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Posted by Trouble - 10 Oct 2019 14:24

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Posted by cordnoy - 18 Oct 2019 13:25

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all right.

almost.

(i wasnt quoted so i cant say it was intended to either).

This is actually dragging me into the area that i didnt want to go in.

the klausenberger rebbe zt"l, (in his collected shiurim chumash rashi-"shefa chaim), brings exactly this idea as the reason why it IS possible to do teshuva for us.

because we dont really relate to the choimer of this sin. and even if we intellectually KNOW that its the WORST sin (yeah the whole deal) we still dont understand it (or feel it) im pretty sure he says thats why er and onan were punished with misah min hashomayim

(something unmatched, that the pusuk immediately describes the punishment unlike any other sin in the torah including murder-almost like the proverbial "lightning bolt") is because they understood the gravity of the sin.

?obviously tzaddikim in tanach and their actual nisyonos are beyond our comprehension and thier sins are relative to thier high levels (no one should think they were just low individuals, chas v'shalom. but regardless it is written for us to learn from on our level as well)

but all that has NOTHING to do with that it IS indeed the worst sin in the torah.

?perhaps we are judged (more) leniently because of the reasons i mentioned above. but the actual gravity of the sin for its own (value?) remains. there is more to go into including the moreh heter aspect but i think this suffices.

by the way have a great shabbos everyone! and yom tov!

p.s. as i am editing, at the risk of being disingenuous, i just realized that nadav and avihu were also immediately punished for thier chet. i believe that its different over there but i dont want to debate that now and i think its off topic. maybe another time.

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I personally enjoy tefilas zakai ( despite having struggled with destructive guilt for much of my journey)

1st of all it's so relatable ,I dont need to be focused and have researched to understand the proper pirush like so mmanyof the othertefilas that are more abstract to a simple mind.

2nd it feels good to admit to what I did, similar to other methods of recovery where you need to admit .

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Re: Parenthesis

Posted by mggsbms - 18 Oct 2019 14:55

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[higher wrote on 17 Oct 2019 17:21:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 17 Oct 2019 01:36:](#)

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Trouble does bring up some valid points. We might not like the way he spells 'em out, but they do need to be addressed and cannot simply be dismissed. I, sadly, will not be that guy. He does make certain assumptions which are just that - assumptions, not facts. He cannot deny that there is a **gravity** to these actions although they might have (**not**-correction higher's) been rampant. And, obviously, the internet generation has made this entire issue so much more prevalent, for everyone.

listen trouble brought up private chat so i will as well. i just want to add 1 little point in terms of the gravity of this sin (masterbating).

before i do that i want to make a disclaimer to all the readers that throughout the doros, every gadol that has written about this topic has stated it IS possible to do teshuvah on this aveirah. so no one get yiush. the following is technical for the most part.

i related to trouble how even if this sin wasnt prevalent in earlier doros, its such a big aveirah

that it warrents being front and center in tefillas zakkah. (there are also many bechinos to this aveirah but im not getting into that) to support myself i said over the famous zohar saying how its there isnt teshuva for such an aveirah (again, remember the above.) mr. trouble seemed to be unimpressed with my bringing of the source. i am unsure if it was because of my lack of bekius in zohar, my lack of understanding in zohar, or my lack of understanding in general, or all 3.(which are true btw) regardless, i found something in the kitzur shulchan aruch written for simple jews like me. so here goes. (excuse my poor lashon kodesh)

"it is forbidden to emit semen in vain and this sin is worse then ALL of the sins of the torah." etc. see there (siman 151) as he is mayrech. he also brings various tikkunim there.

sound pretty darn harsh, no?

so yeah-no proof from zakkah that this was prevalent.

the fact that it was done-at all-is deserving enough.

Maybe someone wrote this already, the meforshim on shilchon aruch write that it is lav davka, since it says in sefer chasidim that one should masturbate if he is at risk of doing the act with a nidah or erva.

I was thinking that if that's the case, then maybe if someone is at the risk of looking at porn, which one could argue is a more serious aveira, he should rather masturbate. I think this is a serious shaila which should be presented to a more harah.

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Re: Parenthesis

Posted by higher - 18 Oct 2019 15:07

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This is in response to mggsbms:

not sure if this is a machlokes and the kitzur is paskeining (based on the stimas haloshon) either way its severity is very special thats lchol hadeos. i will bln look up the meforshim on shulchan aruch.

thanks.

also, is this talking about someone that is going to masterbate anyway? (in terms of motzi zera. what does that mean "hes at risk of doing it with an erva or nida" and if so, obviously its better to do it outside then inside a nida...no?)

(no, no one mentioned this before and i appreciate the direct response.)

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 18 Oct 2019 15:50

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I believe that "heter" is only when the person is at risk of an Issur Kareis. I don't think porn falls into that category.

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i think they didnt have such issues , but the one who composed the tefila had ruach hakodesh and knew that there would be a gye community and formulated the tefila on our behalf, and even took the trouble to add the parenthesis for those who need it

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