



Assorted statements from previous years

☞ Revealing Love ☜

If you don't have Emunah - you will look for culprits in the troubles you are going through, you will get into the interpretations of ayin hora 'evil eye' and kepaidos 'severity' and 'curses', and it will never end ...

Two brothers-in-law came in to me, and one of them had a patch on one of his eyes because of a strong blow he had received. I asked him what had happened to him, and his brother-in-law answered in his place: **"He must have looked where he shouldn't...**

I said, **"If it's because of that, he should have been hit with both eyes..."**

Stop doing these cheshbonos - explanations, all the pains you go through are nothing more than a revelation of love that the Master of the world shows you, that He wants your closeness!!! That He wants Your closeness!!! That He wants your closeness to Him !!!

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☞ What does one do? ☜

A Yid came to Rabbi Aharaleh of Kozhnitz, crying about the problems that were interfering with his daily life.

Rabbi Aharaleh tried to find a solution for him, but the Yid did not calm down, and began to tell about another problem he had.

And again R. Aharaleh tried to solve the problem, and the Yid jumped into another trouble, and to another one, a whole list of yissurim, and a way out of the problems - there is none...

Rabbi Aharaleh understood who he was dealing with, and began with an amusing description: A man goes on a walk on the first good day of Sukkos, in his right hand is the esrog box, in his left hand is the lulav bag.

Under his right arm is a thick woolen tallis, and under the left - an ancient siddur.

Suddenly, a strong wind comes and blows the shtreimel off his head ...

And the gartel around his waist - opened and dragged on the wet floor from fresh rain ...

And the belt that holds his trousers - loosens, slowly ...

What will he do?? How will he sort himself out??

... !!! ...

And really, what would a person do if he was completely surrounded by problems and messes that he had no idea how to deal with?

There are two options for action:

One is a path of loneliness and lack of Emunah.

The second one is the way of Emunah.

You can try to manage on your own, solve the problems with your own ideas, and then you will find that the situation only gets more complicated ...

And what will you do when you find out that you are not able to cope?

You will close! You will suddenly find yourself losing your Emunah, disconnecting from the creator, feeling that the whole world is against you, everyone only wants you to have a bad time, nobody loves you, and you have no choice but to take care of yourself... And you can give up trying to manage on your own, because you can see that you are not capable, so what is left for you, just to connect with the Creator, only to trust Him, only to live with Him.

And yes, it's scary, to let go of everything like that, to leave the reins, to live with the uncertainty.

But, like a man who studies a profession, wastes four years of his life, gives up the livelihood he can make at that time,

And why does he do it? Because he knows that although now he doesn't make a living, now his livelihood is a bit squeezed, but in four years? In four years he will be a great engineer!! Then his livelihood will be much more profitable!!!

You too, if you just choose to follow the path of Emunah, **then yes, you will not know exactly how to get along, you will have to face and fight for your peace of mind, but how can you compare the quality of life you will have with Emunah to life without Emunah ????**

(And in parentheses: on second thought, what do we gain from living without Emunah? Without Emunah, we **do** rule?? Are we then able to manage on our own?? After all, anyway we don't have the strength to cope alone, and only the **feeling** of control we need to let go of...)

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☞ Not Toiroh and not Avoidah ☜

'I wish they had left me and my teachings were preserved'.

They asked R' Asher: How is this possible? Leave the Creator and become connected with the Torah?! After all, you always teach that the Torah is not an end in itself, the Torah is only a means to reach the 'Giver of the Torah'! And suddenly the verse comes and erases everything that we knew and thought!!! what's going on here ???

R' Asher said to them , **"Yes, yes! That's the truth! Hashem tells us, if you just want to talk about me all day and not touch the Torah - you'd better stop talking about me and start studying !!**

Why? Because if you just talk 'gedanken' all day and don't study Torah, in the end you won't have anything! Not Toiroh and not Avoidah!!

But if you start studying, there's a chance you'll eventually get to me...

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☞ What did HaKadosh Boruch Hu do? ☜

A Yid entered the Rebbe with tears on his cheek: Rabbi, Getzel is stealing my livelihood!!! He opened a modern fancy store, selling exactly the same products as my store, but at half the price! And it turns out, he could not find himself another place to open the store, only in the building opposite my store! Rebbe, what a scandal!! What will happen to my livelihood? Who's going to take care of my bread ??

The Rebbe reassured him for a long time, with plenty of comforting words and strengthening with Emunah and bitachon, **"Don't worry – the Rebbe told him – you will still see that**

HaShem will arrange your livelihood in an outstanding way!"

The next day, the Rebbe finds our friend, happy, content and dancing, almost bringing lechaim to the Shteibel ...

"What are you so happy about"? Asked the Rebbe with interest.

"Rebbe, "ich zog dir", I tell you, just as you said, took place! HaShem does not abandon His followers, He did take exceptional care of me!!" he danced.

"How did the miracle happen"? Ask the Rebbe, surprised.

"What shall I tell you, Rabbi," the Yid said with bright eyes, "Yesterday I left your house reassured and happy, after you had explained to me thoroughly HaShem's Hashgacha pratis, and waited to see how HaShem would help me. Indeed, not a few hours passed by, it was night time, **and what did HaKadosh Baruch Hu do? I left the house silently, poured a barrel full of gasoline in Getzel's shop, and burned the whole store!!** Ha, how great are the deeds of HaShem!!!

Perhaps the friendly story can be ridiculed, but, if we look at it a little, it seems that our friend took his Emunah and amazing bitachon, and used it to extract all the lust for revenge that stood in his heart !

R' Asher said: **Our way is a very powerful way, but, as powerful as it is, there is danger in it!** Like a person who has a storehouse full of money, which he can use for good needs and lift up his blessing to good places, but he can fall with them to black and dangerous places ... **So is the way of Emunah, it is much more powerful and stronger than the physical wealth that man has, but it is also with great danger! We need to be careful and be loyal to the one who give us the strength to follow this path, and use these strengths for places of lifting oneself out of the difficulty, and not, chalila, to a place of domination, manipulation and hefkeirus!!**

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