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Posted by DavidT - 24 Feb 2021 18:09

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When Haman and Achashverosh decreed to wipe out the Jewish People, Mordechai told Esther to go to the king and ask for mercy. Going to the king unannounced would put Esther's life in jeopardy. She told Mordechai to tell the Jewish People to fast and pray on her behalf. And then she added, "?? ??? ??????? ????? ?? – I and my maidens would also fast and pray." The Alsheich explains, Esther was saying she and her maidens would pray on behalf of the Jewish People to be saved from the decree. She wanted them to pray for her and she would pray for them, thus utilizing a great tool: When a person prays for others and he has the same need, he will be answered first. If Esther would pray for them and they would pray for her, they'll be answered simultaneously.

The great tzaddik Rav Yechezkel of Kuzhmir explains how it works. When a person prays for someone else, the mikatregim in Shamayim are not able to prosecute that prayer because he is not asking for himself, he is asking for somebody else. One condition for the tefila on behalf of others to be effective is that the person must be truly sincere.

The Chiddushei Harim, the Rabbi of Ger, explained that on Purim there is a law "that anyone who asks (for charity) you have to give". This is true also regarding praying, when we pray to Hashem on Purim, He has to answer our requests.

We read in the Megilla; 'These days [of Purim] are remembered and done'. We are taught "Remembered" by Hashem, so that all our requests are "done". (Toras Emes)

These are special days, for as soon as something good is "remembered" for the Jewish nation, it is no sooner than "Done". (Toras Chaim)

“Hashem sends us each year the same help as he sent by the miracle of Purim in the days of Mordechai and Esther. Whatever prayers are sent up to Hashem by the Jews on Purim are accepted.” (Divrei Yechezkel)

“Someone in need should take time on Taanis Esther to say Chapter 22 in Tehillim (Psalms), which is related to Esther and Purim. Afterwards, he should beseech Hashem and remind Him of the merits of Mordechai and Esther and his Tefilos will surely be accepted in Heaven.” (Kos Hayeshua)

“The Baal Sham Tov taught that on Purim one should rise early to daven and ask Hashem for everything that he needs. Not only, for himself, but for others as well, for Purim is a time of acceptance just like Yom Kippur.” (Segulos Yisroel)

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Posted by DavidT - 25 Feb 2021 14:17

The kedusha of Purim is so great. Even Yom Kippurim is not as kodesh as Purim. This is why it is only Ki' Purim - "like" Purim (i.e. close to, but not exactly). The kedusha of Purim is so great, that unlike Shabbos and the other Yom Tovim, there is no need to be M'kadesh the day, nor to refrain from Melacha. It does not need any shmira from melacha in order to maintain its kedusha.

And, the entire nes of Purim was accomplished by the strongest of all weapons.....**Teffilah**. Lets go and speak to Hashem - non stop. Use our weapon of mass destruction, the weapon of Mordechi and the Tinukkos Shel Bais Raban, TEFFILAH.

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Re: Let's pray for each other on Purim
Posted by eyes - 25 Feb 2021 14:32

I am all for it.

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It was probably to buy lots of *chalav stam* ice cream and some whisky aged in sherry casks.

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