

Ben's understandings

Posted by GYEBen - 18 Jul 2017 08:37

Hello to all,

I feel a bit awkward. Isn't it presumptuous to start a new topic in the Beis Hamedrash, sharing Torah thoughts with all – I am not a Rav, never went to a Yeshiva after high school, and I am certainly no authority on anything.

But I am still doing it, because since I started to be part of this community, I feel changes and evolution on these matters too, especially in my Tefila.

I wanted to keep these thoughts and write them down – because failing to do so will for sure result in forgetting them.

I do not pretend that my thoughts here have any Toranic value at all. It very well might be that they are not Hiddush whatsoever, and for sure, if I am correct in my interpretations, then someone else wiser than me already wrote so in the past. And if I am wrong – then I am wrong.

But, once again, I am mainly writing this for myself – because these thought helped me on that specific day, and they might come in useful on another day. And maybe even to someone else, and this is why I decided to write them in the forum and not just keep a notebook somewhere.

Please feel free to comment, correct me or critic anything I write here or anywhere else.

I pray to Hashem that nothing I will write here will lead anyone to unwanted thoughts or conclusions – starting by myself.

Benjamin

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Re: Ben's understandings

Posted by GYEBen - 18 Jul 2017 09:37

I already posted this on my 90 days forum... but it really belongs here.

I had a hiddush yesterday evening I wanted to tell the world about. Yesterday evening, I had an urge to say the Kryat Shema Al Hamita - which I do not do regularly.

You understand where you stand, really, and you realize where you want to be, and you go there.

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Re: Ben's understandings
Posted by serenity - 19 Jul 2017 01:57

Thanks for sharing your thoughts with us. I don't think you need to minimize your value or . They are yours and that makes them special in and of themselves.

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Re: Ben's understandings
Posted by GYEBen - 26 Jul 2017 07:09

I keep seeing the 12 steps all the time in almost all parts of the Tefila.

his morning it occurred to me that in the Amida we say:

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qualifications in order to share them either

If the first three are pretty self explanatory when applied to an addiction ridden situation:
Support my fall, Heal my illness, Free me from my prison! the fourth is more complex...

I was taught that this means that we believe that Hashem keeps His word, realizes His promises to the deceased Avot - Yesheyney Afar.

While remaining certainly true, I had an additional understanding of it in the light of the first 3 steps:

Our faith, our Emuna - is also a gift from Hashem. By our own power we cannot be truly believers - not for long. If I rely on my powers alone, I will be subject to scepticism and shake my Emuna one way or another, because I am made from dust - I am Gashmi - material.

But if I surrender even this to Hashem, then He will make my Emuna strong and everlasting -

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