

AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by battleworn - 22 Sep 2009 19:04

I've long felt that we should concentrate more on the first two words of each "Avinu Malkeinu" than on the rest of the words. (That's what I like about the "p'sach shaarei shomayim" song.)

Now, I'm thinking that perhaps this can be a big help to many of us here now. Like many others, I am also not feeling great today and I had an interesting thought while saying A"M by mincha.

{I posted the following elsewhere, but I'm posting it here also as an introduction}

Last week I heard R' Tzvi Meir speak. I'm sorry I don't remember which sefer he read it from, but it said straight out that the because the power of these days is so strong, the y'h really works overtime. Chazal say very clearly that we can get close to Hashem during the 10 yemei teshuva, more than the rest of the year. That means that even someone who is so far-removed from Hashem that the rest of the year he can't wake up the connection, during these days he can.

The y'h really stands to lose a lot during these days so he really goes totally wild. And all we have to do, is to NOT GET PHASED BY THE DARKNESS- TO ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES AND WEATHER THE STORM. We need to recognize the confusion for what it is, namely a dirty trick of the y'h. We need to remember that it will soon pass and we will get back in to focus. And we need to speak to Hashem and beg Him to make it pass fast and bring us back to our senses.

But in truth this very darkness is our greatest opportunity! This is the "Derech" and "Kli" -the tool and the key to tapping in to the great power of these days! The Gemoroh says ????? ???? ??? ???? When one gives a gift, we can assume that he gave generously and he also provided the "Derech"

So Hashem provides each person with the "Derech" - the tools for using the great gift of these days properly. VERY VERY often that means a feeling of darkness. Because by trying to hold on and not let go even when feeling like that, we will merit the great segulah of these days.

But how do we pick our selves up when we are feeling so weak?

At Mincha today I thought about all the HUNDREDS of times that we say AVINU! and all the hundreds of times we say MALKEINU! during these days.

AVINU- our loving Father who loves us totally, completely, unconditionally and infinitely.

MALKEINU- our King! We are the King's soldiers! We represent Him in this world! Regardless of what happened in the past, we have a *shlichus* to fulfill right now as a representative of Hashem!

At this time of year, when so much is at stake and the y'h is working overtime to get us down, we repeat hundreds of times AVINU! MALKEINU! OUR FATHER! OUR KING!

That's the main message we need to get in to our selves. It's not for nothing that we repeat these words so many times! Try to think about these words each time you say them!

Only after we have this straight, can we have the courage to ask Hashem for the 44 things in this special tefilah. And still, the bottom line is AVINU MALKEINU! Each time we say this tefilah we ask for each of the 44 things once. But these holy, special, key words, we repeat 44 times!

I'm just thinking right now, that if the average person needs to say it 88 times a day, then it stands to reason that we should say it much more! Or better yet, each time we say it, we should THINK about it much more!

RABOSAI! IF THE Y'H WANTS TO GET YOU DOWN THIS WEEK, TELL HIM THAT YOU ARE MUCH TO BUSY WITH YOUR FATHER AND KING!

Yes, maybe it's true that I'm a loser, a lowlife, an evil person. Yes, maybe it's true that Hashem is angry at me (lol). Maybe it's true that I can't do what others can, maybe it's true that(the y'h never runs out of ideas)

BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S THE JOB OF EVERY JEW TO PROCLAIM HASHEM KING! RIGHT NOW IT'S THE JOB OF EVERY JEW TO REMIND HIMSELF THAT HASHEM IS **HIS** FATHER AND KING! THERE'S NO TIME FOR THE Y'H'S IMPORTANT CHAKIRAS RIGHT NOW!

Of course this is true all year. **But at the very least, in middle of the coronation of Melech Malchei Hamilachim -by His dear children, we have a basic right to push the y'h off.**

Take a moment to think about it. Your busy with the with the coronation of the creator Himself -Who happens to also be your Father and this scumbag comes and starts pestering you about his insanities. The strange thing is that somehow we fall for it and we start discussing it with him. "Well yeh, you got a point but lemaaseh I did x amount of days. Oh right, others do better so maybe you got a point etc. etc."

Lemaan Hashem, if this is not insanity what is? Here I am the "Ben habichor" of The King of Kings- The Creator Himself, busy with His coronation, and this jerk somehow manages to get me in to the most ridiculous conversation imaginable.

LET'S PUT A STOP TO THE INSANITY NOW!!!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by 7yipol - 24 Sep 2009 10:27

Hmmmmmmm,

Im feeling power here.....

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...and of course I'll let you make up by washing the floor and windows, building the Sukkah, peeling vegetables and oh yeh, shopping for ice cream and soda!

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by Sturggle - 24 Sep 2009 10:30

Battleworn! I think we need you here to return this thread back to its original tone.

.....nah, could never be mad at you Sturggle.

And I am curious to hear your response to my (earlier) posts.

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by battleworn - 24 Sep 2009 13:40

Hi, precious yidden! I'm sorry I didn't respond yesterday. I was around, but I was hit by a tsunami of emotional pain and I just couldn't think straight. Sturggle, I think you are very much on the mark!

As far as TrYiNg's question goes, I think be"H I can shed some more light on the matter. Our

focus is up to us. If we choose to separate ourselves from Hashem and just try to get along with Him, then our focus on y"K is going to be about how WE make peace with Hashem. **But that mehalech is hopeless for us, anyway** (see "Teshuva" thread)

If we realize who we really are and what we really want, namely that our very essence is ratzon Hashem and there is nothing else, then our focus is going to be on THE BIG NEWS. We don't have time to think about our selves at such a holy time, we're much too busy being Mamlich Avinu Malkeinu!

But of course it goes without saying that when we come to such an event, we should be clean and immaculate. Not for our sake but for the Honor of Avinu Malkeinu!

Now here comes the biggest chiddush! As strange as it sounds, Hashem himself scrubs us clean and dresses us in proper attire. ??? ?' ????? ?????? ?????? ???? ?? ??? ???????? ??? ????? ?????, ????? ??????? (We may sing it on Lag Ba'omer, but it's actually talking about Y'K) This is where the vidui comes in. We express our feelings and Hashem takes care of the actual work. All he asks from us is to turn our selves to Him! To give Him our hearts!

Some people that don't post on this forum, can possibly sleep through the whole thing. They will say the vidui with their mouths but their hearts are fast asleep. This is BTW not their fault at all and we should be dancing from simcha and gratitude that Hashem let's us feel, even in this sea of darkness! {Bli neder more on that in a different post later, Hashem PLEASE help me really do it}

So it can be helpful to remind them that the world is not static even if their hearts seem to be. Things get decided on these holy days and we can make a difference. It might help and shake them up a bit. That is the point of that kind of talk.

But in truth it all boils down to K'vod Shomayim. If we care about K'vod Shomayim, then we can't bare it when His children are suffering whether it's physical and all the more so, if it's spiritual. That's what the 44 bakoshos in Avinu Malkeinu mean to us. "Because You are our Father and our King"

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by 7yipol - 24 Sep 2009 14:24

Battleworn,

First and foremost, may Hashem sooth your pain as only He can - bekarov.

Thank you so much for clarifying. It was eye opening on one hand, yet so very pashut and obvious on the other. Most earth shattering emes is I guess!

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by TrYiNg - 24 Sep 2009 14:35

very clear. :)Thank you once again, battleworn

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by battleworn - 24 Sep 2009 16:34

Thank you very much for your feedback and your warm words. BTW I finished it up, now. It so happens that emes is one of my obsessions and I have always found that it saves me in the darkest of times!

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by Sturggle - 24 Sep 2009 16:39

Battleworn,

It's great to hear from you! And read your post! Looking forward to more?

I second 7Up's bracha that Hashem may sooth your pain bekarov if He hasn't done so yet.

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by Dov - 24 Sep 2009 16:47

Dear Battleworn,

Hashem's gifts to you are so great already. May he gift you further and quickly with complete relief of whatever pain you had or have and I am sure that you will use the experience to help others out of *their* pain!

W/best wishes for a beautiful Heilgeh Tog (as R' Tzi-Meyer would call it),

- Dov

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by bardichev - 24 Sep 2009 16:51

BATTLE DO YOU KNOW THE STORY RT"M SHLITA SAYS OVER ABOUT THE AMERICN BOY WHO THE CHOFETS CHAIM TOLD TO GO TO GER FOR YOM KIPPUR???

I NEEEEEEEEED THAT STORY!!!

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by battleworn - 24 Sep 2009 17:07

Reb Dov, thank you very much! It's interesting that you mentioned Hashem's great gifts. In the

last few days I actually experienced some Giant size hugs from Hashem. The kind of stuff that could put someone in a good mood for months. The pain that I feel is much larger than I am and I won't try to explain it because I don't think I know how.

I'm sorry I didn't respond to your pm, I only got it after R'H. Anyhow, I love you with ALL my heart and I hope you have a wonderful year!

Bardichev, I don't know that story. I know a story about two einekels of the Bardichever that came to the Chofetz Chaim's yeshiva.

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 24 Sep 2009 17:11

The Chofetz Chaim every morning would wake up and first thing he would say(even before modeh ani)

GOOD MORNING HASHEM

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by 7yipol - 24 Sep 2009 17:16

[battleworn wrote on 24 Sep 2009 17:07:](#)

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Its not my place to make suggestions toyou R' Battleworn, but I seem to be anyway!

Why not write down those hugs in all their glorious detail? Not to share with us (unless you wish to) but for your own sake. "Hugs" are like hot chocolate with melted marshmallows when storms are blowing and there's no silver lining around the clouds.

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Posted by bardichev - 24 Sep 2009 17:23

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YOU MUST POST THAT IT IS GEVALDIGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG

AND IF ANYONE THINKS ITS A MADE UP STORY

REB NOSSON VACHTFOIGEL ZTZ"L USED TO SAY IT EVERY EREV YOM KIPPUR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: AVINU MALKEINU!

Posted by battleworn - 24 Sep 2009 17:39

Reb Dov, thank you very much. I totally agree about the hot chocolate with melted

marshamello's.

Bardichever, if you know the story YOU should tell it! Thank You!

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