

Zmanim

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חזון בני

כ"א אלול תשפ"ב

פ' כי תבוא



CHIZUK IN THE PARSHA



והיה אם לא תשמע בקול ה' אלוקיך... ובאו עליך כל הקללות האלה... והיה ברך לאות ולמופת עד עולם... (דברים כח:טו, מז)

And it will be that if you not heed the word of Hashem... all these curses will come upon you... and it will be for you as a sign and a wonder forever...

These פסוקים appear at first to be puzzling. First comes a warning that if כלל ישראל do not follow the תורה then awful things will befall them. But this is then followed later by a declaration that it will be an everlasting sign and wonder, seeming to imply that these curses will be the constant and eternal companion of the Jewish people, חס ושלוש!

The פרי צדיק זע"א offers an incredible explanation. The sign of eternity being referred to here is actually a statement of great comfort: no matter how much כלל ישראל has to endure as a result of its misbehaviour, they will nevertheless outlast it all. In fact, this is the ultimate "sign and wonder" - that after all these terrible events have transpired, you will still survive.

Indeed, as הג"ר יעקב עמדין זצ"ל famously writes in his סידור to his הקדמה, there is no greater miracle nor indication of ה' love for His people than their survival for so many generations, despite all the odds.

But the פרי צדיק זע"א adds a point with regard to the month of אלול. Just as our nation can never expire, in spite of all our difficulties, so too each and every individual can pull through and come good. It is easy to feel despondent and lost but a Yied needs to remember that all the darkness in the world, whether generated by suffering or עבירות, could ever extinguish the light of one's ועמך כולם, as this week's הפטרה asserts: צדיקים לעולם יירשו ארץ...



CHIZUK IN THE SIDUR

(part 2) לדוד ה' אורי

אחת שאלתי מאת ה' אותה אבקש

At first glance it seems like this פסוק is repeating itself. הקב"ה says, 'there is one thing that I ask from דוד המלך and this is what I request.' Why not just ask straight out and say 'כל ימי חיי שבתני בבית ה' שאלתי מאת ה' אותה אבקש'?

Also, why is שאלתי in the present tense whilst אבקש is in the future?

The רבי יחיאל מיכל מזלוטשוב זי"ע quotes קדושת לוי זי"ע (a תלמיד of the בעל שם טוב) as saying that the words שאלה and בקשה are not repetitive at all.

שבקש, his request, was to be a מבקש! He was asking הקב"ה to help him be a person who is constantly seeking, striving and growing in his עבודת ה'!

This explains why the שאלה was in the past but the בקשה is in the future. Once one has achieved a higher level of תורה ויראת שמים there are still higher levels to get to. דוד המלך is telling us that the secret to success in עבודת ה' is to be a מבקש, always striving to rise to the next מדרגה...

Q. AS IT IS I HAVE SPENT MORE TIME THAN USUAL IN INTROSPECTION AND MAKING A חשבון הנפש. HOW DOES ONE WORK OUT WHAT HIS תפקיד IN LIFE IS?

A. THAT IS A COMPLEX QUESTION. OF COURSE WE ARE ALL REQUIRED TO TRY AND BECOME תלמידי חכמים AND TO KEEP EVERY מצוה AND הלכה. HOWEVER, IF ONE WANTS TO TRY AND WORK OUT WHAT HIS PARTICULAR תפקיד IN LIFE IS, HE NEEDS TO TAKE A LOOK AT HIS STRENGTHS, AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT ONE NEEDS TO FIRST KNOW WHAT HIS STRENGTHS ARE! WE ALL HAVE INCREDIBLE מעלות BUT SOMETIMES WE DON'T SPEND THE TIME TO NOTICE THOSE QUALITIES. WHEN ONE SITS DOWN AND REALISES HIS UNIQUE TALENTS AND STRENGTHS, ONE CAN BEGIN TO TRY AND WORK OUT WHY ה' GAVE HIM CORNER THOSE מעלות AND WHAT HE SHOULD BE DOING WITH THEM...



CHIZUK FROM OUR CHACHOMIM

This **שבת**, כ"א אלול, marks the Yohrzeit of **Rav Yonason Eibschutz** זצ"ל, one of the גדולי הדור in the 18th Century.

Born in the year 1694 in Pinchov, Poland, to Rav Nossion Nota and Shaindel, young Yonason was a child prodigy. He took on his surname when, at the age of 6, his father was appointed as the רב in Eibschutz. He was orphaned of both his parents at the age of 13 and grew up in the house of Rav Meir Eisenstadt זצ"ל, the פנים מאירות, becoming a close תלמיד of the תורה giant.

At the age of 16 he married Rebbetzen Elkele Shapiro, daughter of Rav Moshe Yitzchok who was the רב in Bumsla, Bohemia. After living with his in-laws for a few years, Rav Yonason moved to Prague, and became the ראש ישיבה and a דיין in that most prestigious of קהילות in Europe at the young age of 20. Whilst living in Prague, the Church censored every ספר that was owned by Jews and they banned all copies of גמרות. Rav Yonason published the Prague Shas, which he had to heavily censor to meet the approval of the authorities but which was the only Shas that was permitted in Prague at that time.

In 1741, soon after the outbreak of the War of Austrian Succession, Rav Yonason was forced to flee Prague and he succeeded the פני יהושע as the רב of Metz, France. During his time in Metz, he wrote many ספרים including his famous כרתי ופולתי and also opened a ישיבה where he gave 2 weekly שיעורים which would last 7 hours each!

In 1750, he was appointed as רב in the famous קהילה of Hamburg and Altona. A tough period followed when he was accused of being a Sabbatian but he carried on faithfully leading his קהילה and set up a Kloiz despite being offered other jobs such as the רבנות of Nikolsburg. He was נפטר in 1764 and is buried in Altona. Most of his ספרים were published after his פטירה including the אורים ותומים and יערות דבש.

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CHIZUK IN OUR LIVES

It was a sunny day in ירושלים. An Egged bus pulled up to a bus stop and a throng of people began boarding. One of the passengers tripped as he was getting on to the bus, hit his head on the side of the door, and fell down onto the concrete, losing consciousness. A *Hatzala* member happened to be there and quickly ripped the person's shirt open to perform resuscitation only to see...24 grams of C4 dynamite strapped onto the man's chest!

The man was an Arab terrorist who had boarded the bus with the intention to blow it up and kill dozens of *Yidden*. The *Hatzala* member and bus driver realised that the terrorist was starting to regain consciousness, so they evacuated the area, pinned the man down until the bomb squad arrived and deactivated the bomb.

That evening, the secular media were rife with praise for the bus driver and *Hatzala* member about how they handled the situation. The one thing they forgot to mention was how this healthy, strong young man just 'happened' to trip on the first step as he boarded the bus, and knocked himself unconscious for just enough time for the *Hatzala* member to notice the bomb and to immobilize the terrorist.

הנה לא ינום ולא יישן שומר ישראל.