

Our Grandfather, Reb Tzvi Hersh Chortkover ZY"A had two great sons. The Rebbe R' Shmelka of Nikolsburg ZY"A and the Hafloh ZY"A. Their Mother took pride in them saying that she merited two sons, one that didn't say קריאת שמע על המטה (The Hafloh) as he barely ate.

The Rebbe R' Shmelkoh was once suffering [oppressions]. The Noam Elimelech of Lizhensk ZY"A, visited the Rebbe R' Shmelkoh for Shabbos. The Rebbe Reb Elimelech ZY"A wanted to show Reb Shmelka that if he would sleep, he would be able to serve Hashem with greater energy. On Shabbos night the Noam Elimelech told His Talmidim to give Reb Shmelka a lot of wine to drink and thus Reb Shmelka fell asleep for 2 - 3 hours Shabbos night. On Shabbos morning Tefillas Shachris took place with great enthusiasm - התלהבות.

When the Tzibbur recited אז ישיר the Shiras Hayam, they lifted their reklach (long jackets) as they literally felt as they were going into the sea. After Davening as the two great Tzadikim sat for Kiddush, the Noam Elimelech exclaimed to Reb Shmelka: "My dear colleague you see how great a Davening we had after you slept at night". The Rebbe R' Shmelka agreed, but said he already attained his Derech (way) in Avodos Hashem [Service to Hashem].

- As heard from Rav Binyomin Adler Shlit"a of Yerushalayim [loose translation]

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Ah Guttin Shabbos - Rabbi Naftali H. Ganzweig

**ויהי בשלח פרעה את העם וגו' (י"ג י"ז)**

Vayehi is a language of pain. Since Paroh escorted Klall Yisroel, he sent them, (seemingly) . He instilled in them a pain, עצבות sadness.

- The Rebbe Reb Elimelech of Lizhensk, Noam Elimelech - Sefer Pininei HaTorah

**ויצעקו בני ישראל אל ה' (י"ד י')**

The Tefilos and cries of Klall Yisroel was specifically on the צער השכינה. The pain of the Shechinah - אל ה' - to Hashem .

- Divrei Shalom, Reb Shalom of Barhien Koidenov

**ובקעהו (י"ד ט"ז)**

And you shall split it

Only to You (Moshe Rabbeinu) am I (Hashem) reveling that the will split. At the same time that I am commanding You to tell Klal Yisroel ויסעו, They shall travel. For to them it is incumbent to be Mosser Nefesh and to go into the water with complete אמונה, faith in Hashem, to do as He commanded them.

As such the זכות (merit) of Emunah and Mesiros Nefesh shall stand for them that they will be Zoche to the נס (miracle) of Kriyas Yam Suf, the splitting of the sea.

- Reb Shlomo of Bobov ZY"A, Ateres Shloma - Sefer Pininei HaTorah

**ולא קרב זה אל זה כל הלילה (י"ד כ')**

And they did not come close to each other the whole night.

Only if Klall Yisroel will keep far from the Goyim and they will not connect themselves to each other ולא קרב זה אל זה.

During the period of Golus (exile) that is compared to night, only then will they be Zoche (merit) a Yeshuah (salvation).

- Reb Chanania Y"t Lipa of Siget ZY"A, Kedushas Yom Tov

**זה קלי ואנוהו**

This is my Hashem and I shall glorify Him.

The Kotzker ZY"A said that he has Talmidim (disciples) upon saying the above verse they can raise their hand and point with their finger "This is my Hashem."