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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 Zahra 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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in our study, we're going to learn about this battle between Goliath, that is Goliath and King David. Now this time, David was just a helper of King Shaul. He had a position where he was worshiping God before Shaul in order to bring about a change in sheol's spiritual condition that he was not in great distress because of this evil spirit that God placed upon him. And again, we need to understand what's going on here when we talk about an evil spirit. God never does evil. God is not the source of sin ever. But we need to see a spiritual law. And what is that law when we are people that want to do things our way, when we are committed to our purposes and we behave defiantly against the will of God, it is going to have a most negative spiritual outcome. That is what we're talking about in this passage. And God, the Bible says that God creates that which is good, that is his will. And God also allows for evil. He does not do evil, but he allows for evil to be done. We see that going back to the Garden of Eden, where it was the opportunity of humanity to choose sin rather than to follow the instructions of God, there is good news. As believers in Messiah, we have been filled with the indwelling Holy Spirit. And through the Holy Spirit, we can experience that anointing whereby we can have access to the provisions of God, the power of God, the presence of God, and understand his perspective. In other words, we can have the mind of Messiah, whereby we can operate with discernment and choose that which is good. And again, what is good, what is good is the will of God. And therefore we see how King Shaul, who wasn't interested in God's will, loathed the Word of God. This is why he was receiving an evil spirit. Well, let's look at chapter 17 and verse one, this battle that's going to take place. It is an important chapter, and we're going to spend several weeks in it, in order that we can see and learn all the biblical truth that this passage has within it. Look at verse one, first, Samuel, chapter 17, and verse one, Philistines were gathered their camp. So we see here the word camp. Now most Bibles will say

armies, but it's not the armies, obviously, who dwelt in these camps, soldiers. But the word here, and I want to translate things literally, the word here is camp. It's in the possessive their camps. So Philistines, they gathered their camps for war, and they were gathered, and it tells the place, at a place called Socha, which belongs to Judah. And they encamped. We're still speaking about the Philistines. They encamped between Soha and between Azekah. So we have the exact location, by the way, if you go to Israel on a tour, many groups go to this exact place. We know exactly where it is today. And notice how that first verse concludes. It says, Be ephes, damin. Now that means something. The word ephes means no or zero, and the word damin means blood or bloodshed. And this is what the Philistines were thinking that they had devised the plan. And we're going to see that this plan is closely attached to Goliath. That is Goliath, this giant of the Philistines, in order. That they would not suffer any bloodshed, that they would be victorious. This is what they wanted. And what did they want to do? They wanted to enslave the Israelites in order that they would become not servants of God, but servants of the Philistines. Let's move on to verse two, where it says and Sheol, we're talking about the king, even though he has been replaced by David, from the position of receiving the anointing, in actuality, Shaul, in defiance to what God had said to him, he was still behaving as king. Look at verse two, and Shaul and his Lord, He says, A man of Israel. Now your Bible will translate it in men of Israel. Now I don't want to argue about the translation, because many times when we speak in Hebrew about a large number, we put it into the singular. So it's fine to have here. And the men of Israel, they were gathered, and they were encamped where it says here emmek Ha Elah. Now this is the Valley of Elah. And again, we know exactly where that place is. Keep reading. It says, Concerning the children of Israel, that they were arrayed, meaning this, they set the battle zone. They were prepared for war, it says, And they arranged for war to meet. The Philistines, verse three, and the Philistines stood at the mountain on one side, and Israel was standing on the mountain on another side. And it says here there was a valley that is a valley between them. Now remember that word between them, because what we're going to find is that translators oftentimes think logically than really translating what the Word says. And we'll see that in a moment. Look now to the next word, verse or the next verse, verse four, where it says a man. And as I prepared, I went through and I looked at numerous English translations, and they have the champion, or they have the word hero. And we're talking about one particular man a Philistine. And again, we're talking about Goliath, and what does it say about him? Well, if we look here, it says it very differently. And the reason why we're paying attention to the literalness of the Word of God is because through the word of God we get the perspective of God. We understand things from God's vantage point, and this is what it literally says. Look at verse four,

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a man among them went forth. That's all it says. Now, if you do a good study, the word here that we're talking about, benaian speaks simply those who are in the midst. So a man in their midst goes forth. That's what the scripture says. There is nothing in the biblical text that says that this man is a champion or a hero or any such things. All it says And again, we're seeking God's perspective. Now we know this man. Will learn more about him in a moment that he's very tall, he's very strong, but he's simply a man among them. That's what the scripture says. So went forth a man among them from the camps of the Philistines, and we have his name in Hebrew Goliath was his name, and he was from, got that is a place, a Philistine location, and it says his height was six cubics. And then we have another word, zeret, which is a smaller measurement than a cubic. So what do we know here when we look at that and his height, he was an exceedingly tall man, and not just tall. We're going to see by other information that's

provided that he was very, very strong. Look now to verse five, it says his Kova. Now this most Bibles will say helmet, because we're talking about a warrior. So most of the time they had a helmet, but it's just a simple word for a hat, and it says his helmet was bronze upon his head. Now here again, that is heavy. Most people would not have a hat. Element of bronze. And then it says his his armor was, and we have a word that means scales. So he was wearing scales of armor that is different pieces of armor that would cover his body. This is what he was dressed in. And notice what it says the weight of his armor was 5000 shekels of bronze. That is an incredible fact. This attests that this man was exceedingly strong. Look now to verse six. It has a word here which speaks of a protector. And it says here that this type of protector, and it's also a bronze, was over his his feet. Now most people, and the word feet can also mean legs in Hebrew. What we're talking about is those things that that armor, that protected, perhaps his shins, and it says that there was a spear, a bronze between his shoulders, so between his shoulders he had, behind him a spear, and also this weighty bronze speaks again about how strong this man truly was. Move on to verse verse seven. Now, in verse seven, we have something that's an arrow, and we're talking about, probably the tip of his spear was like a beam. And we're talking about a yoke, perhaps, that the weavers would have. And then we have the end of his spear, another term for a different word, the end of his spear was 600 shekels of iron. So we see two things. We see that he had a tip of his spear that was like a yoke that the the weavers would have as they would do something. And then there was also another part of his spear that was 600 shekels of iron, so two different weapons we're speaking about. And then it says, The one who carried his shield goes before him. Notice goes it's in the present. And this speaks about how this, this One who would carry his shield, he had great confidence in Goliath. Why? Because he would go before him. He did not have any fear because of this massive man who had apparently great, great experience fighting wars. Let's move on to the next verse, verse eight. And he stood and he called to the the armies of Israel. And here again, it's the, basically the war zone where they were lined up, and who was lined up, the soldiers. So again, look at verse eight. He stood and he called to the armies of Israel, and he said to them, why go forth for the war zone of a battle? Why go forth, meaning, why are we going to have this war? He has a different solution. Look on at the last part of verse eight. Surely I the Philistines and you the servants of Shaul, choose for yourself a man, and he will come down unto me. Now, what he wants is a very different type of warfare. And what is that? What Goliath is suggesting is not that all these soldiers fight, meaning it's not going to be a battle between two armies. He wants to make it about himself and another individual from the armies of Israel. He wants him to be one on one. Why? Well, what do we know about him? He is excessively tall, he is excessively strong, and he is most intimidating, and we're going to see that given to us in the Word of God in many, many different ways. As we continue so he wants one man, not the whole armies, to fight, but one man. He says he will come down unto me. And this is his, his idea. Look now to verse nine, and if he is able to to fight with me and should kill me, then he says, We will be to you for slaves. But here's the other possibility, but if I am able. To slay him, then you shall be for us slaves. And it says, And you shall serve us. So this is what's it about. And I think it's very important that we see something that's foundational. What's the word that he keeps using slaves? Why is that? Well, Goliath is, and we're going to see later on in this passage, how he's going to be described by David. Is this uncircumcised Philistine? When you hear that term, uncircumcised, what comes into your mind? Well, let me answer that question. What should come into your mind is a faithlessness. Remember Avraham, he was the first one to be circumcised, and he circumcised his son as well. And we're speaking about Ishmael and then Isaac as well. And why? What did that circumcision point to? Well, very clearly, it pointed to what is said in Genesis,

chapter 15 and verse six. And what is that Abraham believed in God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness. That word believe is related to faith. We find that word Hey mean meaning Abraham believed, is also the same root for the word emunah, or faith. So Abraham believed that is he had faith, and God saw that this faith worked itself out into changing Abraham and making him righteous. There's the principle of the Torah that we need to learn. We find that it's not by works we become righteous, but it's by faith that we are justified, that we are declared righteous in the presence of God. So this is what the Torah is teaching. Righteousness comes by faith, and if we have that faith, obviously that faith is going to work in our life in order that we live righteously and that we do the will of God, and that we are committed to the commandments of God. But we need to see that righteousness, and we can say it this way, for by faith, you have been saved so righteous behavior and salvation, they are related to one another, but it all stems from believing, believing what, believing the Word of God. And this is what the Philistines did not do. They had no faith, no belief in the Word of God. They were faithless. And therefore, what what describes that leader and uncircumcised Philistine that was Goliath? No fate whatsoever, and without faith, you're not going to know victory from the Lord. Look, if you would, to our next verse, verse 10.

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And the Philistine said, I. And again, this is a word kherpah, kherpa has to do with disgrace. This is the objective of the enemy. You see, the Philistines represent the enemies of God, and they plagued them for for many, many decades. And what do we know they wanted to bring shame and disgrace? We have an expression in Hebrew Busha Ve her PA, and these are two different words for shame and disgrace. It's not the word to defy. This is the problem. People translate it based upon logic, what makes sense rather than what the Word of God actually says. Look again, in our text, the Philistine says, and I disgrace the armies of Israel this day, he says, Give to me a man and we will fight together. Now again, I want us to understand what's going on. That is Goliath. He wants a different type of war. He wants not all the armies to fight, but make it one man against him. That's what he wanted. Why? Because he was a skillful and experienced warrior, and not only that, he was exceedingly large and strong, and he had great confidence that he was going to be victorious, meaning that no man in the flesh could destroy him. Now, what do we know about David? Well, the Scripture has said that David is a man after God's heart. What does that mean? It means. That David is committed to the thoughts of God. The thoughts of God are inherently connected to the will of God. That's what David was interested in. So let me just pause for a moment again. We need to make this personal. What about you? Are you committed to the thoughts of God? Are you interested in serving God and accomplishing His will? That's what a true believer wants to do. See, we have been saved by grace through faith. It is a free gift, and anyone who is in Messiah that one becomes a new creation. What type of creation are we now having been saved by grace, through faith? Well, we become servants of the living God. That's how we should think of ourselves. So is that how you see yourself? Are you constantly looking for opportunities to serve God? That's what a true believer does. That is the description of a disciple of Yeshua, that is Jesus of Nazareth. So look at our text once more. Look at verse verse 11 or verse 10, where it says, And the Philistine said, I bring disgrace upon the armies of Israel this day give to me a man, and we will fight together. Now let's look at our last verse, verse 11, and it says here and sheul heard and all of Israel the words of the Philistines. Now notice that they knew exactly what the situation was, that this Philistine, he is massive in size, he is exceedingly strong. He has great experience as a warrior, and he is alive, meaning he has never been defeated. And all of this was for one purpose, to bring

discouragement, to bring shame and disgrace upon the people of God. And we need to realize here who's the leader of Israel? Well, the leader of Israel at this time is sheul, and he is functioning, not as a spiritually sound individual, but he is one because of his defiance, because of his rebellious because of his faithlessness, and because of the fact that He loathes the Word of God. What do we know about him? He is not under the anointing of the Spirit of God. What does that mean? It means that he has no power, no perspective, he will not be receiving any provisions from God. And the outcome, he is not going to be successful. But there's another and we're going to see in the weeks to come. How David, how he hears this entire situation, he is aware of it, and he is shocked. He is amazed that no one wants to go out and fight Goliath. That is David's perspective. Why? Because David sees things differently. He sees things from the perspective of God. And the problem is this, oftentimes, when we are led by fault, faulty translations, we don't see God's perspective, because we're not getting the word of God. We're getting the logic of man and God's purposes, his plans, his kingdom will is never advanced by human logic. That's why, remember what the Scripture says about Goliath. It doesn't say champion or hero. That's not the word. It's ishbanaim, which means simply a man among them. That's all he was. He was a man, and we're going to see in the weeks to come how David David wasn't intimidated, Because David knew something. He knew that victory belongs to God, and he knew that this uncircumcised Philistines had no faith, and without faith, it is impossible to please God. So David knew inwardly, because of how he thought, because of this anointing that was upon him, that this Philistine was not going to be successful. But notice what we read at the end of this verse, one more time, verse 11 and Shaul heard and all of Israel the words of the Philistines. And what did they do? Notice what it says. And these encamped, and what were they they went? To their camps, and it says here, and they feared, and the word maod, they feared exceedingly. Why? Because under the leadership of Shaul, there was no confidence, there was no hope, because there was no faith. When we have faith in God, be aware of something the power of God is going to move in our life. We'll have access to his provisions. We'll see things from his vantage point, his perspective, and we will go and serve God in the presence of God. What am I speaking about? That anointing of the Holy Spirit. When we are under the anointing, we can be assured of something. We can be assured that the presence of God is going before us. And what's the image here? Well, this is what comes into my mind. I think about the children of Israel that were led by God. Remember how he led them as a pillar of fire by night and as a cloud by the day. God was with them, and he led them. And when we're being led by God, we're being led into victory. We are going to be led into providing a god pleasing testimony, a witness that is praise worthy, and that's what we should want. We should want to live in a life that bears witness to the fact that God is leading us, that we believe in Him. And when we talk about faith or belief, understand this additional point, that same word, remember what I said, Avram. He mean bashem. He believed in the Lord, and the Lord accounted it to him as righteousness. This word for faith, the Hebrew word emunah, from that same root hameen, is also related to a third Hebrew word, and that is the word EMET. And what is that? It is the word truth. This is what we need to understand. Faith is just not believing something, but faith is believing, specifically the truth of God. And again, where do we find this truth of God? Only one place right here in the Bible, through the Holy Scriptures. And let me just simply say this to you, if you are not a committed student of the Bible, you are not going to be equipped for victory. You are not going to manifest God's presence in your life, but without faith in His word without trusting in Scripture, you are being set up for defeat, and that's what most of the world is going to experience. They're going to be defeated by the truth of God rather than being blessed by the truth of God. I'll close with that until next week. Shalom.

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