

1_samuel_chapter_23_part_2_v1 (1080p)

Mon, Mar 30, 2026 7:16PM • 28:37

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

David's faithfulness, persecution, wilderness, trust in God, Saul's pursuit, Jonathan's loyalty, covenant, Ziphim's betrayal, Philistines invasion, providence, New Covenant, Messiah, God's will, spiritual success, fellowship with God.

SPEAKERS

Intro Voice, Baruch Korman

Intro Voice 00:00

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

Baruch Korman 00:41

Because of David's faithfulness to God's plan for his life. What is David experiencing? He is experiencing persecution, and hear this carefully, persecution from the government. And this is something that we need to be prepared for, as well as believers, because whenever we walk in obedience, whenever we are committed to faithfulness, according to the truth of Scripture, we will suffer. Remember what Messiah said. He says, They hated me, and they'll hate you. They persecuted me, and they'll persecute you. So we need to have a right perspective, as David demonstrated. And again, this is even going to be more applicable for believers as we approach the last days. Well, with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel, chapter 23 and we're going to begin in verse 14. Again, First Samuel, chapter 23 and we're going to begin in verse 14. Now David, once more, is on the run for his life. Notice what the scripture says. Now, when we look at this passage, we read and David dwelt in the wilderness. Now this is an important word, this Hebrew phrase mid bar. Why? Well, this expression wilderness or desert, depending upon how it's translated in your Bible, has something very significant, because God brought the children of Israel into the wilderness. Why to trust them? To teach them to trust in Him, to rely upon Him, to depend upon him. And this is a message that we need to learn as well. And when we are being persecuted, when we are suffering, understand this will produce faithfulness in the life of the believer. This is what David is teaching us in this passage. So once more, David dwelt in the wilderness, in the strongholds. Now what's important is this, when we are dependent upon God, we will find strength from that. When we are trusting in Him, not in ourselves, not in any material provision, but trusting in God, we will find strength from this and keep reading. And he dwelt speaking of David, he dwelt in the mountain. And that's literally what it says. Many Bibles will say

mountains in the plural, but it's singular in the biblical language in the wilderness of Zeph. And notice what it says, And Shaul sought him all the days. Now it's in the plural again. So many times translators don't translate accurately. It's not every day, but all the days. Why? What is this teaching us? Why is it important to be exact? Because when we deal with the Scripture as it is written, it's teaching us that this was Saul's consistent behavior. He just didn't do it one day, but he did it all the days. Why? Because Saul was committed to his plan, rather than the purposes of God. But notice what the scripture says in the verse 14, where it says, And God did not give him into his hand. What does this speak of? It speaks of the faithfulness of God. God is always faithful when we are trusting in His Word, when we are relying upon him, and no one else God will manifest His provision, his protection and his presence in our life, and we will find comfort from that. Let's move on to verse 15. And David saw that Shaul had gone out to seek his soul, meaning his life. And David. Is in the wilderness of Zeph. And notice this in and we have a phrase which means in the woods. So David is hiding out in the forest area, in this wilderness, this desert place. But here the word desert can also mean a force that which has provision. Keep reading verse 16, and we see that Yonatan shaul's oldest son is going to act. Notice what it says. And Yonatan, the son of Shaul, rose up and he went to David in this place, in the forest or woods, and what did he do? He strengthened his hand, meaning the hand of David in God. Now, isn't that a wonderful thing? We see that Jonathan, who had already made one covenant with David in loyalty. We find that this one is going to him in this time of need, in this time of fear, in this time of persecution, and what is he going to do to strengthen David in God? Next verse, verse 17, and he said to him, do not fear, because the hand of my father, Shaul will not find you, and you will reign over Israel. Now, again, many Bibles say you will be king, but in the original language, it's a verb, you will reign over Israel, and I, I will be with you now, it literally is Mishnah, which is next to you, or number two. Now what Jonathan is saying is this, he's teaching David, sharing with him. I'm going to support you. I'm going to be with you. I'm going to be your right hand man, in other words. And then it says, look at how the verse concludes. And also, Shaul, my father knows, thus meaning he knows what God has said. And this is what Shaul, his father is doing. He is working against God, working against God's plan. Why? Because he doesn't like what God likes. He's not wanting what God has determined will be and therefore he is rebellious. And this is what Yonatan is saying to David, his friend, look now to verse 18, and the two of them cut a covenant before the Lord. And it says, And David dwelt in the wood, meaning in that force, but Yonatan went to his house. So after he completed that purpose of strengthening David and pledging loyalty to David, what did Yonatan do? He went to his house. Look now to verse 19 and the ziphim, that is the residence of this area known as Zeph. The residents of Zeph, they went up to Shaul at Gibeah saying, Surely David is hiding with us in the strongholds in the forests in the mountain or hill of hakilah, which is many Bibles will say to the south, but it's literally to the right of this place, yeshimon, verse 20, and now for all the desire of your Soul. And it's speaking about the soul of the king, King Shaul. He says, Go down. Go down. And for us, it says he will deliver, meaning these ziphim, these residents of Zeph, will deliver him into the hand of the king. So we see something. We see that ziphim are not loyal to God, but they're only thinking in the short term for this world where they want to make friendship with King Shaul. This is what the scripture is revealing to us. They're willing. Says our part for us, meaning what we will do is deliver him into the hand of the king. Verse 31

Baruch Korman 09:49

notice how Shaul responded. Shaul said, Blessed are you of the Lord now? Is that true? Rebellious? A. Against God's will, will bless you absolutely not these men are not blessed. Sheol is stating it, but he is

not speaking truth. We need to always remember, if we want to be blessed, we find blessing in the will of God, and what aspect relating to the will of God, doing the will of God. So Saul didn't speak the truth. He says, You are blessed of the Lord, for you have had pity upon me. Well, it's a misplaced pity. It is not pleasing to God. Verse 22 go please, and prepare even more so and know and see his place, which is a hiding place for him. Whoever shall see him there, for he shall say to me, because this one, meaning David is a crafty one. Now, what it's speaking of here, it uses a word which means a person who is very wise in deceiving someone else, and that's how Shaul feels about David. He is attributing to David the same verb that is used to describe Satan. This is not accurate. Shaul is not speaking the truth. And you know what? He never does. He never is someone who sees things from God's perspective. Why? Because he's in bondage with what he wants, how he perceives things, and everything that he's going to do is going to be based upon what he wants, rather than the will of God. Verse verse 23 says, and see and know from the hiding places where he will hide there and return to me in correctness, meaning that I would know and I will go with you. And it shall be that, if he's in that land, that I will seek Him with the 1000s of Judah, meaning this. This is an expression to show how committed Shaul is in this one objective, which is what to put the one that God anointed as king, to put him to death if he's in that location. That's what Shaul is saying. I'm going to pursue him. I'm going to hunt him down, and I will put him to death. Verse 24 and they rose up and they went, who are we talking about? The zephah, meaning those who were there, got up and they went towards Zeph before sheul and David and his men were in a different place. They were in the wilderness of Maon. So they had been in the wilderness of Ziv, but now they had moved to the wilderness of ma'am, and it says here in the desert play planes, which were to the right of yeshimon. So we see here that David is again on the move. He's not just remaining in one place, but Shaul has information on where he is. Look now to verse 25 and Shaul and his men were seeking and it was told to David, and he went down to the rock. Now, this is an important word. It is the Hebrew word Selah. Now this is the same word that is used in the Old Testament to speak about the rock that followed the children of Israel. And what do we know? Well, we know from the Apostle Paul that that rock is Messiah. So this is an important clue. What is it saying that this rock was was related to Messiah, but we see that it's connected to David, the son of David, in other words, referring to Messiah. So look again at the text. He went down to the rock, and he dwelt in the wilderness of Maon and sho heard. He heard where David was, and notice, and he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon, verse 26 and sheul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. Now, again, what? The scripture is doing is that it's showing us the providence of God. Now, what is that word, Providence? Well, in Hebrew, it's called haschacha Pratik, which means the personal supervision. See when you enter into a covenant, not just any covenant, but when you enter into the New Covenant, you can be assured of something that God is going to watch over you. He is going to supervise your life, and if you're walking in the Spirit, he will counsel you, He will give you information, he will lead you and direct your ways in order that you can carry out his purposes. But ask yourself a question. Is that what you're committed to the will of God, the purposes of God. If you are a disciple of Messiah, you are going to be someone who is indeed committed to God's plan, God's purpose, God's will. It's just natural for us, we become that new creation in Messiah, and that new work through the Holy Spirit that changes us, conforms us into being a servant of God through our faith in Messiah. So Look again at verse 26 where it says and Shaul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side. And it came about that David and we see here. It's interesting, because this word means haste, but it's in a unique construction. It's in a passive voice. Now what does that mean? Well, it means that David was made to be hasty,

meaning that he moved very quickly, not in the natural, but in the supernatural. What this scripture is telling us in this verse is that David was moved by God to go fast. And this is showing how God is active in this, this situation. He's helping David and what else he is empowering David, supplying what David needs in order to not be caught by by Shaul. Notice the Scripture it goes on to say that David, he was moved with haste, meaning he moved quickly to go from before sheul. It simply shows us a very important principle, and what is that, when you are not committed to God's will, but you are committed to your plans, your desires, your wants, what you think is best for you. You are going to experience frustration when you want to do what you want. God is not going to give you peace. You will not know contentment and you know what else you won't know. You will not know success when you are in bondage to your will realize you will never be successful. You will never be able to achieve what you want to do. Why? Because God is against that? Why? Because he has a better plan for your life, and it's only when we are humble enough and wise enough to take out our wants and desires and replace them with God's desire. What does the Scripture say

Baruch Korman 18:32

that he will give to you, and that word give means to place. He will place into you, meaning into your heart, the desires. Now, it doesn't mean that he's going to give you what we want. It means that he's going to change our heart and he's going to give us his desires into our heart. That's where wisdom is. That is the foundation for experiencing success, both spiritual success and a degree of earthly success. And what is that? Well, when you are doing God's will be assured you are going to be blessed by Him. So all of these things are working in David's life in order to bring David into God's purposes for his life, but notice what it says once again. And it came about that David, he was caused to move quickly, to go from before Shaul, meaning that Shaul was not able to grasp him, to seize Him and notice what it says. And Shaul and his man. Men were doing what? Well, we have a very interesting phrase. They were surrounding, David. Now what this is to show is that they were so close but so far away. They were surrounding. They were in the general area. Area, but they were not able to complete what Shaul wanted them to do. Why? Because it was not God's will. So if you want to know frustration, if you want to know disappointment, if you want to know the things that are going to cause you grief and sorrow choose your will. But if you're wise and you're humble and you have that spirit of submissiveness in your heart, what's going to happen something very different? And what is that you are going to be moved by God into HIS WILL so that you can accomplish those things that are pleasing to Him, but here again, we need to pause and ask ourselves a very important question, do you really want to accomplish God's will? Are you committed to his plans? Are you truly a servant of the living God, the God of Israel, David was and those who worship and trust and believe in the Son of David, and who am I speaking about Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, those who truly are His disciples, they will want that same same truth to be governing their life. Well, move on. Look, if you would, at the end, it says, And they were surrounding David and his men for what purpose, in order to seize them, to capture them. But they were never able to do so. Look at verse 27 now again, we see numerous examples of the providence of God, that God moved in this situation. And here again, when we are believers in Messiah and we are committed to God's will, we can expect and we should believe and we should trust that God is going to move in our circumstances. He will not leave us alone. He will not forsake us. He is not going to be careless with us, but He loves us, and He wants the very best, but his best is found in his will, not in our will notice what it says in verse 27 and an angel came to Shaul. Now an angel, this can also be a messenger, probably better translated that way, and a messenger came to Shaul saying,

quickly, come because the Philistines have done something. Now, if you look at this word, it's related to a hammer, and what it's saying is, and many Bibles will translate it in an idiomatic way, which means the Philistines have invaded. What it means is that they have hammered into the Philistines have invaded the land, meaning the land of Israel. Now what does that tell us? Well, it's going to bring about a change. Shaul and his men were obsessed with one thing, and what was that, seizing capturing David. That's what was most important to Shaul. But what's going to happen? Well, Shaul is not going to accomplish this. He never will, because it's not God's will. How frustrating. Let me say it differently. How foolish it is to be committed to your will instead of the will of God, you're not going to know peace. You're not going to know contentment. You're not going to have success. It is going to be a most disappointing and frustrating experience when you pursue what you want instead of God. And notice what happens here. Verse 27 and a messenger came to sheul, saying, quickly, come for the Philistines have invaded the land. Now, what this is saying is Shaul had greater problems because the Philistines, just at that moment when he was so close, he was all around David and his men, but he could not capture them. Why? Very simply, it wasn't God's will. Again, I cannot over state how important it is for you to take out your plans, your desires, your will, and have them replaced with the plans, the purposes, the will of God. When you do that, you will have discernment. You will see things differently. You will have access to God's provision. You will have his power upon you, anointing you, and you will do those things that are in agreement with the will of God. Why is that so important? Because when you are serving God and walking with Him, you will know the blessings of God, you will have access to the promises of God, and you will experience the presence of God in your life. All of that is what is a source of joy for you when you know that you are in his will, doing His will and experiencing His favor in your life. Well, let's conclude. Let's look at our last verse, verse 28 now let me just simply say, in most Bibles, English, Bibles and other languages, there's an additional verse, verse 29 but in the Hebrew, this chapter is going to end with this word, says, and sheul returned from pursuing after David. He had to there was no other choice, and he went to meet the Philistines. Therefore they called that place, what place where David found deliverance, where Saul was frustrated and could not accomplish His plans, his desires? What did he call it? Well, here again, if you you don't translate things properly, you get what most Bibles do, and it calls it the rock of escape. But that's not what it is in Hebrew. When we look at it in Hebrew, it's this word Selah, which is rock, but it's the word for slippery, the Slippery Rock. And what is that speaking about? Well, when you are not committed to God's plans, his purposes, his will understand that the things that you want so desperately, they are going to slip through your hands, you'll never be able to obtain them. Why God won't allow you to? Why? Because he's vindictive, absolutely not because he has a better plan for your life. He wants to bless you. He wants you to take hold of his promises, and therefore God is not going to compromise. He knows everything, and he knows what is best for you. So if you're foolish, Go your way, if you're wise and humble and have a submissive spirit. If you've been born again, then you're going to behave very differently. You are going to follow after God's will. You are going to be committed to his plans, his purposes. Why? Because when you're in his will, you know what you can expect. You can expect fellowship, intimacy with the Lord, God Almighty. What a wonderful thing to experience, what a wonderful objective it is to be in God's will, doing his purposes and experiencing fellowship with him. I'll close with that.

Intro Voice 28:00

Shalom. Well, we hope you will benefit from today's message and share it with others. Please plan to join us each week at this time and on this channel for our broadcast of loveisrael.org again, to find out

more about us, please visit our website, loveisrael.org There you will find articles in numerous other lectures by Baruch. These teachings are in video form. May download them or watch them in streaming video until next week, may the Lord bless you in our Messiah, Yeshua, that is Jesus as you walk with Him, Shalom from Israel. You.