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Hi, Shalom and welcome to via hafta Yisrael, 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 saw last week that again, Sheol wanted to kill David. In fact, he has an obsession against David, to put him to death. And this week we're going to see that same shoul continues in that same objective, to see David, the man of God, the God who is faithful always to see David put to death. So with that said, take out your Bible and look with me, if you would, to First Samuel and chapter 19. First Samuel and chapter 19. We're ready now for verse 12, and notice what the scripture says Here we see that there is a plot against David led by King Sheol, but we have saw earlier on that his eldest son, Jonathan, or Yonatan in Hebrew, is faithful to David. Why? Because Yonatan is a man of God. He is motivated not by a family relationship, but rather, he is more committed to his relationship with God to do what is right and proper in the eyes of God, not just to please his father. And obviously, Yonatan is not acting in disrespect because it's more proper to honor God than one's parents. Now I know the commandment in those 10 Commandments, which says to honor your father and your mother. But how do we understand that? Well, if we look at the Scripture, we see this. We see that the word of God wants us to honor our Heavenly Father more than our parents. Now we love our parents. We never want to disrespect them, but honoring our parents does not mean that we dishonor God and reject what is right and proper in his eyes. Now we're going to see in this chapter. In the second part of this chapter, we're going to see that David's wife, a woman by the name of Michal, she is also not committed to her father's sin, but she is committed to the truth. And what is that? That David has been anointed by God in order to rule over Israel. This is the will of God. Now we're going to see that Michal came from the house of Shaul, and we're going to see that this house was not a faithful house, even though Yonatan was a man of God. That doesn't necessarily mean all the children were godly, and we're going to see an evidence of idolatry in this house that Michael was was over. So with that said, take out your Bible.

Look with me to this passage of Scripture, First Samuel, chapter 19, and we're now ready for verse 12, where it says and Michal lowered David through the window, and what did David do? It says that he went, he fled and he escaped. But that's not all that Michal did look, if you would, to the next verse, verse 13. Here we see something of great significance that speaks a lot about her upbringing, and the fact that even though she did the right thing doesn't mean that she was a perfect woman. Why do I say that? Well, look at verse 13 in the Scripture. It says, and Michal took and notice this next phrase, ha trophim. Now, what is that? Well, the trophim are idols, and this showed that she came from a house of idolatry. And whose house was it? King Shaul and this is one reason why we see that that God rejected Sheol, because he was not a man committed to spiritual truth. Was not someone who walked according to the commandments of God. And we're going to see that when we engage in idolatry or when we are committed to what. We want rather than what God's wants. The end is going to be a shameful conclusion. We'll see that later on. But look now to verse 13 once more, and Michal took the trophy, this this idol, and she set the bed, meaning she arranged the bed with the covering of goat's hair, and she said it at his head, meaning where David's head would normally be. And she said she covered everything with a garment. Verse 14. Now we know something. We know that sheol was not in favor of Michal's help. We'll see that in a moment, but notice what he did in the midst of this verse 14 and sheol sent messengers to take David, but she said he is sick, so now we see that she is conspiring against her father. She's already helped David escape, lowering him down through the window, and now she's saying, in order to buy more time that David is sick, what did Sheol do? We'll look now to verse 15, and Sheol sent messengers to see David, saying, Bring up him from the bed. Unto me. Why to kill him? So over and over we see something. We see that sheol is committed to his plan. And what is that plan? That plan is simply to put David to death. That's what motivates him. That's what he's interested in. Why? Well, as I've said many times to you, here's the reason, because Shaul wants to continue as the king. He does not want to give up this position, even though God has rejected Him, and God has departed from Shaul. There's no anointing upon him, but we're going to see something we have seen in the past, that when Shaul is is persistent in doing His will. What happens? Well, the Scripture has said many times that an evil spirit, and that's exactly what the most literal way to understand this term, Ruach raah, an evil spirit from the Lord, came upon him. And what does that teach? Well, let's just review. It teaches us, when we are committed to our will, our plans, rather than the plans of God, we are going to experience demonic influence. And this demonic influence is not going to give us peace. It is going to come upon us and bring about a a change, an ungodly change, in our life, whereby we carry out what we desire, rather than the desire of God. And again, how is that going to end in a very shameful way? Well, let's move on. Notice what it says, verse 16, again, says, and angels came or messengers came, and behold, the idols were at the bed, and this goat hair covering was at his head. Verse 17, and sheol said to Michal, why must thus? Why hath thus? You have deceived me, and you sent my enemy. And he fled. And Michal said to sheol, he said to me, send me forth. Why should I kill you? Now this never happened. David never threatened his wife, but she speaks that. Why? Well, obviously she's in a difficult situation because of her help and assistance to her husband, David, against what her father wanted. And therefore she says this excuse that had I not done this, he was going to kill me. And then keep reading, it says here, and he fled. And Michal said to Sheol, he said to me again, send me forth. Why should I kill you? Verse 18 and David fled, and he escaped, and he went to Shaul at what place towards Ramah. And it was declared to him, all which had been done to him. That is all that Sheol had done to him, done to David. And it says that he and sheol, that is Samuel, dwelt in nayote. So they're in this place in which is located in Ramah, the city. Body of Samuel. Now

let's press on to verse 20. Now here we see something else. Look at verse 20, and Sheol sent messengers to take David. But what happened? It says here that that this group of messengers saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Shmuel, that is the leader standing over them. And it came about that the the Spirit of God was upon the messengers. And what happened? It says, And they prophesied, even they now, what is this trying to tell us? Well, despite the disobedience of Michel to her father, despite the fact that there were idols in this house, we see that God is greater than the enemy, and this is something that needs to be underscored in this passage. It doesn't matter what ability the enemy has. God is always, always greater, and God is not going to be defeated ever by anything that is unclean, unholy, unrighteous, that which is against the truth of God. This is showing us a biblical principle that we ought to walk in the truth of scriptures, and when we do, we're going to see that the anointing of the spirit comes so in this passage, we're seeing something. We're seeing that that the Spirit of God is at work, despite these things that we see in the life of Michal and the life of of her father. And these two individuals, both Shaul and Michal, what are they doing? Well, they are testifying. First of all, she lied. Secondly, she she planted these, these idols in the bed, showing her family's upbringing what she was committed to. She, too, as we're going to see later on, is committed to her desires, her wants, rather than being able to discern the truth of God. Well, let's press on notice. What it says in verse 20, it talks about this group of messengers that were sent. What happened to them? Well, the Spirit of God came upon them, and they also, even they began to prophesy. Look now to verse 21

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and it was declared to sheul and he sent other messengers and what happened. They prophesied also, they and what happens? And Saul continues, and he sends other messengers a third time and what happened? Well, all of this is to show something. It is to confirm to you and me, the reader, that the spirit, Spirit of God is not limited or affected by the evilness of the enemy. The Spirit of God is functioning. And these men who are sent by sheul in order to arrest King David and to put him to death, what happens? The Spirit of God interrupts their plans, the Spirit of God comes upon them, and what happens they are unable to carry out, and here's the key, they are unable to carry out the work and the instructions that King Shaul gave to them. Why? Because it's not God's will. What this scripture is sharing with us is that the Spirit of God is going to hinder the enemy, and if we're not committed to the things of God, that same spirit is going to hinder us. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and that Holy Spirit is going to lead us, as John tells us in his Gospel, unto righteousness. So there's a connection between the Spirit of God, and we can say, also as believers, the Holy Spirit to truth and to righteousness. That's what is important to God. And we see that Sheol, he's not interested in truth, he's not interested in righteousness, He is not wanting to do what is proper and pleasing to God. Why? Because he is in bondage to sin. And where does sin lead us? Sin leads us into idolatry, and sin leads us into a commitment to what we want rather than what God wants. So notice what happens. Look, if you would, to verse 22 it says here, and he went also, he to Ramah. Now, who are we talking about? We're talking about King Sheol, that when these messengers were not successful, she. UL because he was so committed to his sinful objective that he himself in order to carry out this scheme to see David put to death. Shaul went there personally. So this is what's being said in verse 22 look again, and he went also he to Ramah. And it says, He came unto the large cistern, which is in SE and what does it say? And he asks, saying, Where is Samuel and David? And someone said, Behold, in nayote, that is in Rama, verse, 23 now again, what is being emphasized here is one thing, and it's this. Shaul is committed to his objective. He is not going to stop. He is not going to surrender. He is going to continue

on and on in this process, this this desire to to kill David. Why? Because he sees David as an enemy, even though Yonatan, his eldest son, has shown that David is not an enemy of Sheol. What is David? Here's the key. David is a friend of God. David is a servant of God. David is committed to the will of God, and because Sheol is not, this sets them in a course of conflict that there's going to be this, this attempt that she will is going to do now personally, in order to put David to death. Look at verse 23 it says, And he went there, meaning to nayote, this place, which is in Ramah. And it says, also upon him was the Spirit of God, and he went, this is sheul himself. He went, and he prophesied unto the coming or entrance into nayote at Ramah. Now, the last verse of this scripture is going to give us the foundation to understand what's happening here. Now, what is taking place is this. We see that three times, two times with a group of messengers, and then the third time with the Sheol himself. They are all coming to do something. They are all coming to carry out the will, the purpose of Sheol. And what is happening, the Spirit of God will not let them. They're not going to have success, so the Spirit of God is hindering them. So in a last and final attempt, King Sheol, he may be king, but that doesn't mean that God's pleased with him. So we see that shul is coming there himself in order to carry out and fulfill his objective, which was to see David put to death, even though, now at this time, it is David who is the Lord's anointed. Now we've seen something. We see how David and this is going to be true in the weeks to come. David is not interested in waging war or having conflict against the Lord's anointed. David respects that position as as sheul being king. So David is not an enemy of Sheol, but he is going to be faithful to God. He is not going to allow himself to be put to death by the enemy. Why that does not serve the purposes of God for David to die, David is going to be used by God in a mighty way. And we have seen that this has already happened. How do I know this because we've read in the scripture that David does something consistently, and what is that he goes out and he comes back. That is a military expression. We talked about it in a previous study, where it means that David leads the armies of Israel out to battle, but he brings them all back victoriously. That is the emphasis that the scripture is saying David is having great success. And why is he having great success? Because he's committed to the will of God. Secondly, David is acting in a way that distinguishes himself from the other servants of Sheol. And over and over, we see that David is manifesting God's favor in his life. And what we're going to see is, in the end, because Sheol isn't committed to the things of God, isn't desiring to serve. Of God, what's going to happen to him? Well, in this last verse, we're going to see an image of shame. We're going to see how the Spirit of God moves against an individual that is in opposition to the purposes and the plans and the will of God, and how that one ultimately will end up. So look with me to this last verse. That is verse 24 of First Samuel, 19. What does the Scripture say? Well, as we look here, we read,

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And he took off his garments, even he and it says, And he prophesied, even he so. This is emphasizing that it is King sheul, and he did so before Samuel. So we see something. We see that Samuel is being presented as this Righteous One and that King Sheol. What's he doing? Well, the Spirit of God came upon him, and what did that spirit cause him to do? Well, we saw that in the first part of verse 24 where it says, And even he stripped off his garments, he was prophesied, even he before Samuel. And this is what's important notice how verse, verse 24 concludes, vai pol arom. Now that means and he fell. Now remember that word was used earlier on in regard to David himself. What was the context? Well, that the king Shaul wanted David to go out against the Philistines in order that he would fall, meaning that he would be put to death. And now we see here something that's being conveyed to us the reader, and that is this with the use of this expression where it says, vayi Paul arom. What is that saying? And he

fell, that is, and he was as good as dead. Spiritually, God found nothing redeeming in the life of King Shaul because of this obsession, this persistence against David, the one that that God had chosen to lead the people of Israel, that they might know victory in their life. So David being led by the Spirit, David being committed to the will of God. What was being presented here, victory. David was bringing success to the people and the people, we saw this in the earlier verse, and the people loved David for it, because with him was victory, because David was committed to the purposes, the plans and the will of God. What was not the case was King Sheol. He was obsessed and persistent in his objective to see David put to death. So notice what the Scripture says we read about King Saul by the Spirit of God coming upon him, and he so called, was prophesying. Notice what happened. And it says that he fell an expression of death. He was spiritually dead, and he did. So notice this next word, aroma. What is arom? Well, it means naked. And that phrase naked when it's applied to an individual in the Bible. You check it out, you will see it's an expression of shame. And this is what happens when we are committed to our plans, our purposes, our desire, when we are only committed to doing what we want. How is it going to end? It is going to end in a most shameful way. This is what the scripture is speaking about. So the Spirit comes upon all these individuals and they prophesy. What does that mean? They were being confronted with the Word of God. They were understanding what is God's will and what happened? They were unable to carry out what Shaul, the king, had commanded them. And now we see the same thing for Shaul, he took it upon himself to go and fight personally against David at this place, at Ramah, at a place called nayot. And what happens? Well, here again, sheul is not successful. He's unable to carry out his plans, his purposes. He's unable to put David to death. Why? What happens to him? Well, the Spirit of God is moving, and what happens? It causes him to fall down. That's literally what the scripture says. Vayi Paul and he fell now, many people talk about something being called slayed. The Spirit. Well, I would say that this is a great example biblically that when someone is slayed in the spirit, it is not that they are overwhelmed by the Spirit of God. No, what the scripture is saying here that being slayed in the spirit is a act of humiliation. God is not for that person, when the spirit of God comes upon a god fearer That is one who is committed to the priorities of God. What is that spirit going to do empower them? That spirit is going to give them the ability to carry out God's will. But understand this, when someone is committed to their plans, their desires, their will, rather than the purposes of God. How is it going to end? It is going to end in a most shameful way. So this is what the scripture is saying to us, and that's why, when we read it, it says, And what did Sheol do? He fell down before Samuel, and he did so being naked, and he was in this state all the day, all that day and all night. Therefore, they said, is even Shaul among the prophets. Now, most of the rabbinical scholars, when they see that last statement, they see it as a statement of mockery. Meaning is indeed Shaul among the prophets. And the answer is, no, he's not. Why? Because the prophets are committed to the will of God. The prophets are individuals that receive the Word of God with the desire to carry out the word of God. That's what we should be, people who are motivated by biblical truth, who wants to walk, behave, move, have our existence in the Word of God, carrying out the plans, the purpose is the will of God. But when we are stubborn, let me say it differently, when we are selfish, when we are committed to only what we want our desires. Well, what's going to happen? It is not going to end well, that is what the scripture is saying. It is going to end in a shameful way. We are going to act in a way that's going to end in US exposing our shame in a public way. That's what Shaul experienced. And this mockery statement at the end is even Shaul among the prophets. Well, of course, the rabbinical response is, no, he is not among the prophets of Israel. Quite the contrary, he is someone

who is opposed to prophetic truth. This is the problem, and we see it clearly in our Scripture. I'll close with that, shalom.

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