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Shalom and welcome to via hafte yesrael, 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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God is faithful. We talked about this in our last lesson, and when we experience the faithfulness of God, let me say that differently. When we receive an answered prayer, or God delivers us, helps us, moves in our life, we should be quick to respond to him with thanksgiving. We should be quick to pray to him a prayer of exaltation unto Him, for He is worthy. And that's exactly what we see Hannah did in Chapter Two of First Samuel. So with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to this location. What we're going to do in this lesson is to look at this prayer of Hannah and notice what she says. And not only what she says, But just as important is how she said these words, and what we are learning from this prayer. So let's begin first, Samuel, chapter two, beginning with verse one, it says, And Hannah prayed, and she said, My heart rejoiced in the Lord. My horn is exalted in Adonai, meaning the Lord. Now that term horn speaks of victory. It is an idiom for salvation. We see many times in the Scripture, a horn is used for a perceived victory or self exaltation. Here it is exalting oneself in the Lord, meaning, thank you god, For what you have done for me, how you have met my need, how you have answered that prayer, how you have delivered me over my enemy. So she is exalting God for what God has done in her life. It's simply a prayer of thanksgiving and appreciation, and one of the things that most of us lack is gratitude. As the people of God, we should be singled out by the world for being people who are grateful. We should be characterized known by others, especially non believers, that we have Thanksgiving unto our God. And they should see joy upon our faces. They should feel see a heart that is satisfied. They should see a people, as Paul said, I have learned the secret of being content in all circumstances. This is what should define us. And clearly, Hannah in this prayer is exemplifying this. And where we're going to go in this prayer is to speak about how God, the God of Israel, is unique.

There is none other like him. Look, if you would, to the second part of verse one, he has said, or she has said, my horn is exalted in the Lord. And then we have an idiom. Literally, it's Racha P Rahab means to make wide one's mouth. And this is probably an idiom for smiling, so we might translate it, my mouth has smiled concerning my enemies, for I have rejoice or I was glad in your salvation. What an important statement, because she recognizes that that salvation comes from the Lord. It's not my salvation. I simply share that it is the Lord's salvation, and what should be the outcome of experiencing salvation? Well, she has said it in this verse. It is that expression to be made glad. Salvation should make us glad. Salvation gives us contentment, because we know whatever hardships, whatever trials we face. Peace in this world. And make no mistake about it, this is a difficult world. There is much injustice, much suffering. People are grieving, people are sad, people are suffering, and we never want to make light of these things. We want to be people that comfort such people. We want to be people that help others, but in order to do that, we first need to be satisfied by the joy of our salvation. And this is what Hannah is expressing here when she talks about being made glad in your referring to the Lord's salvation. Now look at verse two. This is where she begins to speak about the uniqueness of our God. It says there is no holy one as the Lord. Now, holiness speaks about the purpose of God, and God is understood. God can be to be defined to a certain degree by his actions. His actions are righteous. Therefore we know God is righteous. God is generous. Therefore, because God does generous things, we know that he is a generous God. So God is defined by his character, his actions, his behavior. We know what righteousness is because God does righteousness. We know what good is because God does good. He is what defines himself based upon his actions. So we learn about his attributes, His qualities, his traits, all from what God does. And this is what this prayer is expressing. It says there is no holy one as the Lord, for there is none except you, and there is no rock as our God. Now, many people have pointed out that term rock is used several places in the Scripture and words related to rock meaning there are different Hebrew words that are translated a rock, a stone, something along those lines, the word sewer, as in the case here, or the word Evan and what we see is frequently the word rock or stone, however it may be translated in your Bible is a idiom for Messiah. We talk about the rock of our salvation. The Bible speaks about that stone that was hurled at this image that was set up, and we find that that that stone that was hurled is Messiah. He's the one that's going to destroy the things of this world, the powers of this world. And again, we have reasons to be thankful because of what Messiah is going to do. And it's speaking here about his uniqueness, for there is no rock as our God. Look at verse three. Now, verse three is a word of warning, and why say that? Look at verse three. It begins with a negative, do not and first we see, do not multiply. Then we see the word, do not speak. That word for a negative do not is repeated. Here it's understood that it needs to be repeated. So do not multiply, do not speak. And then it says, gavoha. Gavoha. What is that word? Gavoha, in Hebrew, high up or exalted things, most will will see that it relates to pride. So what he says here is, don't multiply your words and don't speak words which are high up. And the implication is high up, concerning yourself when you are expressing your pride. Don't do that. That is not what a child of God should do, because only God is worthy of praise. And then it says, Do not let go out arrogance. And this word can also be insolence. Do not let go out from your mouth, and it's in the plural, your mouse,

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for God. Is a God of knowledge, or the lord of knowledge to him. And then it speaks about most Bibles will say way, but it's regulates events. And this is speaking about the fact that God is in charge, it is a reference to His sovereignty. So God regulates events. He's ordering them. Now, does that mean that

everything that happens, God is the cause of no but anything that does happen, God allows it, and it. Serve His purpose in some way, but realize something we may not understand that purpose immediately. It may be years later. It may be after we have died and are in the kingdom of God. Do we understand why God allowed something to happen and that he used it for good. Maybe it was for our good, or maybe it was for the good of someone else. But realize the sovereignty of God reflects not only his absolute power, but his absolute goodness, his absolute righteousness, his absolute holiness, whatever God allows it is for a good reason. He is going to be glorified from it. And then notice what it says at the next verse, verse four, the bows of mighty ones. And it can be translated heroes as well, those who are heroic in battle, the bows of the mighty ones, they are broken, and the ones who have failed or are feeble, they are girded with strength. Now, what's he talking about here? A change with God. Things change when you are left to yourself. You may not have the ability to cause change. You may lack. You may not have the talents or the resources to bring change. God never lacks. With God is all things, so God is able to make change. So if you want change in your life, the architect of change is God, and we're seeing change here. Look again at this verse. It says those warriors that are mighty and they have bows, what does it say here, their bows will be broken. And then it says, Those who have failed, those who are feeble. Perhaps another way to translate this, they are going to be girded with strength. Look at Verse five, the one satisfied with bread. They will be hired, meaning this, those who have been hired, they're going to be or those who have been satisfied, they are going to be hired with just bread. This is a change. Usually, those who are full, they have eaten enough, they're not going to be motivated just to have bread. But it speaks about a change coming. So let me translate this properly, where it says, Look at Verse five. The satisfied ones with bread will be hired, and the hungry ones they will cease, meaning they will cease to be hungry. Why? What is this speaking about? It's speaking about victory. Now we're talking about one woman's prayers, but we also need to remember and the book of Revelation speaks to this, the prayers of the saints, and the prayers of the saints go up like incense unto the Lord, and you may feel right now. You know God's not listening to my prayers. I am so miserable. I'm experiencing that which is highly unfortunate in my life. I'm suffering, and God's just not interested in what's going on in my life, not true. God is interested, and God will bring a change, if not tomorrow, the next day, if not the next day, next week, next month, next year, it'll come. And if it doesn't come in this life, that's okay, because God has all of eternity to set things right. It won't take in that long. But when we enter into the kingdom, there will be no complaining. That is a biblical truth. There's not going to be any complaining in the kingdom of God. You look at this world, the world that we're living in, and people are suffering and people complain, people have bad attitudes, they're iterable and such. Why? Because they live in this world. But when we live in a perfect kingdom, and those who have faith in Messiah, Yeshua, that is Jesus Christ, who have accepted his gospel, they will enter into the kingdom of God by his work, what he has done in our behalf. And there won't be any complaining there. So he says, Look again, in verse five, the ones who have been satisfied with bread, they will be will be bought, they will be sold. It says, here or hired. The Hungry ones, they're going to cease, meaning cease being hungry. And. To the barren one, and what is she going to do? She is going to give birth to seven and then it says the one who has multiple sons will be miserable. What is the Scripture saying? The Scripture saying that change is coming, and that change comes about. Remember something that I said last week that that she was going to stay where she stayed and not go up to the house of God until Shmuel, that is Samuel, was weaned. Until that time, she was going to nurse him and wait until he was weaned. And she was going to do that until how long the scripture says Olam. Now, I realize that most Bibles don't translate it that way, but it means forever, but it's a Kingdom

word. What she was saying is this, this truth. What she's experiencing is a kingdom change. God is going to fulfill things according to his kingdom promises, and we, all every believer, will stand and receive exactly what God has promised. There is deliverance, there is salvation, there is victory, there is hope in the kingdom of God, as long as in this world, we are going to be hungry and thirsty, we are going to be mourning, we are going to be in difficulty, but that one day will come to an end. Look now to verse six speaks here about the Lord causing death and making a life he brings down to Sheol, the place of the dead. He brings down individuals to Sheol. But notice something else, and he raises up. Now that is a clear reference to resurrection. So too. What it says he makes dead and he makes alive. Well, notice he makes dead first. So if he makes alive, it's a resurrection. And this also gives us a kingdom context for this prayer. What we need to understand is this, every time that there is a reference to resurrection in the Bible, as we have just encountered, we should be thinking about the Kingdom of God, because the resurrection is a transitional event that takes us out of this world and out of this body and into the kingdom of God. Of course, there's a resurrection. When a believer dies, their soul rises up. And also there's going to be a resurrection at the time of the rapture. That is, those bodies are going to be changed in a twinkling of an eye, and we're going to get a new body, a kingdom body, one that's perfectly designed for eternity in the kingdom of God. So when we look at this passage, it has a Kingdom Connection. Look now to verse seven, the Lord he can make poor or impoverish, and also the same Lord can make wealthy. He brings down, even he rises up. Now again, all of this is to teach us God is in control. What can God do? Everything he he can make one dead. He can make one alive. He can bring those who are dead down to show and he can bring them up. He can make one who is wealthy poor, and he can make one who is poor wealthy. In essence, nothing is too difficult for God. With God is all things. This is what we need to believe in our life needs to reflect this look now to verse verse eight.

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He rises up from the deaths the poor one and from the garbage. And the implication is, Ash boat, garbage dumps. He rises up the evion. This is the destitute one. We have two words here, Dao and Evon, to speak of those who are very, very poor, in meager and desperate financial circumstances. But what can God do? Look again, he can raise up from the dust and the speeches, the message is the dust of the ground, those who are poor and from the garbage dumps. He can raise up the destitute one to sit them with the princes and upon the throne of glory, and they will inherit. So they're going to inherit the throne of glory, meaning this the throne of glory. Where is it located? It's located in the kingdom of God. So all of this is promising us that we, who may be poor and may be in unfortunate circumstances. Jesus may be suffering, there's a change coming, not today, tomorrow, if not tomorrow, next week, if not next week, next month, next year, next decade, but it's coming for you if you have accepted the gospel, meaning whatever you are sad and grieving and suffering right now, it is going to come to an end. But hear this carefully. If you reject the Good News of the Gospel, you say, No, I will not accept Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I don't believe that He died on the cross, even if he did. I don't believe that he was raised from the dead. I just reject that. Well, let me tell you, if you are suffering misfortune now, and my heart goes out to you, but if that's your situation, realize something when, when you die and leave this world, it's only going to get worse, much, much worse. But for those who are believers, with death, there is deliverance. With death, there is freedom. With death comes joy and satisfaction. For how long, forever and ever and ever. So don't make a wrong decision. Humble yourself. Believe in this book and the revelation of Scripture, and you will not be forever discouraged,

but you will find this, this coming change of leaving, this world of darkness, this world of death, this world of injustice, and you will go into a kingdom of perfection. So our hope is, and it's a true one, that God is going to cause such poor ones to sit with the princes and they will inherit the throne of glory. Verse eight, at the end, for the Lord The Pillars of the Earth, he sets the world upon meaning God, if he can create the world and organize it and maintain it, certainly God is able to organize maintain his kingdom and cause his kingdom to be what he promises it will be verse nine and The feet of the gracious ones, and this is those who have received the grace of God. He will keep so God will keep the feet of the gracious ones, but the wicked ones in darkness, they will be made to be silent, for not with power is a man made mighty, and I like that, not with power. Is one made powerful? What is one made powerful by faith and God's provision and what God does with us and through us? This is the anointing that that really gives us power. Look now to to the next verse, our last verse, verse 10, the Lord will make low, and that's what this word is. It's to bring low. It's a word of humiliation. It's a word of defeat. It's a word of confusion. There's many, many different ways to translate this word, who is he going to make low? He's going to make low his opponent, meaning those who oppose us are enemies. And it says, and against them, in heaven, will he? He roar? Now this is a word for thunder, actually. So against them, against our opponents, our enemies. God is going to Thunder against them, and the Lord will judge. Notice what it says here. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth, but he will give power to his king. Now, what King are we talking about? Now, I, in my sharing of this passage, I emphasize a kingdom, reality for it, and whenever we have the word King, if there's a king, there must be a king. Done. And notice how it ends. Look at the end, he will raise up the horn. Remember what I said earlier about the horn? The horn relates to victory, salvation. It is related to exaltation. And the scripture says He will raise up the horn of who his Messiah. And one of the ways that we should understand Messiah is King Messiah. In Hebrew, we frequently unite the word Messiah with the word King. We say Melech Ha mash, King Messiah. It's not so much just Messiah or. For the church Christ, but it's King Christ. It's King Messiah. We need to remember that, and that's why I can say with all assurance, when we look at this passage, we see that that Hannah was praying, and she was praying with a kingdom, Kingdom perspective. She knew what she received in this world at that time at Shiloh, when she received that word of confirmation that God was going to give her a son, she knew that what she experienced, this joy, this happiness, this contentment, this fact that God was faithful to her, she knew that that was a foretaste of what she and every other believer would receive for all of eternity. And where will we receive it? In the kingdom of God. If you are wise and you understand this book, you are going to be Kingdom minded, you are going to be committed to the kingdom, and you are going to be wise enough to live according to Kingdom truth. Now not wait until that kingdom comes and you're brought in to to be committed and to demonstrate that kingdom character. You're going to understand. This is what you're called to do now. This is how you have a testimony, a witness. This is how you live in a way where God is pleased with you, because you demonstrate Kingdom truth by the words that you say, by the decisions you make, and by the actions that you take. Let's demonstrate to others that we have that kingdom hope and let us be people that are grateful, people that demonstrate for God Thanksgiving, not just in prayers, but also in worship. Remember what the Scripture says, Do not forsake the assembly of ourselves together. Now we come together, yes to worship, yes to study God's word, but also to testify, to share what God is doing. And it's such an encouragement when we meet as a very small gathering here in Israel, on on Moses, Shabbat. That means, after Shabbat is concluded, we gather. I'm always encouraged by the testimony what people are sharing. It's a small group, but God is active. And let me conclude by saying this, God wants to be active in your life. God is sovereign. He is

all powerful. He can move mountains, he can do anything, but he's waiting for you to demonstrate your commitment, your submissiveness and your obedience to Him when you do get ready, God is going to move and he's going to move mightily.

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