

וַיַּעֲתֶר יִצְחָק לֵה' לִנְכַח אֲשֶׁתּוֹ כִּי עָקְרָהּ הוּא וַיַּעֲתֶר לוֹ ה' וַתֵּהֵר רַבֵּקָה אֲשֶׁתּוֹ: פכ"ה פכ"א

The Gemorah in Yevomos [64:1] explains that the Tefilos of Tzaddikim are like a fork to turn over wheat, etc. they can turn the will of Hashem from Midas HaDin to Midas HoRachamim [judgment to mercy]. Explains Rav Moshe Minder ZY"A [of Chasidei Slonim], how is this so? He answers, since Tzaddikim change their ways and wills, for the better, to serve Hashem, so to can they change the will of Hashem.

Hashem listens to his Tefilos - of Yitzchok Avienu, says R' Yitzchok of Vorkoh ZY"A, that the Tefilos of Yitzchok were answered since they were with happiness, in contrast to Rivka Eimeinu's, that were with sadness. Such is the strength of Simchoh.

The Ohev Yisroel ZY"A says that the reason why Yitzchok Avienu's Tefilos were answered, since they were on the tzar - pain, of the Shechinoh. Therefore, they were helped.

From this we can learn the power of Tefilloh (prayer) and praise to Hashem.

The Tiferes Shlomo ZY"A says that Hashem is בכיכול a Yosheiv Tehillos Yisroel. He is sitting on the praises of Klall Yisroel. Just as a son-in-law "zitzst oif kest" so to Hashem has a Nachas Ruach from the Tefilos and praises of Klall Yisroel.

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Rashi in this week's Parsha says that the offspring of Yitzchok is Yaakov and Eisov mentioned in the Parsha. Whereas in Parshas Noach Rashi says on Toldos Noach, Toldoseihem shel Tzadikim Masim Tovim - the offspring of Tzadikim is their Mitzvos - good deeds. So, although we don't have the yardstick to measure, we may be able to say, the difference between Noach and Yitzchok is as follows. Noach and someone from the various nations who follows in seven Mitzvos of a Ben-Noach will be elevated according to his deeds. Whereas the Avos HaKedoshim and their children, must live up to the height of being a Yid and continuously live on what is expected from them to attain their level. As Eisov did not do so, only Yaakov attained the level to be an ancestor of Klall Yisroel and be the third of the Avos HaKedoshim. Whereas in the ways of Eisov, even the good traits of him, such as Kibbud av will not validate him. A Yid must strive and is expected to be a full-fledged member of Klall Yisroel, fulfill all the Mitzvos of Hashem and the directives of the Chachomim (sages).

To the same respect every Yid has a "Pinteleh Yid" that even under any circumstance will shine out to its fullest. When the German Nazis YM"SH entered the town of Kohznitz they set the Shul aflame. They then wanted the Jewish Mayor of the city who was a Bundist to Chas Vesholom take a Sefer Torah which was saved from the flame and put it in the fire R"L. The Mayor as far as he was from Torah and Mitzvos leaped into the fire, burnt Al Kiddush Hashem.

The Kedushas Levi ZY"A says in Parshas Yisro, on "Ki Levavur Nasos Esschem - That Hashem has come to test you", once Klall Yisroel stood at Har Sinai, even the lowest and farthest Yid will be Mosser Nefesh, as he has the "Pintle Yid" in him.

This Shabbos ב' כסלו is the Yohrtzeit of the Yosher Divrei Emes ZY"A. In his Sefer, he brings the following point that is relevant to every days Davening. Not to minimize it Chas ViSholom, but he speaks about those who are very lengthy in the added Piyutim of Tefilos Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. But forget about the parts of Davening we say daily all year, sometimes hastily, unfortunately. "They are leaving the main part and dwelling, only on the secondary, which is also very important".

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