

את ה' האמרת היום להיות לך לאלקים וללכת בדרךיו ולשמר חקיו ומצותיו ומשפטיו ולשמע בקלו: וה' האמירך היום להיות לו לעם סגלה כאשר דבר לך ולשמר כל מצותיו: דברים פכ"ו, י"ז - י"ח

You have affirmed this day that Hashem is your G-D, that you will walk in His ways, that you will observe His laws and commandments and rules, and that you will obey Him. And Hashem has affirmed this day that you are, as He promised you, His treasured people who shall observe all His commandments. Devorim 26, 17-18

האמרת והאמירך - אין להם עד מוכיח במקרא ולי נראה שהוא לשון הפרשה והבדלה הבדלתי לך מאלהי עובדי כוכבים להיות לך לאלקים והוא הפרישך אליו מעמי הארץ להיות לו לעם סגולה ומצאתי להם עד והוא לשון תפארת כמו יתאמרו כל פועלי און: רש"י על דברים פרק כ"ו פסוק י"ז

I heard in the name of one of the Karliner Tzadikim ZY"A {or Alter Chasidim ZT"L}, to explain this meaning of "Hemartoh", and "Hemirchoh", is prevalent to the end of the year, the time which we stand now. "Mehn darf badanken der Bashefer oif der farganginer yohr – We must thank Hashem for the past year". We must realize that we have merited to live another year of Torah and Mitzvos, to serve Hashem.

If one may wonder how do we say this on the present year of 5780, of which each person was in some way affected by Covid-19, etc., which we hope and pray it should quickly be history.

Firstly, we must realize that every trial and tribulations that Hashem brings on a person is not more than what he can manage. More so, we must repeat the words of the Sefas Emes ZY"A and many other Tzadikim ZY"A, that Nesoyon [test], comes from the Shoresh [root], Nes [a flag]. When Hashem tests a person if he will withstand the trial, He is actually raising the person to new heights that he did not acquire until now. A person is elevated by what he experiences and achieves greater heights through them. Every Yid has achieved greater heights in his Avodoh [service] to Hashem in the year of 5780. Of course we Daven [Pray] to Hashem that we should attain these Madreigos [elevations] in a sweet way, as we now will ask Hashem when we eat the Simonim [signs] on Rosh Hashonoh. We dip the apple in honey,

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה:

It should be the will of You, Hashem, that we merit a sweet new year.

Reb Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev ZY"A, the defender of Klall Yisroel, would surely in our situation, beseech Hashem, and say, as it says in this week's Parsha; [26:15]

השקיפה ממעון קדשך מן השמים וברך את עמך את ישראל ואת האדמה אשר נתתה לנו כאשר נשבעת לאבותינו ארץ זבת חלב ודבש: ספר דברים פכ"ו פט"ו Look down on to your Holy Nation of Klall Yisroel, awaiting the Geuloh [redemption], fulfilling Your Torah and Mitzvos in every situation, redeem them and Bentch [bless] them with a Shnas Geuloh Viyishu'oh, Omein kein Yihi Rotzon

Haftoroh - Shivoh Dinichemtoh

Seforim HaKedoshim say that the seven Haftoros read on the seven Shabbosos after Tisha B'Av, until Rosh Hashonoh, are a preparation for Malchios - Crowning of Hashem as our King, and King of the whole world, on Rosh Hashonoh. During this time Hashem comforts us upon the destruction of The Beis HaMikdosh which stood in Yerusholayim, may it be rebuilt speedily in our days. And we reply, by Crowning Hashem as King of the whole world on Rosh Hashonoh. As we conclude in the reading of Eichoh, [25:21], and so too during Davening.

השיבנו ה' אליך ונשובה חדש ימינו כקדם: איכה פ"ה פכ"א Bring us back, to You, Hashem, and we shall return, Renew our days as of old!

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