

Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by Pidaini - 08 Mar 2013 17:33

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Starting my log a little late, i'm BH holding by today, which is number 53 of all the todays, but Bein Hazmanim is coming and i need to keep in check, and might not have time for all the chatting that usually helps me clear my mind (thanks guys!!).

i've been using AlexEliezers advice, that he gave me right when i first posted, of bulletproof Shemiras Einayim, or trying at least, and BH got to Today. but it's all changing now, it's not the same streets that i walk down every day, know exactly where to go so not to look, the dangerous places where i have to be careful etc.

now i'm entering the lions den, going to the airport, the airport itself, a few hours on the plane, etc. it's really scaring me!!

anyone have any ideas?

also been struggling with dreams, i know it shouldn't affect me, but it does, because it makes me realize that my mind isn't clean during the day, which leads to the next question how to keep my mind clean?

Wishing all you a Great Shabbos and it's Parshas Hachodesh so may we all be zoche to renew ourselves!!

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 03 Jul 2014 22:15

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i read it (the whole thing, please ship me a t-shirt, thank you)

very very good stuff!

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by MBJ - 03 Jul 2014 22:49

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The vort from the Besh"t was beautiful. Thank you for that.

But I have to say, that I have never been embarrassed about who I am before Hashem. I may not be proud of all my actions before Him. But no one in the world knows me better, not even myself. He knows that I try, and that I mean well. He created me with my warts, and understands that I may not achieve my potential all the time(or ever), and He still loves me anyway. A true love, one with no preconditions or expectations, only that I am one of His children. That is why no matter how bad the thing I did 5 minutes ago, I still know that He will accept me now with open arms.

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by dd - 04 Jul 2014 00:22

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Yankel thats great stuff!!!

i figured it calls for a reply not just a thank you,

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by lavi - 04 Jul 2014 00:23

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dear mbj,

if you don't mind me commentating on what you said,( well it's too late now anyway!) it is commended to feel loved by Hashem like you said, but the zohar says that love has to be in tandem with fear, it isn't just a higher level, rather like the zohar says it is like two wings. if you only flap one you go around in circles, so i guess to feel the embarrassment you have to work on the fear aspect. and it seem like a ma'aleh to be embarrassed in front of Hashem.

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by dd - 04 Jul 2014 00:28

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Dear Lavi,

i think your making a mistake the two wings thing i about the love one has to hashem what mbj is talking about is the love hashem has to us which is unconditional,

like the tzaddikim taught us hashem loves any jew out there in any situation more then the largest amount of love we can even imagine,

kol(loving) tuv!!!

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by lavi - 04 Jul 2014 00:37

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dear deedee,

But I have to say, that I have never been embarrassed about who I am before Hashem. I may not be proud of all my actions before Him.

i was referring to the above statement, and i was pointing out that i didn't think it was correct not to feel embarrassment in front of Hashem.

am i making myself understood?

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by Pidaini - 04 Jul 2014 10:48

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Thank You MBJ for clarifying, I am not embarrassed of who I am, quite the contrary, the REAL me is awesome, as clearly evident from the way Hashem treats me. It is that I am *scared* of who I am.

R' Zishe of Anipoli used to say "I am not afraid of the question that they will ask "upstairs" "Why were you not Avraham avinu?" I know what to answer. I am not afraid of the question "Why were you not Dovid hamelech?" I know what to answer. The question that I fear is

"Why were you not ZISHE?!!"

It is that sense of responsibility that I don't want to face. It is that sense of responsibility that when I see clearly the lovingness of Hashem towards me, that I feel uncomfortable, because I cannot just push it aside any more!!

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by cordnoy - 04 Jul 2014 14:37

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There is a certain amount of gevurah or contentness perhaps never to be embarrassed before Kudshah b'Rich Hu, and I like it; how do you teitch or explain though: "Harei ani lefonecha kikli malei bushah uchlimah"?

Thank you so much

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by lavi - 06 Jul 2014 01:22

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maybe just maybe, what i wrote could be somehow right? that it is good to have a certain about of bushah (embarrassment) in front of Hashem?? anyone??

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by kilochalu - 06 Jul 2014 04:02

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everyone's right to some extent

one tana (gemara rosh hashana) says its better to be kafuf

one tana says better to be pashut

one says sometimes like that and sometimes like that,

in yevamos the gemara makes a shtikel pshara,

pri megadim says thats teitch in shomeya kol shofar umaazin truah

that Hashem listens to the people who are pashut and listens even better to those who are shavur, v'ain domeh lach (melech basar vdam isn't mishtamesh with keilim shvurim)

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by kilochalu - 06 Jul 2014 04:26

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[cordnoy wrote:](#)

how do you teitch or explain though: "Harei ani lefonecha kikli malei bushah uchlimah"?

both Pdaini and MBJ just said that we are not embarrassed by whom we are but ain hachi nami we are malei bushah uchlimah by our actions

in this weeks parshah lo hibit aven byaakov vlo ra'ah amel byisroel ... u'sruas melech bo which rashi explains that he is not medakdek with us to pay attention to our aveiros ... and he loves us no matter what

of course this does not mean that we will not be held responsible for our actions and he lets us off no matter what we have done, it means that no matter what we have done he loves us just

the same

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by lavi - 06 Jul 2014 08:53

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thanks for your input and mekoiros. i think that simply put, it is fair to say that we are what our actions are,( i am speaking what our view should be of ourselves)(at least one of our views)(because we always need to know that the mehus from our neshama is a chelek....) that is our actions shape us to a large degree. and your last statement about

"it means that no matter what we have done he loves us just the same." i am not convinced that it is true. it may be that Hashem loves a tzaddik more than a regular person. do you have any sources to back up what you said ( in the bais hamedrash we say" what's the rai'ah")??

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by shivisi - 06 Jul 2014 10:23

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A Great man once said -

???? ??? - Is not about how much I love Hashem when I see how much Hashem Loves me,  
It's about how much I love Hashem at those times when I DON'T see His love for me.

And Hashem's love for me, [???? ????? ????? ???] is not so much about how much Hashem loves me when I love him, It's about His unconditional Love for me even when I don't show any love for Him.

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Re: Yaakov's Ladder

Posted by MBJ - 06 Jul 2014 10:46

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lavi, let me clarify. I think what kilochalu said covers it, but I will just add my nuance to it. I am certainly not proud of my actions, I will try to do better in the future because I know that more is expected of me and I have the ability to do more. So I come to Hashem with shame on those times that I reflect on those failings. On the other hand one of my favorite pessukim in the Torah is "?????? ?? ????? ????? ??? ??" (may not be quoted perfectly). It is such a beautiful and powerful passuk that tells of the wonderful midos of Hashem. I take that to heart. Not that I am proud of my actions, not that I don't fear Him, (Though recently I feel the love more than I used to feel the fear), but that I know that no matter how dirty my clothes are, He can clean them. No matter what my mistakes are, if I reach out to Him B'tmimus, He will always bring me in. He loves me despite my mistakes.

I read people who say, Oh how can I daven after I just did X Y Z, how can I put on tefillin, how can I learn. Those people are mistaken because they only think about the fear and shame, and not about the love. All that leads to is neglecting more mitzvos and getting even further away from His love for us.

For me, it is the knowledge of His love for me that lets me get through the day sober. Because I know in my mind and in my heart that whatever He does to me is only out of love and my own best interest, and therefore I have no choice but to accept it with appreciation. Even when it seems to suck big time. That is the only way I stay sober.

Let me just add one more thing (really saying the same thing in a different way). Fear of

Hashem is important, but my fear of Him never kept me clean, but His love for me does.

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