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And what about teshuvah?
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Hi guys, her we are... Between Rosh ha-Chanah and Yom Kippur, a big time for tikkunim... On the other hand, I have seen a lot of sources (quoted from the zohar by the yesod veShoresh ha-Avodah) in which it seems that teshuvah is not really possible for mast*** and mz"l

So this question, in this case (if teshuvah is in any cases not fully reachable), to which extent is all our efforts to strive worthy ??

A gmar chasima tovah to everyone anyway!

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Re: And what about teshuvah?
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The Zohar says there IS teshuva for zera levatola - I have seen it with my own eyes.

The Gra explains the Zohar you are referring to - he says all avieros are in the lower 7 sefiros from Chesed to Malchus and teshuva is in Bina which is above them all. That is why teshuva helps for all avieros. Zera levatola comes from the brain which is Chochma which is above Bina so the Zohar says teshuva does not help. The Gra says that teshuva with Torah does help because Torah is also in Chochma. So do teshuva and learn Torah.

Chassidish seforim follow the Reishis Chochma and say that only low-grade teshuva does not help but high-grade teshuva (Teshuva Illah) does help. Teshuva Illah is teshuva from love of Hashem rather than from fear of punishment. There are other types of teshuva illah, read the seforim.

A gmar chasima tovah!