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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 saw last week, when we began our study of First Samuel chapter 17, that the stage was being set for this epic battle, a battle that would bring a great transition. And I'm speaking about this battle between David and Goliath, that Philistine giant, and we need to see that David looked at this situation very different than everyone else among the armies of Israel. Why was that? Well, remember what we have learned about David. David was a man after God's own heart. What does that mean? It means that David was pursuing the thoughts of God, and the thoughts of God are always related to the will of God. So if we want to be found faithful, if we want to be pleasing, if we want to have a testimony and bear witness in a way that God sees as praiseworthy, we need to be committed to the will of God. So again, we need to ask ourselves, are we committed to God's will? Now in this passage of Scripture, we're going to see without any doubt whatsoever, that David is going to be positioned there for victory. That victory is going to bring a great transition into his life. Now, what is that transition? It is going to lay the foundation for David being king over Israel. But realize this, because of shaul's Jealousy, his personal insecurity. He is going to this one that we read about earlier that found favor before Shaul. This one is going to be seen by Shaul as an enemy, and we're going to see that Shaul is going to pursue David for number of years, wanting to put him to death, but God, he is always faithful, and God is going to deliver David from the hand of King Shaul. Why? Because David has become the Lord's anointed. The Spirit of God dwells upon David to position him and to equip him, in order that he might be a faithful king over Israel. So with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to our passage of scripture. I'm speaking about First Samuel, chapter 17, and we're now ready for verse 12, and again, we're going to see some more information about David we read here in verse 12. And David was the son of a ephraimite from Bethlehem. Now this man who is being spoken of. We'll see in a moment.

We're speaking about this man, an ephraimite That has nothing to do with the tribe that he's from. We know that he is from the tribe of Judah, because the Messianic lineage has to come through Judah. The Torah tells us, for example, in Genesis, 49 and verse 10, it's speaking about another aspect, and that is the area of that land. We see that this land because of a term I just mentioned, Bethlehem in the Bible, it speaks about Bethlehem ephratah. So it's this is what's being referred to when it calls him an ephraimite. Look again at verse 12. Word says, And David, the son of this ephraimite, man from the house of lehem, that is Bethlehem, Bethlehem of Judea, and his name. Speaking about this man, his name was Jesse or Isai in Hebrew, and we're told to him, are eight sons. And this man, in the days of Sheol, was old, and he. Came among men, meaning he was aging at this time in the days of sheul the king, look at now verse 13 and the three sons of Yeshua went. And these are the three older sons of Yeshua went, and they went after sheul for war, the name of his three sons that went after into war, the first one, the elder one, the firstborn, was eliath, and the second one of him, meaning of Jesse, was Avi Nadav and the third was Shema. Now when I say Shema, it's spelled differently. Has nothing to do with this word for hearing. Look now to verse 14 and David. He is the youngest of these three older sons. So what we see here is that David is the youngest, the smallest of these three older sons that went after sheul. Now are you hearing something over and over this passage in speaking about the three older sons, what did they do? We are told that they go after sheul. What is that? An idiom of it speaks of their loyalty to sheul. But David, as we're going to see throughout this section, David thinks very differently. Why? Because he is committed to the will of God. David is interested in what God is thinking, and God's thoughts relate to his will, his plans, his purposes. David is committed to these things. And again, we have to ask ourselves, does our life also reflect such a commitment to the will of God? Well, keep reading. Notice what the Scripture says, verse 15, and David goes and returns from Sheol. Why does he go and return from Sheol to shepherd the flock of his father, where in Bethlehem? Now, one of the things we're seeing when we speak about David is that we're seeing this term Bethlehem, that is Bethlehem being repeated over and over. I made mention to you in an earlier study that Bethlehem literally Bethlehem the house of bread. And we need to see bread as a provision. What this is telling us is this that God is going to provide for his people. What is he going to provide? A savior, a redeemer. We're talking about the Messiah. The Messiah is going to come from Bethlehem, and we're going to see that there's a connection between David. Remember, what is being emphasized about David? He thinks differently, not as the world thinks, not as even most of Israel thinks. He thinks differently because he's committed to the mind of God. He's thinking according to the heart of God. And remember, heart is synonymous with thinking. So notice what happens? We see that David, occasionally, from time to time, he would go and return from Sheol in order to do his primary task. What was he a shepherd? And then look at the Scripture, verse 16, and the Philistine was talking about Goliath. He approached and notice what it says, Hashem, that is early in the morning and the evening. And he took his stand, and he did this. It says for 40 days. Now, if you're a good student of the Bible, you'll know something. You will know that numbers are important, and the number 40 speaks about change. You say, where is that taught in the Bible? Well, the children of Israel were in the wilderness for 40 years, and then there was a change. They entered into the land. We see that Messiah, he was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness of Judea. And then there was a change. He began His ministry. And we see, for example, that Moses, he was on that mountain Mount Sinai for 40 days. And what happens? There was a change. He received the law and gave the law to the people. So the number 40 frequently in the Scripture speaks about a change. So when we read that Goliath, he was taunting and disgracing Israel that word kherpah. We'll talk more about it later on, but he was doing this

for 40 days. Well, 40 implies a change. We should expect a change. That's what's going to happen. Look now to verse 17.

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And yes, I said that is Jesse said to David, his son, take please to your brothers, and then we have what he's going to take some, some parched grain, and also 10. And the implication would be, 10 loaves of bread. And he also says, run unto the camp of your brothers, meaning where they are residing at this time. And what else look now to verse 18, and we have 10. We might say pieces, and the word is milk, but what do we get from milk cheese? So that's what we're talking about, 10 pieces of cheese. And bring them to, first of all, to the captain of the 1000, that that ruler, that that soldier that rules over 1000 and to your brothers, and he says, visit them for a purpose, for shalom, meaning to find out their well being. How are they doing? And also it says, Take. And we have a very interesting word now in modern Hebrew, this is word for a guarantee, and what, what you shy is asking from David is to go visit your brothers at the war and bring back a report, bring back something of security. His father is concerned about how his three older sons are doing at this war. That's the implication of this text. Look now to our next verse. Look, if you would, to verse 19 and Shaul and they, and every man of Israel was where, in the valley of elah, emech, emech, ha Elah and they were fighting with the Philistines. But understand what this means. They were prepared for fighting. But what was going on? Well, we talked about a few minutes ago. What was going on is day in and day out, early in the morning and also in the evening. Goliath, this Philistine giant, this large and strong man, a very seasoned warrior. He was coming out to do what to disgrace and shame the children of Israel. And this was going on for an extended period of time. But as I said, 40 days. What should we expect? A change, a transition, and that's what's going to happen. Look again at our text. It says sheul And they, meaning the soldiers. They were there, every man of Israel in the Valley of Elah, and were fighting with the Philistines. Look now to verse 20, and David got up early in the morning, and he left his flock concerning a guard, meaning he gave his sheep to one who was a keeper of sheep, another shepherd, and he lifted up, meaning he got up, and he went just as you shy, his father had commanded him, and it says, And he came to, we have a different word for a camp, but that's the implication. And he came towards the camp. And we see here that the army was going forth to the battleground, that is the line of battle, or the front lines, and what were they doing? They were shouting at war. So David comes right at this important time, and he's going to experience the same thing that's been happening for 40 days, but it's going to bring about a change look now to verse 21 and Israel, and this is word for being prepared for war, or a raid arrayed for war. And the Philistines also, they were prepared for war to meet at the battle front. And it says here, look at verse 22 and David left his vessels that were upon him near the keeper of vessels, and he ran. Who's running? David, he ran towards the front lines, and he came, and he asks for his brothers. And then we have that word shalom, which means, in this case, well being. So when we say we're asking or seeking Shalom, the term dura shat, shalom, we're asking for the well being. Of someone how they're doing, and that's why David was sent there. Look now to verse 23 and he was speaking with them, and behold, and we have that same term, ish habanaim, what is that? Well, don't believe how it's translated, because it's not translated properly. It is that same word I talked about last week, and it's the word simply means a man from among them. Remember what we learned we saw that that translators want to call him a hero or a champion, but the Word of God makes no such statement about him. It simply says that he is a man from among them. What is that telling us he is a mere man? And we're going to find out something more about Goliath as we continue this study today.

But notice what it says. Look again at our text, verse 23 and he was speaking with them, and behold, a man from among them goes up. Who is this man? Goliath the Philistine. Is his name from God. That is from that city of the Philistines. And it says that the Philistines were prepared for war, and he was speaking as he spoke these things David heard. Now that is emphatic in the text. So the Philistines said what he said every day as he was trying to bring disgrace and shame upon the children of Israel. But something's about to change. Remember those 40 days we're at the conclusion and what's happening David heard this, and here's what is being emphasized in the text, David is going to have a very, very different perspective than everyone else. Why? Because David is a man after God's own heart, and David is going to reveal something to us about God in this passage of Scripture. Well, let's move on to verse 24 and every man of Israel, when they saw the man that is Goliath, what did they do? Vayanusu, that is, and they fled from before him and what else. And they feared exceedingly. There's that word me OD, meaning very, they feared very, very much. That's what the scripture is saying. So we're going to see a difference. We're going to see that David wasn't a fair afraid. David had a very different perspective. He was confused on why no one wanted to fight this uncircumcised Philistines. Look now to verse 25 and a man of Israel said,

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Do you see the man coming up? Meaning this man coming up for he and then we have the word, he wants to do something. He wants to disgrace Israel, this one who comes up. And it came about that the man whom will strike the king will enrich him with great wealth, and his daughter, he will give to him, and his father's house will be exempted in Israel, meaning free, free from taxes. So David is hearing this, and David is going to be surprised. Why? Because no one is acting on this offer. What can we expect? Well, the man who slays this Philistine kills Goliath. In other words, he is going to receive great wealth. The King is going to enrich him. Furthermore, his father's house is going to be exempted from taxes. And thirdly, the king is going to give his daughter, meaning he's going to be brought into the royal family. And all of this was of great interest to David. Why? Because God was moving him into the palace one way or another. It was going to happen. That's what the scripture is teaching us. Look now to verse 26 and David said to the men, the one standing with him, saying, what will be done to the man who he will strike the Philistines, this Philistine, and remove, and here's his word, kerpa, remove the disgrace from upon Israel, for who is. Is this uncircumcised Philistines that he disgraces the armies of who here it is the living God. Now this is so important. Why? Because David, he had faith in God, but his faith was very different, because David speaks about the living God. What does that mean? It means that God was active. God was alive in his life. David was experiencing him. And how well? We shouldn't have to think too hard, because we see in the scripture that David was a worshiper of God. And when we are worshipping God regularly, we are going to understand that this God is a God that is alive, a God that is willing to move in our circumstances, in our situation, and that's why David saw this situation very different than all the other ones that Were there at this war between the Philistines and Israel. Move on to verse, verse 27 our last verse. And He said to him, that is the people said to him as these words, saying, Thus will be done to the man who strikes him now that is repeated. Why? Because David is very, very surprised. David sees this as an opportunity to bless not just himself, but to bless his father's house, and that would include all of his brothers. David is not a selfish individual, but rather, David is someone who is committed to acting and behaving in a way in order to bring God's blessings upon him and his family. That is what every true believer should desire, and we should understand that God is active in this world. Don't believe as the Sadducees believed, and they were

100% wrong. And what did they believe? They believed that God created this world. Well, that's true, and that's good, and that's fine. But they also believed that God kind of stood back from the world, that he wasn't active. They didn't believe in miracles. They didn't believe in angels. They didn't believe in God communicating to his people through His Spirit, through His Word, and through signs and wonders. They doubted all of that, but David, Be assured, David was not a Philip not a Sadducee. David was someone who believed in a very personal God, a God who had shown Himself faithful to Him. Remember what we talked about a few weeks ago? David was a shepherd. We were reiterating that in this lesson. And what did David say? He says, as we'll find out later on in this passage, that he believed that this Philistine was going to be just like one of those bears or lions that came against his sheep. What did David do? He slayed that bear. He slayed that lion. Why? Because God was with him. And when we experience God in our life and we can, how do we experience God? We experience God through the anointing of God's Spirit. We experience God through obeying His word. Because when we walk in obedience to the Word of God, be assured the things that God has promised we are going to be a recipient of God is going to always, always, always show Himself faithful. And that's why David did not doubt so where this verse concludes is that David says, Tell me again what's going to be done for the one who strikes. And the implication is with that word strikes dead, this Philistine, this massive man, this strong man, this man who has waged war personally throughout his life as a mighty warrior. Well, the promise is this, that the king is going to enrich him, give him great wealth, not only that, that this one will also marry the king's daughter, and thirdly, that the family is going to be exempt from all taxes. What a blessing that is, and David is pursuing that. Why? Because David understands something. God is active in our life. God wants to move us into blessings. Now, what are the blessings I'm speaking of? Very simply, our God is a faithful God. God. Our God will move to do something. He will move in order that we should experience His presence, His power, His provision, and that we grow to see things from a godly perspective. This is what faith and worship brings about in our life. So David, he wanted to verify, that's the purpose of verse 27 he wanted to verify. Is it going to be that easy? All I have to do is to strike him down, kill him, and this is all going to be mine. Why did David think this way? Because he had experienced God's faithfulness in his life when there was a threat to the sheep, God was with David, and the only way that we can be assured that God is going to be active in our life is when we are committed to the will of God. And how do we know the will of God? Very simply, we know God's will through his word. It is when we do not loathe the Word of God, but love the Word of God. It's when we not rebel against His word, but we we have reverence for his word. This is going to bring about a great change in our life. This is what God desires for each of those who are in a covenantal relationship with him to experience His faithfulness. God is forever faithful. There is no injustice in him. You can be assured of what God says. God is going to do. David knew that firsthand, because David had experienced God's power, His presence, His provision, and David saw things differently than all the rest of the ones in Israel. David expected God to be active in every situation in his life. Why? Because David was in a covenantal relationship with God. Do not underestimate the benefits of being in a covenantal relationship with God. And let me conclude by this. Let me share with you the most precious covenant. It is not the law of Moses. It's good, it's holy, it's righteous. But when we talk about the greatest covenant, I'm speaking of the New Covenant, a covenant of redemption, a covenant that was ratified not by the blood of bulls and goats and sheep, but rather, it was ratified put into force through the blood of the Son of God, this one who laid down his life so that we would have eternal life, that we would have abundant life, and that we would have God's power available to us to serve Him forever.

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