

שביעי של פסח - השבת של פסח

Shviyi Shel Pesach - The Shabbos of Pesach

The Sefas Emes ZY"A expounds on the words of the Medrash that Shviyi Shel Pesach - the seventh day of Pesach is not only the commemoration of Kriyas Yam Suf - the splitting of the Red Sea. Rather the seventh day of Pesach is a symbol of Shabbos of the Yom Tov of Pesach. The Shira (song) that is recited by Klall Yisroel in this day, is one of eternal Ruchniyus (spirituality) that dwells upon every Yid who rejoices in the miracles of Hashem. Therefore, it is a true spirit of a Shabbos of Pesach, a day of praise and tranquility to Hashem.

When we say the Shiras Hayam on this day and for that fact on every day of the year, we are being Mamshich (drawing) great Hashpo'os and Yeshuos. Already in the Zohar HaKodosh it says "The Shira to Hashem, every person who says this Shiroh daily and says it with attentiveness, he will be Zoche (merit) to say it in the destined time. As it has in it the past and the future worlds, and the day of the coming of Moshiach. And all of the praises that are said above and below are bound to it". The Sefer Chareidim says, "One who has the attentiveness in the Shiras Hayam to say it every day with Kavonoh (concentration), with a Kol (loud voice) and Simchah (happiness), as if the time as we are going out of Mitzrayim. He is forgiven on all his Aveiros (sins). As it says in the Possuk, Vayasah Moshe, Moshe Rabbeinu set them out". [Note: this year the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach is Shabbos]

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה מֵה תִצְעַק אֵלַי דְּבַר אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּסְעוּ: ספר שמות פרק י"ד ט"ו

To worry over sin is itself a sin. It leads to melancholy [sadness], which makes true penitence - Teshuvah, impossible.

- Sipurei Chasidim

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The Might and the vengeance of Hashem [Rashi].

Hashem is my Might and Song [Targum]; was salvation for me. This is my Hashem and I will build Him a Sanctuary; The Hashem of my Father and I will exalt him. Shemos 15:2 An alternative rendering is: "This is my Hashem, and I will make Him a habitation" (the Hebrew verb אָנְוָהוּ, "And I will glorify Him", is related to the noun נוֹה, "habitation"). This means "I will make myself into a habitation for Him; I will sanctify and purify myself so that my body may become a dwelling place for the Holy Presence."

- Reb Shamshon Raphol Hirsch

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