

Pledging money to deter sinning

Posted by Dovid824 - 24 Aug 2018 19:56

Is pledging money to deter "falling" really the right thing to do?

In one sense, you could justify it by saying that whatever works is ok.

However, it reminds me of making a korban/offering to atone for a sin. But, in this case, does it really atone for the sin?

From my humble Talmud study, I've gotten the impression that for minor transgressions, a korban can be made to atone, and the sin is erased, as if it never happened. But for serious transgressions, there is no atonement. The sin remains on your "permanent record". The ultimate punishment, if any, is based on your future behavior, and is up to Hashem. (If my learning on this subject is faulty, please correct me.)

Just a thought.

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 24 Aug 2018 21:46

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Re: Pledging money to deter sinning
Posted by Markz - 26 Aug 2018 01:44

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CHAS VESHALOM

GEV IS NEVER GONNA FALL

And he didn't make no pledges

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It's a theoretical halachic question.

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