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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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Well, in the previous lesson, I had hoped to complete the 18th Chapter, but we fell far short of our expectation. There's one more verse that we need to deal with, and that is found in First Samuel, chapter 18, and verse 30. Now there's a phrase here. This is the word sareem. In modern Hebrew, it speaks of a cabinet official, but in ancient Hebrew, it simply speaks about someone who is an important leader within the government. So let's look at that verse again. First Samuel, chapter 18, and verse 30, where it says, and the high officials of the Philistines, they went forth, and it came about each time that they went forth. And we're going to see the faithfulness of God, because we read that David had greater understanding that all the servants of Shaul, and it says that his name, which speaks about the character David, that it was precious among the people. Now this is important, because it tells us that David is operating with the favor of God. Let's look at that verse one more time, where it says the high officials of the Philistines went forth. And each time that they went forth, David, he was exceedingly wiser than all the other servants of Shaul. And it says his name was very precious. Now the implication is that his character was very precious among the children of Israel. And again, all of this teaches us about how God is moving in David's life. And if we follow these same principles, if we're committed to the purposes of God, we recognize the authority of God over us, and we are committed to the will of God, we can expect God to provide for him, to empower for him, to work in our life, in order that we too experience the great favor of God in our various circumstances. Well, let's press on now to chapter 19 and verse one. Notice what we encounter here. It says, And Shaul spoke to Yonatan, his son. Now, this is Jonathan, the son of Saul and notice what it says, And to all of his servants. So Jonathan was told this and all of the servants of King Shaul, and what did they want to do? Well, it says to put David to death, and notice what the end of the verse says. But Jonathan, the son of Shaul. It says he delighted

in David exceedingly. And there's this word that repeats over and over, both in the previous chapter now and chapter 19, where it's this word for very or exceedingly or greatly. It's translated a variety of ways, but what it tells us is that Yonatan, this young man who was the son of Shaul, it says that he delighted exceedingly with David. Now, what does that mean? That he could have a spiritual perspective that was closer to the Lord's than it was in agreement with his father. And why was that? Because his father was ungodly. His father was not committed to spiritual truth. His father did not want to serve the living God. Let's press on to verse two, and Yonatan told to David, saying, My Father, Shaul seeks to put you to death. And now, and this is that word of urgency, he says, And now guard yourself, please in the morning. Now notice. That it says in the morning. Why is that important? Because in the Scripture, when we see that Hebrew word Boker for morning, there's going to be a revealing. There is going to be something that is manifested with the coming of the day. That word Boker or mourning, speaks about something that is manifested, something becoming transparent. And what the scripture is telling us is this, in that next day, when the light comes up, things are going to be made clear to David concerning this situation. So he says, guard yourself please in the morning, and we see that that you dwell in a secret place and hide yourself. So this is the counsel of Yonatan to David, his good friend, that he hides himself in a secret place, a place that was not known to most individuals. Look now to verse three, and I will go forth, and I will stand next to my father in the field which you and the implication is you are also there, and I will speak concerning you to my father, and I will see what is declared concerning you. So it's a attempt to find out, what is the thought of King Shaul concerning David. Does he really want to put him to death? And the answer is certainly going to be yes, he does, but there's going to be a temporary lapse in this desire of King Shaul. We'll see that as we press on. Look at Verse four,

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and Yonatan, he was speaking, and he says, Concerning David, that David is good to Shaul his father, and he said to him, do not sin, that the king should sin against his servant, against David, for he has not sinned against You. Because his deeds, they are exceedingly good to you. Verse five, and he said, This is Yonatan speaking about what David did for Shaul and for the children of Israel, it says, And he set his soul in his hand. Now that is a Hebrew idiom, which means he risked his life for you, in other words, and he struck the Philistine. And of course, we're talking about Goliath. He struck the Philistines, and the Lord made a great salvation for all of Israel. He says, You saw this, and you rejoice. Why should you sin and shed innocent blood that is clean blood, blood that is without any reason to be put to death. So why should you sin against innocent blood to put David to death? And then we have this last word Hina, which means without cause, without reason. There is nothing that should cause Shaul to think in this way against David, his southern, Southern son in law, verse six. Now we're going to see this temporary lapse in shaul's desire to put David to death. Look at verse six, and Shaul heard the voice of Yonatan, and he swore, that is Shaul swore, as the Lord lives, if he should be put to death. So look at this for a moment. What we see is this, Shaul is taking an oath that David is not going to be put to death. Now I made mention that this is going to be a temporary lapse, because very soon after in this very passage that we're studying, we're going to see something, and that is this, there's going to be a change in shaul's behavior, and we're going to see again, when an individual is not committed to the purposes of God, when an individual is not submissive to the authority of God, what's going to happen? Well, again, we're going to see the spiritual law that comes from God, and that's this when a person is committed to rebelliousness, that commitment to that which is against the purposes, the plan, the will of

God, is going to manifest itself with an unclean spirit. This is what the scripture is going to tell us. So let's press on. Luke. If you would, to Verse seven, where it says and Yonatan, he called to David, and he said to him, this is Yonatan. Said to him, all these words, and what did he do? Well, Yonatan, Yonatan brought David to Shaul, and it came about before him as yesterday and the day before. Now, what this scripture is saying is this, for that temporary lapse in time, we see that things had pretty much gone back to normal. That's what we see in verse seven, things were as they were yesterday and the day before, again, another Hebrew idiom that speaks to the fact that there was a return back to this relationship, a more pleasant relationship between King Shaul and David, as it was earlier on. But there's going to be an abrupt change. Why? Because, again, we're going to see how Shaul, once an individual, is rebellious and is committed to his plans and purposes and will, rather than the will of God, is going to bring about a an evil response. And this is the spiritual law that's being set forth. Look again at verse eight of this text. It says, and continue the war, that you should go out, that David should go out, and that you should fight against the Philistines. So what Saul wanted again was David to go out and continue to fight the war that was against the Philistines. And it says that he struck them, and he struck them a great blow, and what happened? And they fled from before him. So the Philistines because of David's strength, his obedience, his favor that he had from the Lord David was leading the children of Israel successfully against the Philistines waging war. And as we see here in this verse, Look again at verse, verse eight, where it says and the war continued to be and David would go out and he would war against the Philistines. And here's the good news. And he struck them a great blow, but the Philistines fled from before him. Look now to verse nine, and now we're going to see this principle. And again, I want to underscore this, because this is true no matter who you are. If you have a rebellious desire not to serve God, not to obey Him, not to be committed to his purposes, what you can expect is this same experience, and that is this, you will find yourself under spiritual attack. Now, a believer, and hear this very carefully, a believer cannot be possessed by a demon. Why? Because we have been filled with the indwelling, Holy Spirit. We're not empty. The Spirit of God dwells within every believer, and that's good news. So we cannot be possessed. A believer is never possessed by a demon or unclean spirit. But hear this, we can be afflicted. We can be under spiritual attack, and this is what's going to happen to soul in this passage. Look again at this verse, verse nine, where it says an evil spirit from the Lord. Now, God is a good God. God is a faithful God, but when we approach this good and faithful God, who is holy, who is just, who never lies. But when a person approaches God in a spirit of rebelliousness, in a desire to not carry out God's will, it's going to bring about a bad outcome. And what is that? Exactly what we see in verse nine, that there was a evil spirit from the Lord against Sheol. And it says he was at his house, he was setting, and a spear was in his hand, and David, what was David doing? Well, you'll recall that whenever Saul was tormented by one of these evil spirits, what would David do? David would come, and David would praise the Lord with instrument, with singing, and he would perhaps sing one of his Psalms. And it says David would play. Playing with his hand, meaning making music. And the word here for playing does indeed relate to music. Look now to verse 10

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and Shaul was seeking to slay with a spear against David and against the wall. Now, what is this telling us? Well, very simply, what the scripture is saying is this, that it was soul's desire to take that spear that was in his hand and to cast it at David and to pin David against the wall. That's the implication. But what do we know? Well, again, David was this man after God's own heart. David was in the spirit of worshiping God in the midst of this attack that was being placed upon King Shaul. So David was

ministering. And what happens? Well, notice what the scripture says in this verse, middle of verse 10, where it says, *vayavatar*. Now that means, in a practical sense, it means to pass away. Now this word can be used for dying, but in this case, there's a different context, as we'll see. What it means simply is that David slept away, slipped away from before Shaul and what happens? It says, And the spear struck the wall, but David, David fled, and he escaped when *belila hahu*, that is at that night. Now what we see here is this, if you do a good study of this phrase for night or that night, what the Bible teaches us is that when other people are sleeping, God, who never sleeps or slumbers, he's at work. And what is he doing? He is a keeper of Israel. Think that's such an important point. What is Israel? Well, if you do a good study of that word, there is a biblical connection between that word, Israel, that term in the Bible, and this word of victory. We find that Israel is a kingdom word, and it relates to victory. What type of victory? An eternal victory, a victory that will bring us out of this world and into the kingdom of God. So what we see here, look again at this scripture, where it says and he that is David. He slipped away from before Shaul and the spear struck the wall, but David, he was able to flee and to escape that night. Now, what we see in the Bible is that so frequently at night time, good things happen to the people of God. Good things happen to those who are in a covenantal relationship with the Living God, and that's why my advice to you is this, you need to be in a covenant with God. And today, there is only one covenant which is available to you, and that is called the New Covenant. Now, I've mentioned many times about this word, new it is also a kingdom word. For example, The New Covenant is a kingdom covenant. And when you enter into the New Covenant, you become a new creation. What does that mean? You become a kingdom creation, and we find that something else happens. The scripture says to the one who is in Messiah in that covenant, that they become a new creation, where the old things pass away, behold, all is new, and again new is a kingdom word. Now let me give you another example of why I say that new is a kingdom word. When John, in the book of Revelation, had a vision of the New Jerusalem. Hear that New Jerusalem another example of new relating to the kingdom. What did John say? He looked he received that vision of the New Jerusalem, and what did he say? Behold, all things are new. Now most of the time we hear that word new, and we think of the Hebrew word shown a which is different. It's related to a change. And what the Bible is telling us is this, that there is going to be a kingdom change in this world. That's what we should be expecting, and furthermore, that's what we should be hoping for a kingdom change. And what is going to bring about this kingdom change? Well, we talked about it last week, and. Is the judgment of God. So we see here that there was this judgment upon David from King Shaul, but it did not bring about the death of David. But rather, look at what it says at the end of verse 10, where it says and David fled and he escaped that night. Let's look at our last verse, verse 11. Now what do we see here? We see another statement of God's provision for his people. Look, if you would, to verse 11. It says, And Shaul sent messengers to the house of David to keep him and to kill him when same phrase, *baboker* in the morning. So it was going to be morning time, and what is the implication? Well, that when morning comes, shaul's true feelings, what he really wants to do is going to be manifested. There's going to be transparent. It's going to become visible. In other words, Look again at verse 11 and Shaul sent messengers to the house of David to keep him. That probably means in the regard to arresting him and to put him to death in the morning. But notice Michal, his wife, told to David, saying, If you do not flee, this word is the same word for escaping, if you do not escape your soul tonight, meaning you need to do this immediately. If you don't tomorrow, you will die. Now, Michal knows something. She apparently understands what's going on here with this hatred of her father against her husband, David. And we know something. We know that Michal loves David. She is someone who loves him, and this is a great

example of her looking out for him, wanting to save him, wanting to give him good counsel, and that's what a godly woman does. But we're going to find out later on, there's going to be an event where there's going to be a spirit of jealousy that enters into Michal. Let me just say something. Jealousy is never from the Lord. When we are in God's will, and we are committed to the mind of God, meaning committed to what God says is good, what God says is proper, what God says is right, what God says is holy. When that's our objective, we can be assured of something. And what is that? That God is going to move mightily in our circumstances, and that's what we see. God's faithfulness to move his wife, Michal, to warn him and to tell him, if you do not leave here tonight in the morning, you are going to be dead. Now she says that out of love, out of commitment. But what we need to see is this, things can begin in a very good way, but due to various reasons, things can change abruptly. And what was a faithful woman, a godly wife, can turn into a woman who is not operating in her husband's best interest, and that's what we're going to see in the weeks to come. But look at this last scripture again. We see the commitment of King Shaul to put David to death. Nothing has changed. This is being substantiated by day, by King Shaul's behavior. Look at verse 11, and Shaul sent messengers to the house of David to keep him, meaning to arrest him and to put him to death in the morning. But very important word, but Michal told to David, who is Michal, his wife, saying, If you do not escape your soul, tonight, tomorrow, you will be put to death. So she knows the circumstances, and she's providing him wise counsel that the time is at hand to flee, and something else we're going to see, not only is she going to give him this wise counsel, but we're going to see next week that she is going to take action against what her father desires. She is going to demonstrate. Eight, a loyalty, a favor to her husband, and this is going to cause him to escape instead of being put to death. So over and over, we see how God is at work in David's circumstances, his situation, in order that David is not put to death, but through the faithfulness of God and through people that God has placed in David's life, like Jonathan and also Jonathan's Sister, Michal, we find that the very, very family members of King Shaul are now helping David against what their Father desires. And all of this can be seen in one way, that is to emphasize the faithfulness of God. Now, what should that bring about in your life and my life? This is what it should cost when we are in a difficult circumstances. And as believers, we find ourselves, at times, in a very difficult situation. And as we approach the end times, things are to get more and more difficult for believers. We see this, for example, in various parts of the world, and don't expect the world to do anything. Look at what's going on. For example, in Nigeria, where there has been numerous martyrs killed because of their faith, but but God has not abandoned them. God is there. They might die in their faith, but their death is not the end. It's simply a transition out of this world and into the kingdom of God. So God can show Himself faithful in a multiplicity of ways, and God never runs out of ways in showing himself true to his word and that he can provide, as we talked about earlier, this great salvation, and we need to understand great salvation in two ways. First of all, of course, there is that forgiveness of our sins, being reconciled with God. That is a great salvation, forgiveness being reconciled to God. But there's also another aspect of this great salvation, and that is God bringing us into His kingdom, sharing His very presence with us, us stepping into the glory of God, whereby we will take hold of the blessings of God for eternity and we will also experiences the promises of God, we will know a hope that has been fulfilled, and we will rejoice with him forever and ever and ever. If you are in that new covenant, you have a wonderful eternity while close with that Shalom.

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