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HOST, Shalom and welcome to via 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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Our God is always faithful. And what I mean by that is this God never chooses someone for a purpose and then sets that one up for failure. And we're going to see a great example of God giving to Shaul everything that he needed in order to be successful, God wanted to use Shaul. But the problem is that Shaul was not a faithful man. He did not rely trust and depend upon God. But so often what Shaul did was to make decisions based upon what he saw, rather than what the Word of God taught with that said, to get your Bible and look with me to First Samuel and chapter 10. Again, First Samuel and chapter 10. Now what we're going to see here is a very unusual passage we see that Shaul is being called to be king. He was the people's choice, and there was a degree of rejection of Samuel. And as God also pointed out a few weeks ago in our study, that because the people rejected Samuel, it was really them rejecting God, and that's exactly how God saw it. But nevertheless, God was not going to set up Shaul for failure. Rather, he was going to provide for him all that was necessary in order that King Shaul would be a delivering king that he would carry on God's work of redemption. So I want you to look with me to verse 10, that is First Samuel, chapter 10, and verse 10, I've made mention that this is an unusual passage, and we'll see why in just a moment. Look to that 10th verse, and it says, And they came there, and that there is to the hill. Now a hill has significance in the Bible. Whether it is a hill or a mountain. We see this elevated place is oftentimes related to a government we know, for example, in the book of Isaiah, in chapter two, what is God going to do in the last days? He is going to exalt the mountain of Jerusalem, and it will become the chief of all mountains. What does that mean? It simply means that God is going to put his government in Jerusalem, and we're speaking about that millennial kingdom. And what we find here is that there's a hint with this word for Hill, there's a hint for government, and God is revealing to us that is you and me, the reader, what God wants to do through

Shaul, and notice what we see in this verse. We find behold, a very important word, a word that shows significance. It says, Behold, and we have a word hevel. Now in the basic meaning of that word hevel, we're talking about a rope, but oftentimes, in the Bible, when we use that word rope, what we're talking about is a group, and that's how it should be understood here in our verse, verse 10. So behold a group of prophets, and what happened as Shaul was going forth. We see that he was going to this hill and met him this group of prophets. And notice what it says.

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And the Spirit of God landed upon him. Who's that him will see in a moment without any doubt, we're talking about King Sheol, and notice what it says as we continue on, it says, And he was prophesying in the midst of them. So we see a group of prophets, and they were coming forth to meet King Sheol, of course, this time. It was before he was actually officially king, but nevertheless, we see that they met him and notice what the Scripture tells us. Here, we see that he was prophesying in the midst of them, verse 11, and it came about that all who knew him from yesterday and before. So we're talking about those who knew this man, King Shaul, previously. And what does it say all who knew him previously? Notice what the Word of God says they saw and behold, with the prophets, he prophesied. Now. Why is this so important? Because prophecy is a most desirable gift, and one needs to know the revelation of God, the instructions of God, and frequently, God's communication to humanity is through the prophet. So we find that Sheol is being thoroughly equipped in order to rule the people, in order to be that faithful King. So he was prophesying in the midst of them. And it says here, and they looked and behold, with the prophets, he prophesied. And notice what was said. The people said, Every man to his neighbor, what is this? And it says, Has Shaul, literally the son of Kish, meaning King Shaul. Has he become also Shaul, one of the prophets? Is he among those who are called to be a prophet? And the answer is this. This is an example of God equipping this man for success in order that he would have direct communication from God, in order to make God pleasing decisions that God was wanting to communicate with him directly. But we're going to find that so frequently this man, instead of relying upon the word of God and honoring the counsel that God gave to him. Instead of being faithful, what did he do? He rejected the instructions of God. He did not rely nor trust upon God's revelation. To him, Look now to the next verse. Word says, still at the end of verse 11, word asks, is indeed Shaul among the prophets. Now verse 12, and a man from there answered, and he says, Who is their father? What does that mean? Well, this is kind of an idiom, wanting to know who is the leader of this group, who has the authority over them. So he asked the question this man from that place. He says, Who is their father? Therefore, what happens? There became a proverb. Now in this case, a proverb is a very common saying that people are familiar with. And what was this common saying? Well, keep reading. It simply has even, shall all among the prophets? Is he also one of the prophets? And again, the answer is, God is uniquely moving in this man. Why? In order to prepare him for this task that soon he would enter into in fullness, and what would that be? To be the king over Israel, the very first king? And again, I want to emphasize this biblical point, and that is this, even though there is a rejection of the man of God, and I'm speaking about Samuel, and as I mentioned earlier, this also is a rejection of God. Despite this, we find that God is not setting up Shaul for failure, but rather he is equipping him. He is giving him truth, truth from heaven that is prophetic, truth in order to rule righteously, in order to have success. And we're going to see this before we conclude our passage today. Now let's move on to verse 13. And it says here when he finished from prophesying. And by the way, in the original language, this word for prophesying is in the plural. Now, why is that important? Because it tells us that

Shoal. Was abundantly prophesying. There was much that God was giving to him. There was great revelation that Sheol was receiving from God, in order that God was positioning him for success, to be a godly leader, to have a god pleasing leadership over the people of Israel. And again, we'll see this with no uncertain terms in a moment. Look again at the beginning of verse 13, and when he finished prophesying, it says he went to the high place. Now this term high place, frequently in the Scripture, when we come across it, it is used negatively, meaning it's not pleasing that they went up to the high place. But we need to remember, this is before the temple in Jerusalem, and we see that frequently in Israel's history, in order to honor God. This is exactly what people would do. They would go up to a high place. Why? Because there was that idea of getting close to God, and this is what at least initially, Saul was demonstrating that he wanted to be in God's presence, and that it was the prophetic revelation that God gave him that led him up to God, we might say. And this is why the Scripture says, and he came to the high place. Verse 14, and the uncle of Shaul said unto him and to his young man, that servant that was with him, where have you went? And he said, to seek the donkeys. Now, remember, we have seen several times that there was a group of donkeys that were lost, and this is the motivation for Saul's father, telling him to go forth and find the donkeys. But he hasn't been successful. But notice what it says in this place. He said, Where have you went? And he said, to seek the donkeys, but we have seen them, not meaning we haven't found them. In other words, and therefore, notice, we came to Shmuel. This is Samuel, and they went to him, recognizing his leadership, that he is truly one that sees visions from God. He is one that God has used significantly in Israel's past and now in the present. And therefore it was a good thing that that King Shaul would go to Samuel for counsel. Read on look, if you would, to verse 15, and the uncle of Shaul said, Tell please to me what Samuel has said unto you. So he wants to understand what Samuel has said. How is God moving in this situation? That's how it should be understood. And God is moving. But notice something very important look, if you would to verse 16, where it says and show said to his uncle, I will utterly tell you, meaning, I'll tell to you Uncle what he has said unto us, what he has declared to us. Because the donkeys had been found, and the word of the kingdom, he

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did not declare to us what Samuel said. So what he says is simply Samuel told us that the donkeys had been found. But notice something else that he concealed, but the word of the kingdom, He did not say to him, meaning that Shoal was going to be king. He did not want to reveal that. Now this reveals something. If you check out many of the scholars, they point out that show feels inadequate. He doesn't feel like a king. Well, we're not to be ruled by our feelings. We're not to be governed by our thoughts. What should we be governed and ruled by the truth of God? And we see here that based upon the people's words, we see that King Sheol is indeed God's choice. Now, I've made mention a few times that God is speaking here for a specific reason. He is providing to Sheol everything that he needs in order that he can dim. Straight success, that he can carry on with the plans of God, that he can be a catalyst in order that the purposes, the plans, the will of God, should become a reality for the children of Israel. And the reason why I say that is if you look at the next verse, verse 17, notice what it says. The subject is Shmuel, that is Samuel. And Samuel did something. The word here is literally the word for screaming or yelling. And whenever that word is used, it is to emphasize intensity. It is to show that something is very important to the one who is screaming or yelling. So here Samuel screamed to the people, and he says unto the Lord at mitzvah. Now Mitzvah is a place that is literally a lookout. And what it's saying here is he's speaking to the people. He's emphasizing how important is for the people

of Israel to get to mitzvah. Why? The simple answer is, they need a change of perspective. Now let me pause for a moment and say to you that it's very likely, and the reason why I say that about you is because I know this thing to be true for me, frequently, we need a change of perspective. How we look at things, how we understand things, how we perceive things, in our mind, is not as we should. Oftentimes, we are operating under the influence of the enemy, rather than relying upon the truth of God and understanding the revelation of God, God's will for a given situation, a given moment. So Samuel is telling the people, get to mitzvah. Why? Well, this is a place which means the overlook, and it's so that people can see things differently. That's why he emphasizes this phrase by yelling to the people, saying, Get to the Lord at mitzvah, verse 18, and he said to the children of Israel, who's this? This would be Shmuel. And he said to the children of Israel, thus has said the Lord, the God of Israel. Now, normally, when we have that, that term, the God of Israel, normally, prophetically, we should expect something that's good, meaning that God's going to reveal something that is important, and a desire that God has to bless the people, to lead the people, to move them and to position them where they need to be if indeed they are going to carry out the will of God and they are going to demonstrate obedience and that they are going to behave in a way that's pleasing to God. And there's no exception here in this verse. Look again at verse 18,

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and he said to the children of Israel, thus has said the Lord, the God of Israel. Now what is so important is how this verse concludes, because one thing is going to be emphasized, and I would say to you that this is probably the most important message in all the Bible, because we're going to see a connection here to redemption. And why do I say that? Well, let's look at the end of this verse, where it says, And God is speaking, speaking to the people through Samuel, where he says, and I brought up Israel from Egypt. Now, Egypt is a word that relates to stress and problems and trouble. Now, most of the scholars understand that Egypt is a typology for the world, when we live according to the world's standards, when we have a worldly perspective, what are we doing? We're inviting trouble, hardship, problems into our life. Why? Because we're behaving according to the world perspective, rather than the prophetic truth of God. So if we're going to have that change of perspective, if we're going to be used by God, we need to rely upon prophetic truth and what is God's desire? Understand God is equipping Sheol for six. Says, in order that he knows the word of God and notice what the scripture says. Let's go back to all of verse 18. And he said, that is Samuel to the people unto the Lord at mitzvah, verse 18, and the children of Israel. He said to the children of Israel, Thus said the LORD, the God of Israel, I have brought you up, meaning Israel. I brought up Israel from Egypt, and I have delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hands of all the kingdoms and what type of kingdoms? Well, we're speaking here about the kingdoms of the world, and what is the real objective of the kingdoms of the world. And we certainly see this today, as we look at the world and the decision that many governments are making, we find that they have been deceived by the enemy, and their perspective is far removed from biblical truth. And more and more we see that in the world, and I can say it a different way. What's happening in our days is this the the moving of that antichrist spirit is growing in the world. We're seeing more and more evidence of how leaders and different different authorities in the world are being deceived. And personally, I think one of the the best examples of this is the United Nations. The United Nations tend to choose evil, and they tend to reject that which is good, that is that which relates to the will of God. And let me just simply say what is so disappointing today is how we find that the media of the world, which is also basically satanic propaganda, are not

doing journalism. They're not investigating. That's not what's important to them. What are they doing? They're simply repeating false news. And let me give you an example of this, when, when this is being recorded, we are still hopefully towards the conclusion of the war in Gaza. Israel has utterly defeated Hezbollah. Israel has shown the houthim in Yemen much of its power. And the the nation of Yemen has suffered greatly at the hands of the Israelis, and we see that Israel has also shown its power and authority and its wisdom to Iran. Iran has suffered some some great defeat at the hands of Israel and at the hands of America. And what do we see? Well, we see over and over the news media outlets in the world purporting lies. They say that that people are starving in Gaza and how many people are dying each day? Well, this is simply false. Now, why is that? Well, where are they getting the information? Are they actually seen and are they going there to investigate? No, they are not. They are simply repeating what Hamas and the Hamas government is saying, no verification, no accountability, no truth. It's simply propaganda. And again, I would say satanic propaganda. It's not based upon truth. It's not based upon the reality of the situation. And let me just simply say this, there is nothing in regard to the rules of war that requires a nation to feed the enemy. That's just ridiculous. All that's going to do is prolong the battle. God wants success, and God is equipping Shaul for success. And what does he want to do? He wants to move forward with Sheol in God's plan of redemption. Why do I say that? Well, look again at verse 18, where God is speaking and He says, enoki, that is a unique word for for i and normally it's God who says that. He says, I brought up Israel from Egypt and I delivered or rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you. Now this word for oppressing is is related. To stress and anxiety. It's about putting pressure upon an individual, and that's what the enemy does. The enemy is committed to putting pressure upon you so you feel overwhelmed. And what happens when you feel overwhelmed? Here's the spiritual truth, when you feel overwhelmed by things, you tend to rely upon yourself, and you do not feel faithful. You do not demonstrate obedience. You do not rely upon God. When you feel overwhelmed, you go back to what is expedient, and that is you look at things from your perspective, and you make your decisions. And what the Word of God teaches us here is that when we rely upon our perspective rather than a prophetic perspective, we're going to be deceived, and we're not going to be positioned for victory, but we're going to be positioned for defeat. And what's happening here is this God is demonstrating to you and me, the reader, that he wants to position Shaul to lead the people in moving forward in this redemptive program. This is why God moved in a unique way in the life of Shoal, prophetically, this prophetic utterance that that Shoal received this revelation from God. But unfortunately, instead of trusting in this prophetic truth, what did he do? Well, we're going to see, as we move forward in this book, that there is an overwhelming tendency for Shaul to not trust in God, not depend upon him, not obey Him, not receive His Word. But over and over and over, Shaul rejects the truth of God. And why is that? Because he is going to be someone that relies upon himself rather than rely upon God. And let me just simply say this, when we rely upon ourselves rather than relying upon God, we're going to be deceived. And instead of experiencing victory and the success that God wants us to receive, what's going to happen. We are going to be experiencing defeat. And when we look at shows administration, we find that he did not lead the people towards victory, but this was one of the darkest and the times of the greatest defeat of the children of Israel, because they did not walk in obedience. They did not rely upon the truth of God. What did they do? They, like their leader, trusted in self, and whenever we trust in self, we are going to experience defeat.

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