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When you go out to war against your enemies, and Hashem your G-D will deliver them into your hand, and you will capture his captivity. [Devorim 21:10] In the name of the Tzemach Tzedek ZY"A, if you will go out to war on your enemies, and Hashem will give them into your hands, and you shall capture a captive. To explain as such. Just as if the Yetzer Hora [evil inclination], if he will capture you, in captivity, he will not have any pity on you at all, rather he will place you in great captivity, and not leave go of you even for a second. As Chazal have said, "you sleep, and he is awake". So too, one must act when Hashem Yisborach helps you, and you win over your Yetzer Hora, you shall place him in captivity, just as he were to do to you, when he captures you. And this is "Vishoviso Shivo", specifically. And this is the meaning that one must strengthen the Yetzer tov over the Yetzer hora.

- Sefer Siach Sarfei Kodesh

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In the name of the Rebbe Reb Bunim of Parshischoh ZY"A. Chazal have said in the Gemoroh [Kedushin 30:2], If not that Hashem where to help a person, he would not be able to withstand the Yetzer Horoh. From this we must say, that the main destruction of the Yetzer Horoh, is from Hashem Himself. Just that a person must strengthen himself, and wage a battle with the Yetzer hora. As the Rav says on the Possuk in Tehillim 109:36, As you stand to the right side of the poor, to protect from those who seek to judge his soul. And that is Ki Seitzey, Ki is a Havtochoh, a commitment, when you will go out to war on the Yetzer hora, you will battle the Yetzer hora, then it is reassured that Hashem will give him to you in your hands. As Hashem will help you, as Chazal have said Hakodosh Boruch Hu oizro, Hashem helps the person.

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כִּי אֶת הַבְּכֹר בֶּן הַשְּׁנוּאָה יִבִּיר לָתֵת לוֹ פִּי שְׁנַיִם וְגו': [דְּבָרִים פֶּרֶק כ"א פ"י]

Rather, he must recognize the firstborn, the son of the hated one, to give him the double portion etc. [21:17] It is noteworthy, that the letters from the word "Bechor", are already showing the double portion that the firstborn son receives in an inheritance. Since every letter of the word "Behchor" is double of the letter before it in the Alef Beis [Loshon Hakodesh alphabet and its numerical values – Gematrioh]. "Beis" is double of "Alef", "Chof" is double of "Yud", and Reish" is double of "Kuff".

- The Vilna Goan ZY"A – Der Torah Kvall

The Kugel in Meiron!

As was the custom of his father Rav Moshe Mordechai of Karlin Lelov ZY"A, so to would his son Reb Avrohom Shloima of Lelov ZT"L travel on the bus together with his Chassidim on their Heilige Nesios [holy journey's]. Once on the way from Meiron, the great resting place of the Great Tannoh Rabi Shimon Bar Yochoiy ZY"A, to Yerusholayim Ihr Hakodesh, Reb Avrohom Shloima did the following. He sang for a lengthy time, "Ess iz geven zei'er gut, Ess iz geven zei'er gut, der Kugel in Meiron" [it was incredibly good the Kugel in Meiron]. After some time, he proclaimed "I don't mean lofty matters. I simply am proclaiming - Ess iz gut tzu zein ah Yid" - It is good to be a Jew!

May all these words of our Great Tzadikim [Righteous men] bring us to the continued realization of Torah MiSinai – That Hashem gave us the Torah on Mt. Sinai. So it was, so it is, and so it will be forever and ever.

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