

Golus Mitzrayim and Breaking Free

Posted by KiviYVY - 22 Dec 2010 16:43

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Found this Fantastic Mashal today relevant to all of Sefer Shemos. See

<http://www.torah.org/learning/legacy/5770/vaera.html>

A great sage was staying at an inn far from his home. Late at night, he sat down to say the Tikkun Chatzos, the lamentations over the destruction of the Temple that pious people say after midnight. The sage was so moved by the words of the lamentations that he burst into tears.

The innkeeper came running. "Rabbi, rabbi, what happened? Why are you crying?"

"Because our holy Temple was destroyed," said the rabbi. "Ah, if only the Messiah would come already and take us all out of this exile! Don't you dream of such a day?"

The innkeeper fidgeted. "Well, what about my inn? What would happen to it? And what about my goats and my chickens? Will I have to leave them behind?"

"Your goats! Your chickens! Forget about them. Think about the wonderful life that awaits us in Israel."

"Well, to tell you the truth, rabbi. I'm doing fine right here. I'm not sure I want to change things so much."

"But don't you ever have trouble from the local riffraff that call you a zhid and steal your chickens in the night?" the rabbi asked, trying to find a way to inspire the simple innkeeper to yearn for redemption.

"Yes, you are right," said the innkeeper, his brow darkening for a moment, but he immediately brightened. "I have an idea, rabbi! Let's send all the riffraff to Israel, then we can live here in peace. That would be a fine redemption!"

I think there's so much depth to this. I wish for redemption - to finally break free from all the nonsense that's holding me down. The problem is my twisted vision of redemption is to take all the horrid feelings that result from my indulgence in lust and send THEM away, while keeping the *Geshmak* of that lustful indulgence - the fantasy, the escape.

What I fail to realize (in my *kishkes*) is that that's impossible. There's nothing *Geshmak* about that lust. If I were to view that lust from an outsider's perspective I'd see it for what it is - a truckload of packaging peanuts!! Yeah - send everything that's bad about packaging peanuts to the land of redemption and I'll keep the rest. What am I left with - the same peanuts!! There's nothing *Geshmak* about lust - I **know** it. Now...

*Ribono Shel Olam!*

*Tatte!!*

*Help me remember that when I need it most!*

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Re: Golus Mitzrayim and Breaking Free  
Posted by Tuvia - 22 Dec 2010 19:14

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How beautiful.

What I find amazing is that the innkeeper would want to go through effort 100x larger by sending away all the riffraff instead of just leaving it behind and moving to such a beautiful, indescribable place! How similar are we! I think its like you mentioned YVY. We don't know the true value of the redemption, so therefore are willing to trade it for all the packing peanuts!

Oy.

Great mashal, Yashuv. Thank you for sharing.

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Re: Golus Mitzrayim and Breaking Free  
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Excellent insight Tuvia. I didn't even think of that.

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Re: Golus Mitzrayim and Breaking Free  
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Re: Golus Mitzrayim and Breaking Free  
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 23 Dec 2010 19:35

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Many thanks for these marvelous ideas!!!

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Was it? I really don't know, but I'm open to it  
Re: Golus Mitzrayim and Breaking Free  
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in Sipurei Ramach this story is ascribed to the Meor Einayim, with some small differences in the details

either way, the idea is great, thanks for bringing to us!

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