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פרשת כי תצא תשפ"ו

If You Feel Rejected in Any Way, Hashem Is Very Much Behind You

The Torah sticks up for the: שְׁנוּאָה reject, and doesn't allow the husband to make the son of the: אֶהְיֶה favorite wife, an unjust Bechor.

Later in the Parsha, we have a man who hates his wife, and is: מוֹצִיא שֵׁם רַע brings false witnesses against her. He'll have to pay her 100 דִּנָּרִים dinars, and he won't be able to divorce her for the rest of his life.

If you feel rejected (שְׁנוּאָה) in any way, you should realize that Hashem is very much behind you. In fact, the very being rejected can be a Ma'ala, like it says: וַיֵּרָא ה' כִּי שְׁנוּאָה לָאֵה וַיִּפְתַּח אֶת רִחְמָהּ וַיֵּצֵא כֵּס לֵאמֹר Hashem saw that Leah was unloved, so He gave her a child. The main part of Klal Yisroel was created thanks to the Bizyonos of Leah Imeinu.

And the Alter of Kelm Zatzal points out that it wasn't her Tefilos or her Tzidkus; but her Bizyonos! So many complain that our Yissurim (in Ruchaniyus and in Gashmiyus) cause less Torah and Avoda... We don't realize that Yissurim itself is a priceless Ma'ala! Especially Bizyonos!

When a person was Chayav: מַלְקוּת Malkus in Bais Din, he had to undergo tremendous physical pain; and they could almost kill him. But if he got embarrassed in Bais Din then he's Patur completely! The next time you have Bizyonos in your life, be happy instead of sad!

The greatest moment in the life of Dovid HaMelech was when he got Bizyonos through Shim'i ben Gera, who threw rocks at him and called him a Mamzer, Rotze'ach, No'ef, and To'eva; publicly! When he accepted this without complaints, he hit the peak of his life, and became the: רֵגֶל רְבִיעִי של מְרַכְבֶּה fourth Regel of the holy Merkava and was saved from being killed by his son Avshalom.

We can suggest that with a Bubby like Leah Imeinu, it was easier for Dovid. He remembered: וַיֵּרָא ה' כִּי שְׁנוּאָה לָאֵה וַיִּפְתַּח אֶת רִחְמָהּ וַיֵּצֵא כֵּס לֵאמֹר that his Bubby Leah was Zoche to a child because of her Bizyonos! We need to copy him and never forget that Passuk!

Although Our Strong Urges Need to Be Broken, Sometimes They Can Be Channeled Positively

People who work on their Middos and break their Retzonos can be Zoche to great Nissim, and just like they break their Tevah, Midda K'neged Midda Hashem will break the rules of Tevah for them. But not always is a person meant to go against his nature. Sometimes, it's appropriate to channel your Yetzer Hara and use it for good, like for example Dovid HaMelech, who used his 'lust for killing' for killing the Pelishtim.

When a person has a Yetzer Hara for an: אִשָּׁה זָכָה, he is permitted to marry her, but he must wait; first she has to cry in front of him, and try to look ugly. The same with fighting our own bad Retzonos. Sometimes you need to keep hesitating and trying to understand the stupidity of your anxiety, or your Kin'ah, Ta'ava, Kavod, and Ka'as (anger) issue, and hopefully it will disappear.

In the next section of our Parsha, we have a: שְׁנוּאָה less loved wife, whose son is older than the beloved אֶהְיֶה, and we have to go against our Ratzon and give the: בֶּן son of the less loved wife a double: יְרוּשָׁה inheritance, since he is the Bechor. Then in the next section we have a: בֶּן סוֹרֵר וּמוֹרֵד (wayward son), in which you have to cause your own child to die! A Yid has all kinds of daily Retzonos. Sometimes you need to give in at least momentarily, since it's too difficult to fight. Some people may need to learn Torah with one hand, and a Pepsi Cola in the other hand!

And sometimes you had better give in, since your Shalom Bayis or job may be at stake if you don't...



A True Yarei Shamayim Doesn't Look Down at Anyone

At the end of the Parsha the Passuk says, וְלֹא יִרְאֶה כָּהֵן וְלֹא יִרְאֶה כָּהֵן - וְלֹא יִרְאֶה כָּהֵן We see from here that those who attack the weak and those who struggle behind everyone, are g-dless people. Hashem is always sticking up for the underdog, and we are also required to always remember to include the poor and the destitute at our table when we have a good time. The *Torah* is loaded with unending concern for the *Levi*, the *Ger*, the *Yasom* and the *Almana*.

Even just feeling superior to others and degrading them, is a sign of g-dlessness. A person thinks that he created himself, and he looks down at the nebachs who aren't as smart, rich, talented, or popular as he is.

When you remember that Hashem created you, and every inch of strength and success in your very being is all the work of Hashem, then you don't look down at others, because you realize that we are all the same. In fact, the more a person has, the more he is M'chuyav to be thankful to Hashem, and he has a hard job.

Hitler, Y'mach Sh'mo, killed well over 100,000 young German children who were either retarded or mentally and/or physically unstable. They were useless for his new government, Y'mach Sh'mam. (He did the same to 50,000 adult Germans). By a Yid, these underlings are the precious part of his life. When he respects the poor and the downtrodden, he becomes great, and he earns a good life in Olam HaZeh and in Olam HaBah.

Just as looking “down” at others comes from a lack of Yiras Shamayim, so does looking “up” to people and being afraid of them. Compared to Hashem, we are all equal. We are all: בְּרֵאשִׁית His creations, while He is the בּוֹרֵא Creator.



Novardok

There is a famous story with a Novardoker who was learning in Bais Yosef of Boro Park, and his wife called. He told his friend who had answered the telephone that he was too busy learning, and he could not accept the call. So his friend told him it was his Kalla who called. He got the hint, and he took the telephone. People take everything for granted, including their wives. When you remember the good old days when your wife was once your Kalla, you think differently.

R' Chaim Langleben Zatzal was a tremendous Masmid, and his learning Gemara was always mixed with Mussar Seforim. Every Erev Shabbos he always stayed in the Bais Medrash until 3 o'clock, no matter what. He was super Geshmak at home, always joking and making everyone happy (despite his many Nisyonos).

He got married right after the war. His wife said that she was especially impressed with him since he had just lost his entire family, and yet he looked so happy as if nothing happened. This is what Novardoker Chizuk does to a person. He was a practical person, and he used to tell people to learn Mussar for ten minutes a day.

But once he told me in a low tone: “Sometimes a person can learn Mussar all night”. He would always give the same Bracha: לֹא יִמוּשׁוּ מִפִּי וּמִפִּי זֶרַע וּמִפִּי זֶרַע אֲמַר ה' מִעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם (the words of Torah shall never leave your mouth, your sons, or their sons, forever) and you should live a life of bending your Middos”. When he bought a new hat, he would say: “Please give me Class D”. He was a very normal and decent person, but how he dressed, was not important to him. Like all Novardokers, he did not have the need to dress up for people. He would always learn with his grandchildren, and his family loved him very much. He was full of encouraging words, and I once saw him at a family Simcha, how he was rolling and laughing at all the smart, comical things that one of his children was saying. He used to always tell me that a person has to act normal.

The old Mirrer Talmidim were also very involved in acting normal. However, Novardokers could often do subtle, weird things when they felt it was necessary in breaking Middos. Yet, they were careful how they did these things, and everyone respected them.



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