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Shalom and welcome to via hafte yesrael, 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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What is it that we should expect? We should always expect God to fulfill His word? That is to say, Whatever God has proclaimed, it will most certainly be a reality. And if we will base our life upon the word of God, we are going to experience the faithfulness of God. The Bible makes it very clear God does not lie. Well, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel, chapter one. And now we're ready for verse 23 and here we're going to see the husband, a man by the name of El Canal, he is going to speak to his wife and notice what He desires. Let me say that differently. I want you to notice what is important to this man. He is not a perfect individual, but he is indeed sensitive to the will of God, and He wants the will of God to be the reality of his life and for his family. And likewise, he expects God to always establish his word, meaning what God has said or what he has promised. We can be assured that that is going to happen, because, again, our God does not lie. Look with me to that first verse, verse 23 of First Samuel. Chapter one we read. El Cana, her husband spoke to her and notice what he said simply. Asi had told beneq, which means, do the good in your eyes. What he is saying is to his wife, Hannah, I trust you, and I know that you are someone who wants to do good again. What does that word good mean when we come across it in the Scripture, whether it's in the Old Testament or New Testament, the biblical word good always relates to the will of God, and he understands that his wife, Hannah, is sensitive to the will of God. Let me say it differently, that Hannah is committed to the will of God, and what she desires is that the will of God be established in her life and for her family. That is a godly woman. That is a woman that you as a man should be seeking for a wife, a woman who is committed to and a follower of the will of God. This is someone who should be very attractive to you. So he says, do the good in your eyes dwell unto you, wean him only. And this next word is a word of

emphasis. Most scholars see that this word takes what it modifies and makes it emphatic, which is another way of saying is emphasize what is important to el Canal, he says, yes, if it's good in your eyes that you don't go up with us, but you remain here until the child be weaned. You do just that. Then he says only the word of the Lord be established. You dwell the woman and nurse your son. And she weaned him. So we see two things being done. He affirms Hannah's ability to discern what is God's will, and she said, and he says, Yes, you stay here and you wean this young boy, and you nurse him until you have weaned him, and then there's going to be that change. So she does exactly what, what he agrees to base. Based upon her leadership. And this is a great example that, yes, men are called to be the spiritual leaders of their home. But that doesn't mean that a woman is in hearing from God, and it doesn't mean that she cannot make a suggestion and the husband he should discern at times, what she is suggesting is indeed God's will, that she also is led by the Spirit of God. She also is hearing from God. Therefore, she is given to him as a source of counsel, as the Bible says, As a help mate and husbands, we should rely upon our wives, their counsel, their assistance, their wisdom and their call. If we don't, we are not utilizing a provision from God. We need to understand that women, and I'm speaking about our wives, are a gift from God. He saw that it was not good for man to be alone. Therefore he made for us a helpmate. And when I say for us for our benefit, but there's an additional truth, and that is, she helps us in order to find and complete the will of God. That is the primary purpose of a wife. Look on to verse 24 and she went up with him, and he with her when he was weaned. Notice that she took this young boy together with her. They went up. But also there were three bulls. And notice why three bulls? Well, it might be because she's going there to recognize God and His faithfulness, that God has said, I am going to respond and provide for you this child that you have requested for me, and therefore she's acknowledging God with these three bulls. Now I realize that some manuscripts will say a three year bull. That's fine, because that number three is there. And three, in my opinion, is relating to the character of God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. So keep reading. Not only did she take these three bulls, but also one AFA of flower wine skin. And the implication is, there's wine in these wine skins. And she brought him unto the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And this, this young boy was just that he was young. And the implication is, it is to show us that she is faithful to what she says. Now this is a good example of how things should work, and that is this, God does not lie. God is always faithful, therefore we should demonstrate faithfulness and return to God's faithfulness. God's always faithful to us. What he has said, he is going to do what He has promised, He is going to keep, and therefore she is going to do the same thing in what she has said. And what is that? Well, you'll remember a couple weeks ago, she has said, God, if you will. So give me a son. I will give him back to you, meaning he will serve you in a very specific matter all the days of his life. So she wants in the message here, and don't miss this. She wants to be fruitful and multiply. That is, she wants to fulfill the Word of God. She is interested in the instructions of God, and why? Well, she is taking what God does, giving her conception, giving her that son, and she is giving that son, back to God. What is that? A message of what God gives we utilize for him, for his purposes. So she's a great example of this. Look now to verse 25 it says here,

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and they slaughtered the bull. Now notice the bull doesn't say bulls which could, in fact, give more credence to, for example, the Dead Sea Scrolls, which has a three year old bull. Not three bulls, but putting that aside, they sacrificed the bull and they. Brought the boy unto Ellie why she is going to fulfill her obligation she has promised. We have talked about it that if God gives her a son, she will give him

to the Lord all the days of his life in order that he might serve, that he might be used by God. And again, the principle is very specific, what God does in your life. He does it so that you can utilize God's activity, God's provision, God's power, whatever it might be, in order to better serve Him. And what this scripture is emphasizing is that this woman, Hannah, is a woman that wants to serve God. Now what's interesting is her name. Her name, Hannah, comes from one of the Hebrew words that means grace. Now this word, Ken in Hebrew can mean grace or favor, but again, it's overwhelming. Purpose is one thing, that the will of God be complete, that the will of God is fulfilled, and this is what she is committed to. So let me just pause for a moment and ask you a question, are you committed to the will of God? Do you, above all things, want to be used by God in order that God's will is fulfilled and that you play a role in that, that you participate in the plans of God, the purposes of God, God's Kingdom program. If you do, you are going to see God's activity in your life. You are going to experience God answering your prayers, God listening when you are committed to his will. God is going to be committed to you. Didn't say committed to your will, because your will should not exist. Your will should be brought under the authority of the will of God. That's how we find maturity in a spiritual sense. Look now to verse 26 now we find Hannah is speaking to Ellie, and she says, Please, my lord, as my soul lives, My Lord, I am the woman, the one standing with you in this to Pray to the Lord. Now what she's doing is reminding Ellie of something here again, he dwells in Shiloh, and many people are coming to Him, asking to him for some spiritual counsel, advice, prayer, a blessing, and such. He sees numerous people. And what's important here is what she's doing. She is reminding him of something, this encounter that she had with him will say a year ago or so, or actually longer that because the child has been weaned, so maybe two years or three years ago. And she's reminding him that she's that woman that was standing praying there when he approached and incorrectly assumed that she was drunk, and remember he told her to put wine away from her. But she wasn't drunk. She had that burden that she was experiencing, and she was not experiencing God's presence in her life. So what did she do? Does she become disenchanted with God and and moved away and stop worshiping and praying? Absolutely not. She grew more commitment in worshiping God. So let me just say this, we all, to various degrees, go through difficulties in our life, and what we what should we do in the midst of these hard times? Well, we should worship God. Worship brings godly change into our life, we should want to proclaim, even though I am hurting, even though things are difficult, they're very hard for me, God, you are still the Lord of my life. You are the still the one that I serve and nothing. It doesn't matter how bad it may get, it doesn't matter what I may lose. It doesn't matter what people might think of me. I am committed to you forever and ever and ever. That is the mindset that every true servant of God should have, that God is with us, therefore who can be against us? The Scripture is speaking here. And she goes, and she says, I am the woman. And this is what's important. We see that God is using here a present participle. Now the reason why I emphasize the participle is because we find a very important letter that introduces this participle. It is the Hebrew letter, hey, which is the definite article. What is that? It's simply a grammatical way of saying it is the word the in Hebrew one letter speaks of the and what it does. It makes it in a unique way. She is the woman. She is the unique woman. And then we see something else. We see the present tense, and the present tense always marks with emphasis a passage. So this verse has the woman, and most Bibles don't do this. Most Bibles want to simply translate something based upon logic. She's talking about something that happened in the past. So most translation puts it in the past. I was the woman, or I was the woman who stood. Doesn't say stood, says, am standing? Yes, it's in the past, but the present tells us that something important is going on. She was the one standing. And you know what's so significant? This word for standing is related to standing in a faithful

way. Now, what is the biblical basis for this? See, oftentimes people say things and they don't give a biblical citation. You remember at the the Red Sea, when, when God spoke to Moses, Moses was very concerned about what was happening their location. They had the mountains on one side the desert on another, the Philistines, or excuse me, the Egyptians, coming towards them, and before them was the Red Sea, yam suph. And what did God tell Moses? He says, Stand still and see the redemption of your people, or the redemption of the Lord, this salvation, experience, this deliverance. And the interesting thing here is that he uses a unique word for standing, not what we would think la mode, the common word for standing, but a different word. And this is a word that is used throughout the Hebrew Bible to emphasize standing with expectation. And this is what this woman had, she went there and she poured out her soul. We learned that last week with expectation, that God was going to hear and God was going to respond. She was praying, in other words, in faith, faith in what God is able to do. Just like Moses found out when God parted the Red Sea with God, all things are possible. So she is saying to to Ellie, I am that woman that is standing with you, it's in the past, but we translated literally standing with you in this to pray to the Lord. And now she's going to say, God, as you said, Ellie was faithful. He's always faithful. God was the one who provided. And notice how it begins. Look at verse 27

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for this child, and it's in the mass this boy, I have prayed the Lord gave to me my request, what I asked for, literally, which I asked from him. Now that's redundant. She says twice God has given to me what I've asked from him, what I've asked from him. Why is it repeated twice for you and for me? Because God is not a respecter of persons. And what does that mean? It means simply that this works for everyone. It's not someone who's well, Hana is a favorite of God. God has no favorites. If you want God to be well pleased with you, be committed to his will, be submissive to His Word, and rely upon him for all things, the more you trust, depend, rely upon God, the more committed you are to His will, rather than your will, the more that you pray that God, you place your desires in my heart and take my desire. And nail them to the cross. When you pray in such a way, God will hear this, and God will respond. What we're learning is God is not some distant God that is unable to hear. God knows all things. He hears all things. And when we approach him properly, in faithfulness, in commitment, and in a desire for his will to become the foundation of our life. When we are committed to the things of God, we will experience God's commitment to us because we are in agreement with him. We can say it differently. We have an active covenantal relationship. Here's a problem that most people encounter. Yes, you are in that new covenant relationship through that gospel, believing in the person of Messiah and the work of Messiah, that's wonderful. But the problem is, many people believe that God exists now as I become one of his children. God exists as that father to give me what I want, to help me in the problems of my life. No, this is not what the Bible says God is committed to. What is God committed to His perfect will? And when we are committed to His perfect will, we will experience God's power, God's provision. God will give us a perspective like he has. We'll see things from how he sees things, and we will have great potential to do what, to obey God, to participate in the purposes of God. That should be our utmost desire. But if we are constantly in prayer for God, do this for me because I want that. Do this for me because I have done this for you, this is not spirituality. That is a type of idolatry, that is a stench in the nostrils of God. We should be individuals that are committed to His perfect will, and it's just that God's will is perfect. Your Will my will is not my will. What I desire is a reflection of my selfishness. It's what I want, what seems good in my eyes, whenever we do what is right in our eyes, even though we want to do what's right, if it's from our perspective our eyes, it's going to be seen as evil before God. That's

what the Bible says. The children of Israel did what was right in their eyes, and God saw it as evil. So let's make no mistake, it's God's will that we should be committed to. It's God's purposes that we should be striving to fulfill, and when we do that, God is going to become personal. We are going to encounter His presence. We are going to experience His provision, his power, and we will see things according to God's perspective. There's so many things that God is able to do, but when we are stubborn in our will, wanting what we want, in slavery to our desires. God is not going to be active in our life. So let me ask you, are you experiencing God's activity in your life? Is he mighty? Is he working in your situations when you are committed to his will, God will most definitely be active in your life. Well, let's wrap up. Look, if you would, to verse 28 it says, And also, I have lent him, and this is simply a word, meaning I have given I have acted in faithfulness based upon what I have promised, is another way to understand it. I have lent him to the Lord. Now it's not that God needs anything he does not, but it is a privilege for us to participate in the things of God. So she because of what God has done for her in healing that burden of her heart, to be obedient, to be fruitful and to multiply. God has given that son. His name's Shmuel, Samuel. And now she has said, look at verse 28 and also I have lent him to the Lord all the days which he has. He is lent to the Lord. And notice she does this in a very specific context. She is doing what. For giving to the Lord, such an important truth. Now, God doesn't need our gifts. We need to be faithful in giving to God. Just that simple. I don't talk a lot about money, but the truth of the matter is that we should be generous in the things that belong to the Lord, meaning everything that we have is his. Whatever I have, he's the origin of it. He's the source of it. So give generously to the things of God, not because you have to. There's an obligation. Do it because you are that new creation. And being that new creation. You agree with God. You are committed to the things of God, the purposes of God. So notice what it says. As we wrap up, it says, Here, va yishta, who sham the Adonai, which means and they, and most Bibles will say worship, and that's fine. This is a word of worship, but what I want you to see is what's being emphasized when we look at this word in the original language, Lehigh means to bow down. And this speaks of submissiveness. It speaks of humility, and it speaks in regard to an agreement to bow down before the Lord is to say to him, what you want, I want, and I'm coming humbly and submissively and obediently before you in order that I might participate in what you want done. So, she says here, and they bow down there unto the Lord. What a wise thing to do. And the key word there is the word there, it's where they were. And what I would say to you is this, it doesn't matter where you are, wherever that there is for you, bow down before Him, humble yourself in the presence of the Lord. Be committed to the things of God come before him as a well pleasing, living sacrifice, bowing down and acknowledging God more than anything else, I want to serve you. I want to be used by you. I want you to reveal to me your plans so that I can respond in obedience and in faithfulness to them. The greatest privilege we have is to be used by God. Well, I'll close with that until next week, May our Lord and Savior, Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus Christ, bless you abundantly. I'll say Shalom from Israel.

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