up for Passover. Whenever we talk about Passover, what should come into our mind? Death? Why death visit every house on Passover? Now there's two options.

Passovers, death comes through that lamb that was sacrificed, or if you don't sacrifice the lamb, then would come by means of the slaying of the firstborn of your house and the firstborn of your animals, but death comes. Passover is always related to death, but not just any death, the death for the purpose of redemption. And what do we see? Well, we see that after Messiah said that, he said, I'm going up to Jerusalem, where I'm going to be betrayed, and I'm going to be ultimately crucified. And do you remember what Peter said? Peter didn't want to accept that. Why he was thinking of this ruling King, what the expectations of the people, not a suffering servant, not a sacrificial lamb? And therefore Peter took Messiah, and the Scripture says, began to rebuke Him, but I want you to learn something. What did Messiah say to Peter? He outlined for us what Peter's problem was, and what was that Peter was thinking as a man thinks, see, this is wisdom. Stop thinking as a man or a woman, start thinking according to the way that God thinks. And how do we know how God thinks very simply. There's only one way read His word. It is only through the word of God that we're going to have an understanding of the mind of God, or as Paul speaks of the mind of Christ, let's go to our last verse. Look, if you would, to verse 13. What are we going to see? Obedience, Samuel's obedience. It says here in verse 13, and Samuel took the horn and the oil and he anointed Him. That is, he anointed David in the midst of his brothers. And what happened? Well, through this anointing, notice what it says. And the Spirit of the Lord landed upon David from that day. And we have another important term and forward meaning from that day onward. What does that mean? Well, he was anointed not just to be the king, but the Spirit of God was working in his life. And we know that's the same truth in regard to our Lord and Savior, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, he is as well, anointed with the Spirit of God. And what does that teach us? Something very important, and that's this. When we look at the Spirit of God in the Bible, especially in the first chapter of Genesis, what we learn is this. We learn that the Spirit of God has a purpose to bring God's order into our life, and let me just share with you, if you want to be joyful, if you want to be content, if you want to have that peace that passes understanding, if you want to be utilized by God, then you need to be led by the Spirit of God. And the way that you're led by the Spirit is submitting to the instructions of God, the Word of God. So look at this scripture, verse 13. Samuel took the horn and the oil. He anointed him in the midst of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Lord rested or landed upon David from that day forth and onward. And it says, And Samuel rose and he went to Rama. What does that mean? He had completed his task. And that's what we should do. We should understand who we are, as the redeemed of the Lord. We become His servants. And what do we want to do? We want to serve Him. We want to be committed to his purposes, his plans, his program, or simply stated, his will. And it's only when we are committed to the will of God are we going to have that anointing. We're going to be led by the Spirit, and the Spirit of God and His anointing is going to bring us into God's order. That's what we want. That is that good thing. That is how we find all of that favor, all of those blessings, how we take hold of the promises of God. It's not based on us doing what seems right in our eyes when we do what's right in our eyes. I can promise you this, you are going to be deceived by the enemy. Let me say it differently. You are going to be manipulated by the enemy. It is only when you humble yourself and understand you are a new creation through Messiah, and you have been created to do what, to serve Him, to bring yourself under his authority, to do His will, and to live in a way that manifests both his righteousness, the righteousness of the kingdom, and also to live in a way that makes forth the Glory of God before others that brings that glory forth. That's what we're called to do as the people of God. When we are committed to that, we can expect God's provision his power. We will see things from his perspective, and God will use us in a mighty way.

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