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Shalom, and welcome to via yisrayl, 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 Zerah Avraham Institute based in Israel. Although all courses are taught in Hebrew at the institute, Dr. Brooke is pleased to share this weekly address in English. To find out more about our work in Israel. Please visit us on the web at love Israel dot o RG. That's one word love Israel dot o RG. Now, here's Baroque with today's lesson.

Baruch Korman

As we approach the last days, things are going to get very difficult for believers, we are going to be persecuted because of our faith. And therefore in the passage of scripture that we're going to be looking at in the next few minutes, we see wisdom, that is biblical truth on how we should think how we should behave in the myths of difficult times of being persecuted. So with that said, take out your Bible, and look with me to the book of Psalms and Psalm 64, the book of Psalms and Psalm 64. Now we see that this Psalm has what's known as an inscription in the Hebrew text, it's verse one. Now that's going to cause a one verse discrepancy between the first that I give, and probably what's in most of your Bibles. So you'll just have to, if you hear five, you'll have to go to verse four, you hear verse eight, go back to verse seven, there's one verse difference, I'm always going to be one verse more than you. Look, if you would, to that inscription, it's verse one, in the biblical text, where it says, to the chief musician, a Psalm of David. Now remember what I said, as we began, things were to get difficult in the last days, and someone who knew a great deal about difficulty was David, David wanted to serve God. He wanted to do the will of God. David wanted to carry out faithfully the purposes of God for his life. And because of that, David suffered greatly, he was persecuted. And David is an excellent one, based upon his experience, what God taught him in the midst of these things, he's a excellent one, to be our teacher, to write down a psalm that gives us wisdom, and some very practical information in regard to how to respond to difficult times of persecution. So we see in this first first word says, to the chief musician, that choir director, a Psalm of David, then next verse, David says this. Listen, oh, God, to my voice. And then he says, in my conversation, now, in my conversation means in the myths of my prayer, David is having a conversation with God, that's prayer. David is just not speaking. But David is also listening, listening for what? listening for the Lord's guidance, the Lord's instruction, the Lord, to

teach you, the Lord to give him insight in order that David might respond according to God's direction in his life. When was the last time you prayed God, directly where I should be? God, direct me what I should be doing. God direct me what I should be saying. This is how David lived. So David says, Listen, oh, God, to my voice in my conversation. And then he says, from the fear of the enemy. Now, David knew a great deal about the enemy. Meaning this David experienced many different enemies, pursuing him. And because David was a man, just like you're a man or a woman, David had some insecurities. He feared things at time we all do. The question is, how are we going to overcome that fear? What are we going to do in the myths of those scary times in our life? And what did David do? He turned to God. In prayer, you say that sounds so so simple, so simplistic. Wha? Why does God want to make it difficult for us? He's there he wants to help us. And what does God do? David knew this. He says, from the fear of the enemy, meaning God, I'm afraid of that enemy. And David petitions, this is what his voice is saying to God. He says, You guard literally you will guard my life. So David doesn't say this as a petition only if we take it literally. It's a statement of affirmation of assurance. He says, Here, yes, I have fear of my any being, but I'm going to affirm something, I'm going to proclaim something and that is this, that you God, you will guard my life. Now David knew something. David knew that God is just not supernatural. But God is all knowing he's omniscient. He's omnipresent. He's everywhere. And he's an omnipotent, meaning that He is all powerful. So if you believe and have a relationship and experience Him, in your life, that all powerful, all knowing that all present God, you are going to believe that he can guard your life, and you're not going to allow fear to cripple you, you are going to overcome that fear. In the natural, we all fear at times, but in the supernatural, we can overcome that when we realize that we are in that covenant relationship with this all powerful, all knowing God who exists at all times, and in all places, we have God in our covenantal relationship. And then he says, next verse, hide me from and this next term is a word for like a, a coming together, a gathering a meeting, so to speak. And he says, In this verse, look, again, hide me, conceal me from the meeting, or the congregating of the wicked or evil ones, from and this is a synonym for that same thought, a meeting, a coming together of those who are workers of iniquity. Here's what we need to realize, as I live my life and we encounter enemies, we asked to ask ourselves, Am I walking in the will of God? Am I doing his work? Am I walking in righteousness, the righteous will of God? If I am, those who are against me, what are they? They are workers of iniquity, they are those that are working out that which is wicked. And therefore I can be assured of something God is going to be on the side of righteousness on the side of holiness on the side of his will. Therefore I can approach that that difficult time with confidence, with assurance, knowing that God is going to move in the behalf of his will say, it's not God likes me more than he likes that person. Therefore he'll help me. That's not biblical, that's not spiritual. It's this. I'm in a covenant or relationship with God, that one is not, I'm doing His will, that other one is working against God. Therefore, because I'm on God's side, I will benefit from that that covenant relationship, being in God's will and doing His purposes, this other ones against that God is going to deal with them. Therefore, I have this confidence I have this surance and that confidence and assurance. What does it produce in my life, peace, and that just peace? Because God is for me, doesn't matter who's against me? I'm going to successfully because of that anointing of the Spirit, because of God's provision in my life, I'm going to carry out His will. And what is that going to be a source of joy, gladness, and therefore, doesn't matter what the enemy once I'm in a better position because I am in God's will. That's how we need to behave. We need to be in God's will. We need to be doing righteousness, therefore, we will not fear the enemy. He goes on next verse and says this, who and he's speaking about that same enemy, those workers of iniquity, he says, who they sharpen as a sword, their words. Now he Hear more than just

just some type of attack, physical attack. They don't have necessarily a physical, literal sword. Their weapons are not physical, but they're more emotional. They are words and be assured. Words can injure. Words can do damage, what you say, can have a big effect upon other people. That's why the Scripture tells us to guard our tongues. And that way if we're walking in faith, that we're going to control that member of our body that that tongue, which can carry out some very, very nasty mean spirited things, our words, so what are these workers of iniquity doing? They it says, look, a kid who sharpen as a sword, their words, and then he gives an example, of, of bending, and the implication is from the context, the next word is a arrow, literally, their arrow. So they're bending. And the implication is, although this word is not in the Hebrew text, they're bending the bow. For what? For releasing their arrow, and what is their arrow, what's not a physical arrow, it says here, the VAR Ma, a bitter word. Here's what we see, those who speak words of bitterness. That's not God. That's not the Holy Spirit working in your life. God didn't give you a bitter word to say to someone. God wants you to encourage, God wants you to speak conviction for the purpose to grow and repent, and move to where they need to be. So God is not the author of a better word. But what are these workers of iniquities doing these ones who want to persecute the saints, those ones who are defiant against God's will, they are speaking thing, and don't allow the words of other their evil speech, to take hold of you, to enter into you, to affect you to cause you to think differently about yourself or about a situation. What do we need to do? We need to be as David was doing, conversing with God speaking to him. But more important than when we say to God, is what God says to us. We need to make time to listen to God. This is what a lot of people do at night, they go to bed, and they're faithful every night, in their bed, to pray, say, Well, that's wonderful. Yes, it is. But what they do is this, they give God their thoughts, their requests, their supplications, their concerns, wonderful, nothing wrong with that. Then they say, in the name of Yeshua, amen. And they go to bed. What did they do? They didn't converse with God see a conversation is is twofold. It is speaking, but it is listening to God. And we need to be better listeners, then speakers, God knows what what we want to say even before we say, and we may not say Good, that's okay. Because the Holy Spirit, He takes those words and interprets them perfectly. Before his his or before the Heavenly Father. Therefore, what's more important for us is listening to God, waiting for response, getting that insight, getting that revelation from Him. So David understands this, this process that we want, God got hear my voice, listen to, to my supplication, in my minutes of this conversation that I'm having. And David says here, that the enemy, that's not what they're doing, they're speaking upon others words of bitterness, move on to the next next phrase. It says in verse five in the Hebrew verse For and others, this is what the enemy does, to shoot in these secret places. See, now they're not about transparency. They're not about truth. They're not making themselves visible. They do their evil deeds in secret in those hidden places, that's not what we're about at all. And that's why it's so so bothersome to me is that I'll meet someone and we may want to form some partnership or do something together. And it's very important to make sure that there's unity. So we want to ask some theological guestions. I never mind for someone to ask me what I believe. And I believe when so Someone says, you know, what do you believe about this? For example, what do you believe about the Scripture? I believe it's God's inerrant Word, meaning God's word, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and without any air whatsoever. It is profitable for the man of God in every aspect of his life in order that he or she might walk righteously. The Word of God is precious. So when you ask someone a theological question, if they are, are kind of stuttering in their response, and they kind of want to camouflage something, hide something, not can divulge exactly what they believe that's, that's a, that's a danger. You should see that as a warning. No, those who are committed to the things of God, they are, are

quick, to speak them out. To share them, they're not wanting to hold anything back. These ones, they're all about the secret. So it says they shoot in secret places who did this shoot the innocent. And suddenly it says, They shoot him. And they do not fear. Here's the problem. They have no fear of God. Let's say that in a more practical way. They are not giving God a priority of their life. They're not listening to God, they don't want to know God's will. They're not about anything concerning honoring God, glorifying God, they're all about themselves. And therefore they act in emotion, they act based upon some opportunity, because they can they do. This is not how the man of God the woman of God response, so so they should suddenly, and it says they do not fear they do not have any priority for God in their life. Next verse. Still speaking about these workers of iniquity, it says they strengthen themselves with an evil word. Now, how does that work out? They strengthen themselves with an evil word. Well, they see someone, a servant of God, what do they want to do? They want to, to make that person weak. And they begin to say things and perhaps act in a certain way to to cause that one, to think less of of themselves, Oh, I can't do that. They hear these these words of doubt. They buy into that evil speech, you ought not do that. Believe what the Word of God says about you, that I am beloved by God, why? Not because of who I am, but because who has made me and more than that, just not because I have been created by God, but I'm a new creation in Messiah, because I've entered into that new covenant, that kingdom covenant, because of that gospel, everything changes. I have become part now, not just having been created by God, but through the gospel, I become part of God's family. And that gives me a confidence and assurance that, that God is with me, so it doesn't matter who's against me. And it doesn't matter what they say about me. They're evil word, I believe what God says about his children, about his servants. So they strict in themselves with a evil word. And they they tell how to hide. And we have a word here. This is the modern Hebrew word for a landmine. in biblical times, we're speaking about some traps some snare something to seize another and place them in a weakened position so that you can can kill them, harm them or injure them, whatever. So they're all about trapping someone and injuring them. That's not us. What are we about? We want to bless. We don't want to do anything in a hidden way. We want to be transparent. We want to manifest our thoughts, our actions, because we're not ashamed of them because we want to walk in righteousness. We want to manifest God's glory. We want to do those things that He is pleased with and has a positive outcome. Not these. They speak they tell how to hide the traps. They say Who will see them meaning this? These are saying, who are going to see, those of us who do these evil things? Here's the problem. They don't believe in the biblical god, what do we know about that biblical god I shared with you just a moment ago? Where does God where's God right now? Everywhere? How powerful? Is God? All Powerful? What does God know? God knows all things. Now, if you believe that about God, you'll never get to think that God doesn't know something that he doesn't see something that you can get away with something. And God, God is just going to be unaware of. That's not the biblical God. God knows everything. And because I believe in that, God, I don't want to ever do something that's wrong. Do we fail at times? Are we good times? Do we mess up at times? Yes, we do. We're grieved about that. That is not our character. That is not our nature. Now, that is an exception, we stumble at times. But when we remember, our God is all powerful. Our God is all knowing our God is omnipresent. He's everywhere. So I don't have to wonder God, are you here? Are you going to help me? Are you going to defend me? Are you going to supply my every need? I don't need to ask. If God's with me, obviously, he is. And he wants to be a blessing to his people. So look, again what it says they say, who will see them meaning, who will see them those people or their evil deeds. Next verse. What are they seeking? What are they circuit searching for? They are searching for injustice, a violation of the standards of

God. Now, this verse reveals kind of a spiritual warfare principle, the enemy's doing something, the enemy, it says here speaking about that, they are seeking iniquity. And they, and this is what they say, We have completed a thorough search. Now I translated a thorough search. It's the word for searching, and then searching, and that which is search is now searched once more. So it's a double, it's a thorough searching of something. What is the enemy doing? Well, he knows something. He knows that if there is spiritual weakness, if there's rebellious SNESs in your life, against the things of God, it weakens you, he's looking for those things to exploit in your life. And that's why the Scripture once bore, it says, They seek injustice, we have completed a thorough search. And then it says, Last part of this verse, in the midst of man, and in the deep heart. Now, what's it saying? Well, we know the heart is the seed of, of thoughts of thinking. So that enemy he wants to seek and he's going to thoroughly seek to see what you're thinking, those those deep thoughts that you have, he's going to want to know what's in that inner man, that inner beam. What's he doing, looking for weaknesses, spiritual weaknesses, in your life that he can explain. And that's why it's so important that we build up ourselves in the faith, that we are spiritually strong. And how do we get spiritually strong through obedience when we're disobedient? It's going to weaken us, when we're obedient. It's going to strengthen us. We're not talking about salvation. We're speaking to hopefully those who are saved this, this sum is going to have any blessing any anointing in your life, if you're not first already saved. If you are, then you can put these things in practice. Next verse, verse eight, in Hebrews seven and other Bibles where it says, This is God's response to those who practice this iniquity, it says, God will shoot them. And the implication is an arrow with an arrow, and he does so suddenly meaning this with with out expectation, without any foreknowledge from that person, that that it's coming, meaning God's arrow, God punishing them, God judging them, comes to them in a most unexpected way. It shocks them. Why? Because they don't believe In judgment, they think that they're going to get away from it, why? That's what the enemy Satan has led them to believe, Oh, God's not going to judge. There's no more punishment. That's the Old Testament God, no, that's the God of all scripture. So God will shoot them with an arrow suddenly. And they what's going to be outcome, if God's shooting them, it says, they are going to be wounded. Now look at verse nine in the Hebrew, verse eight, in others, because of God's attack God's response, God's warfare against those who who speak a better word, and those who search out the weaknesses of others, to exploit, rather than to strengthen, it says here, and they shall fair fail concerning their tongue, meaning this, what they say, isn't going to come out. It's not going to be the reality, they may think it, they may speak it, but they're not going to be able to carry out in actuality, why God's against them, God is going to punish them. And it says at the end of this verse, it says, and all who sees them, what do they go to do? I realize some Bibles will say, wag their head, meaning shake their head at them, but it literally is better translated, they will flee everyone who sees them, what are they going to do, they are going to flee away from them. Why? Because they see them, as judged by God, wounded by God, that God is against them. It's going to be very similar to what we see in the book of Revelation in chapter 18, where Babylon is destroyed. And the merchants who did business with Babylon, those merchants are going to stand at a distance, then they're not going to want to be near Babylon, because Babylon will be the recipient of God's judgment. So it says, look at the next verse, verse 10, in Hebrew, verse nine, and others, every man, they will see, so it says, Every man, but it's speaking about all people, they will see, and what are they going to do? They will tell of the activity of God, meaning the action of God, His judgment, they're going to be hold the faithfulness of God. Now, notice something here. This is why it's so important that we lean not on our own understanding. You see many people today Oh, judgment thing of the past, no more judgment, the cross removes all judgment. Yes, the

cross removes judgment. From an eternal standpoint, a heavenly standpoint, for that person, that person is not good to experience eternal judgment. But God will judge. And notice what it says. Every man will see, implication is the judgment of God. They're going to tell the action of God. And the work of God is going to do what it says, going to make them wise they're going to be see see the work of God, and it's going to make them wise, it's going to give them a different perspective. Now, God's activity, what does it bring about? Well, now go to the last verse of this son, Word says, a righteous one will rejoice in the Lord. He's going to find joy. Not fear. Not not a desire to just flee and, and take me away from this god. No, they're gonna find joy. It says, The righteous one will find gladness in the Lord, and trust in Him. When you know the true God, you will trust in him. You're going to find joy in him, you're going to want to be with Him and to be within means to be in his will, carrying out his purposes. And then it says, not only will the righteous one, rejoice or be glad and trust, but it says, And he will praise who will, every worker, or every one who is upright in heart, everyone who has a upright heart, what are they going to do? They're going to praise God. Now, what David is saying is this, he reveals really what the battle is. Do you want to know how you can win the battle? Every time you Even when you fail God, you can still pull out victory from defeat every time how? Well what does it say? The upright in heart? What are they going to do? Praise Him. Here's the message, despite all things, always praise God. That's what the enemy hates. That's what the enemy doesn't want. The enemy doesn't want you to be about praising God. He hates that. Why? The enemy? I'm speaking about Satan, He wants that praise for himself. See, there's people that you may let's say that you're a musician, and you're very, very good. That's wonderful. And then someone comes and plays that same instrument that you do, but that person she's better than you. And that just ruins your day. What is that a indication of pride? Why should then be in good? ruin your day? Why can't you rejoice and be glad for the wonderful talent? And maybe there's a competition and this person wins and you don't? Why can't you be happy for them? Pride. Pride robs you of happiness, and joy. When you can rejoice for the good things of others, you're going to have a double portion of joy, God's going to move in your life. So there's power in praise. And here's the takeaway for our conclusion. What the enemy does not want is for you to praise the God of Israel, God, the Father, God, the Son, God, the Holy Spirit, He does not want you to praise God. And therefore all of his activity, all of these snares that he puts these traps that he he hides for you, and wait for you. If you despite what happens, you may step right into it. But if you continue to praise God, if you don't allow the enemy's activity to keep you from praising God, and don't even allow your failures, to keep you from praising God, if you remain consistent in praising God, worshiping God, you are winning. The whole battle is trying to what the enemy wants to do is just to keep you from giving God thanks. praising him being grateful, adoring him worshiping, he hates that. So you worship God, you give God thanks and praise, you are living a victorious life. That's what living a victorious life is all about. Praising God, no matter what, when you do that. You are a champion of God. While close with that until next week, Shalom from Israel.

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