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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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David is going to reveal something most significant. And what is that we're going to learn in our passage today, that King Sheol is not operating because he does not know something. He knows the truth. He is going to confess it in a moment, and what we see is that he is rebellious because he does not like the truth of God. Well, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel and chapter 24 First Samuel and chapter 24 now you'll recall that last week, God did something. God as He promised to do, that he was going to deliver David's enemy into his hands. And this is exactly what happened when King Shaul entered into the cave where David and his men were hiding. And this gave David a very good opportunity. And what was that opportunity for? If David wanted to, he could have taken Saul's life. He had a knife, and he was close to him, so close, as you recall, he cut off the corner of sheol's robe, where he would have had these tassels that relate to the commandments of God. Now, one of the things that David was saying is this, I am submissive to the instructions of God. I'm not operating out of my flesh, out of what I want, but I am under God's authority. Let me ask you a question. Can you say that as well that it's God's truth that you honor, it is God's truth that you submit to, not approaching the Scriptures from a position of logic or what makes sense to you, or what seems rational, but rather being submissive to what the Word of God reveals. That's what a disciple of Messiah, Yeshua, that is Jesus of Nazareth, is supposed to do. So look with me to our passage, as I said, First Samuel, chapter 24 and we're going to begin in verse 10, where it says, Behold. Remember this word? Why it's so significant? Because it announces to the reader after this word, behold, in Hebrew henay That something important is going to follow. We read, behold, this day, your eyes have seen how the Lord has given you today into my hand, and he's going to be very specific, while you were in the cave, and it was said to kill you. Now, God is at work here. God was the one who brought Sheol into this particular cave where David

and his men happened to be, and there was a sound of someone's voice, we're not told who, but it says to kill you. Many scholars believe that this one who was saying that was God, but notice what David did. Keep reading. Now we come across kind of a problem, because David is speaking, but when we look at the verb here that is used, it's in the feminine. Now, this probably is an indicator that the noun that modifies this verb is what we talked about earlier. With your eyes here, it's in the singular and it's feminine. So we could say, and my eye had pity upon you, and I said, I will not stretch forth my hand against my Lord. Now remember something this term, my Lord is a term that recognizes authority, and that's what David is saying to King Shaul, that He is king. Him, and therefore David is under Shaul's authority. And we're going to find more out in a moment that David is not an enemy of King Shaul. That's not what he is motivated by. Rather, he wants to participate and be a blessing to Shaul in doing as he has demonstrated the various things that's going to strengthen that kingdom, but realize something else we also know that that God has turned away from King Sheol. He's operating in rebelliousness. He has committed only to what he wants and what does he want? Well, he wants to put David to death. Let's move on where it says in this same passage, I will not stretch forth my hand against my Lord, because he is the Lord's anointed. Now again, we talked about this last week, this expression the Lord's anointed. It can refer to the king and it can refer to the Messiah. That word for anointed is the same word where we get the term Meshech, which means Messiah. Let's press on notice. What else was said in this passage, he goes on and points out in the next verse, verse 11, and my father has seen. Now, who is David speaking about? When he says, his father, he's speaking about Sheol. He says, My father has seen also, look at the quarter of your robe, which is in my hand because I have cut the corner of your robe and I did not kill, you know, and see that there is not in me any evil. And the word next word is Pasha, which is transgression. David is saying, I have no evil intentions concerning you. I am not wanting to transgress the word of the Lord. And then he says, I have not sinned against you, but by what is Shaul doing? But you are hunting my soul to take it. And here it says, My soul. It can also be understood as my life. So David understands very well what's going on in this passage, and that is that Shaul is hunting him down to put him to death. But David says, I am not going to harm the Lord's anointed. I am not going to kill you. I have not sinned against you, nor have I committed any transgression. Yet you are hunting for my life to take it from me. Verse 13. Now David is going to do something that I think is extremely wise, because he wants God's judgment. Why? Because God always judges correctly. God never makes a mistake. Look at the next verse. Verse 12, he says, And David is speaking, the Lord will judge between me and between you and the Lord, Lord will vindicate me from you. But even though God's going to do that, he says, but my hand will not be against you. So David is saying over and over, I'm not your enemy. I don't have any desire to do anything evil. And remember what evil is. Evil represents that which is against God's will. David is saying, in the clearest terms, in the biblical language, it's not that I'm against you. I am not going to stretch out my hand against you. Why to do so would be evil, meaning it would be against God's will. In this passage, David is affirming what he wants, and what is that? That he has agreed with God, what God wills? This is what David is committed to. Keep reading. He says again at the end of the verse, verse 12, but my hand will not be against you. Next verse, verse 13. Now David is going to take up a proverb, and not just any proverb, an ancient proverb. He says, just as the ancient proverb will say. And what is that ancient proverb saying? From evil things will go forth evil. So he. Pointing out to King Shaul, what you're doing is wicked, what you're doing is wrong, but nevertheless, he says again, but my hand will not be against you. Now, David has said this repeatedly. Why to make the case that he is not

against King Shaul, that he does not want to harm him, and he's not after his throne. Look now to the next verse, verse 14,

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after whom goes forth, the king of Israel. And he's speaking about himself. He's pointing out that you, King, Saul, you have gone forth after me and after whom you are pursuing. And he asks the question, is it after a dead dog, or is it after one flea? What David is saying is God has manifested to you that if I wanted to, I could put you to death. I'm not a dead dog that couldn't do anything. I'm not like a small flea that couldn't have any type of actions against you. God, should open your eyes King Shaul on what I could have done, but I chose not to why? Because he is recognizing Him as the Lord's anointed. What does that mean? He is recognizing Him as King over Israel. Now, all of this is going to speak very strongly to King Shaul, but we are going to see later on in the weeks to come, even though Sheol knows the truth, he's not willing to submit to the truth. Press on notice what it says in in the next verse, verse 15. And May it come about that the Lord to be judge, and he will judge between me and between you, and you will see that he will contend my case, and he will judge me, meaning he will vindicate me from your hand. So David here, in my sense, he is speaking prophetically. He knows what the future is. God has revealed to him that David is not going to be put to death by King Shaul. David is in a difficult position. David is on the run. He is fleeing from the one who wants to persecute him and ultimately put him to death. But nevertheless, David knows, and he speaks very clearly here that he says he will judge me, meaning he will vindicate me from your hand. Move on to verse 16, where it says here or verse, verse 16, and it came about when David finished speaking these words to Shaul that sheul said, is that the voice of my son, David? Now he's not a biological son, but He is sheul's son in law because he's married Michal, which is Saul's daughter. So he says again, look again at our verse, verse 16, and it came about when David finished speaking these words to sheul that you'll said, Is it your voice? My son, David, and Saul lifted up his voice and he wept. Now, why was he weeping? Because he was convicted. He knew now without any doubt, that David wasn't his enemy, that David wasn't plotting anything against him, that David wasn't trying to take the throne from him, but David was what David was loyal, and now he understands that, and look on to what else he says as sheul is weeping, lifting up his voice crying. Notice the next verse, verse 17, and he said to David, righteous, are you more than me? Because you have rewarded me with goodness, meaning doing God's will, and I have rewarded you with what evil now this is important, because what it reveals to us when we understand the Hebrew language is that King Sheol is saying, I'm acknowledging that you are in God's will, and I'm also acknowledging that I am outside of God's will, rebelling against it. Sheol knows. Us this. But here's the problem, he is not willing to change. And let's just pause for a moment. Let's make some practical application for this. See if you are living in the flesh, doing what you think is best, doing what is right in your eyes, realize you are not going to have any peace. You will not know contentment. You will be frustrated. And likewise, you will not know the joy of the Lord. It is only when you do one thing, and what is that? When you surrender your life, how much of your life, all of it and you need to be committed to. And I've said this earlier, but it's really the foundational principle for spirituality, and that is that you must surrender to the truth of God, acknowledging this book, all of it, every word, and not just the words, but even their grammatical constructions, all of it is inspired by God. All of it is truth. And you should have one objective. And what is that objective, to submit to the revelation of God? So what does King Shaul say? He speaks to David, and he says, You are more righteous than me because you have rewarded me good. You have been doing God's will while I have rewarded you with what evil that which

is in conflict with the Word of God. Move on to verse 18, and this day you have declared what you have done with me. And what is that? Again, that same word, good that you have done to me this day, what is good? And he goes on. And the Lord, even though the Lord has delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. Now I believe here soul is saying, you know, if it was the opposite, if God had delivered you into my hands, I would have killed you. That is what soul is confessing to David. Look now to verse 19, for a man will find his enemy, and a normal man will do what he will send forth on the way goodness. Well, that's not what most people will do, most people, even though God is sending to them his enemy, he's not going to do what is good. He's not going to be thinking about God's will. He's going to be doing what he wants to do. So he says, May the Lord repay you with goodness in exchange for this day when you have done and the implication is good unto me, so sheul understands this. And he's even going to be more specific. Look now to verse 20, and now, Behold, I have known. Now it's not I know, but it's I have known, meaning this. What is being put forth is Shaul has learned a lesson. He understands what is going to happen, and this lesson is of great significance. What is it? Well, when we look at it, notice what Shaul is saying. He says in this passage, verse 20, verse 20. And now behold something very important is going to be said. I have known that you will reign

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and the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand. Now, hand is synonymous with authority. So what is King Shaul saying? He says, You know I know something. Now there's no doubt in my mind that you are going to rule over the kingdom of Israel, and that your hand is going to establish the kingdom of Israel. He knows that. But as I said, we're going to see example after example. Even though sheul knows the truth, he has not submitted to the truth. See, you can know a lot of this Bible, but until you begin to submit to its truth, you know what? All of that knowledge, all of that understanding, all of that that that wisdom that you may think you have is not going to be a blessing in your life until you begin to implement it into your life. Only then are you going to see the work of God being done in your life to change you and. Let me just simply say, if you're wise, you're going to know something, and what is that you're going to be praying daily. O God, change me. I need to be different. I need to be brought into your will. I need to submit to your truth. I need to follow your character and be changed by you so I can reflect a testimony that is pleasing to you. So King sheul says, I have known. It's not just a new revelation. He says, I have known in the past, I have known that you will reign, and in your hand, the kingdom of Israel will be established. Look now to verse 21 now he says something. He knows this stuff, and therefore he knows who he's speaking to the future king, and we could say, from our perspective, the rightful king over Israel. Notice what King Shaul requests, he says now, and it's this word with a sense of urgency, now, swear to me in the Lord, if that you will not cut off my seed after me. So he's saying, don't take retribution on my house after I have died. And he says, And as well, do not destroy my name from the house of my father, meaning that you do something where no one will ever talk about King Shaul. Well, what are we doing? We're talking about King Shaul. So this means David did not make anything that was forbidden to mention King Shaul. He has his place in history. Unfortunately, it's a shameful place in history. And my hope is this that you learn some of the simple truths that were coming across in this book of First Samuel, and that you will agree that if you're going to be found pleasing to God, faithful to God, and doing the will of God, that you have to first and foremost recognize the truth of Scripture, that it is absolute truth, it is eternal Truth, and there's no errors whatsoever in this book. So he says, Now, swear to me in the Lord that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name from the house of my father. Last verse, look at

verse 22 and David swore to Shaul and sheul went to his house. But in contrast to that, what did David do? David and his men went up into the strongholds. Now, what is being said here? Just one thing we see, that David, even though Shaul said all of these things, you want to know, my perspective, I know that David didn't believe it. He was saying the right thing, but he had to say it. He called David my son. He spoke very kind to him. But in reality, what does? What does Sheol? Believe that the only way that he is going to thwart what God has told him is to put David to death, that this prophecy, that David will be king over Israel, having been anointed by Samuel, that it's not going to become a reality. Realize something. Realize that what God says will be God is never wrong. God is forever perfect, and he calls us to himself, that we might submit to Him, that we might experience blessing, that we might know God's faithful provision, that we might have his perspective. So we know how to make wise and God pleasing decisions. That's what God wants to do. And in the same way, we see how God moves mightily in the life of King David, you know what God will move equally mightily in your life as well. All you need to do is submit to God. Let me say that differently, all you need to do is to bring your life under the authority of God's Word. If you do that, you are going to be amazed on how your life changes and how you begin to experience God and how God begins to teach us, teach you things spiritually so that you can serve Him, glorify Him, honor him, and know the joy of the Lord. What does Nehemiah say? In Nehemiah, chapter eight, he talks about this joy. Joy of the Lord as His strength, you see, the more joyful you are in the Lord, the more powerful you will be in doing the things of God. Don't rely upon your own strength, your own abilities, your own logic, your own way of thinking. What does the Scripture say? Lean not on our own understanding when you do so you know who you're going to reflect. You are going to reflect King Shaul, and you're going to have to confess there's another one more righteous than me, another one that that is returning good for evil. That's what David was doing. So let me just ask yourself, or just let me ask you if you want to be changed, if you want to be transformed, if you want to become a faithful servant of the living God, there is only one way. Don't miss that. There is only one way to do that. And first and foremost, you need to receive the gospel, that reception of the gospel changes everything. It begins by acknowledging what should be obvious, and that is, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. What does that mean? We're all in need of God's grace, His mercy, His forgiveness, and God is willing to do that you confess your sin, but you trust in the provision of God. What has he provided? He has provided his son's own blood. When he was crucified, He shed His blood, and that produced something of great value. What is that redemption? And when we receive that blood by faith, we will experience eternal redemption and in that new covenant relationship that we enter into, because that's what his blood. Remember what he said on the night that he was betrayed, where he took the cup and he blessed it, and he prayed and he spoke. He says, This cup is a new covenant. In my blood, He shed His blood so this New Covenant, this covenant of redemption, could go into force whereby we would be made forever into the people of God, with the opportunity and the liberty and the freedom to serve God and to behave in a way that's pleasing to Him. I want to just share with you, as we wrap up, that walking in faith is exciting. It will put you on the greatest adventure of your life. So don't be faithless. Trust God. Believe in Him. Honor His Word, Fear God and see how good he truly is. Well, close with that until next week. May indeed God bless you, leads you, empower you, and may you live a praiseworthy life. Well.

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