| The verse "Remember what Amalek did to you"—the commentators question how it is possible to command remembrance, as forgetting is not within a person's control. | פּסוק "זָכוֹר אַת אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְךְ עֲמָלֵק", שֶׁמֵּקְשִׁים הַפַּשְׁטָנִים, אֵיךְ אֶפְשָׁרוּת הַצִּוּוּי עַל הַזְּכִירָה, שֶׁאֵינוֹ בְּיַד הָאָדָם אִם שׁוֹכֵחַ. |
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| In truth, their words apply only to a coarse person who has already corrupted his faculties and attributes by pursuing materialism, which is the husk and the place of forgetfulness. | וּבֶאֱמֶת, דִּבְרֵיהֶם הוּא בְּאָדָם מְגֵשָּׁם שֶׁכְּבָר קלְקֵל כֹּחוֹתָיו וּמִדּוֹתָיו בְּהַשָּׂגַת הַגַּשְׁמִיּוּת, שָׁהִיא הַקְּלִפָּה מָקוֹם הַשִּׁכְחָה. |
| However, the Torah states that "G-d created man upright" to receive the Torah and comprehend its ways, which are ways of pleasantness, to know G-d in all his ways. | מַשְּׁאֵין כֵּן הַתּוֹרָה אָמְרָה, "אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת הָאָדָם יָשָׁר", לְקַבֵּל אֶת הַתּוֹרָה וּלְהַשִּׂיגָהּ בְּדַרְכֶּיהָ דַּרְכֵי נוֹעַם, לָדַעַת אֶת ה' בְּכָל דְּרָכָיוּ. |
| The Torah itself is the remembrance, as it commands remembering the Revelation at Mount Sinai. | וְהַתּוֹרָה הִיא הִיא הַזְּכִירָה, שֶׁהוּא מִצְוַת זִּכְרוֹן מַעֲמַד הַר סִינַי. |
| Through the Torah, the Holy One, blessed be He, created the world, and it is His tool of craftsmanship. | וּבְאוֹרַיְתָּא בָּרָא קוּדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא עַלְמָא, וְהִיא כְּלִי אוּמָנוּתוֹ. |
| Surely, then, the faculty of memory, which was created through it, is the fulfillment of these commandments of remembrance, making forgetfulness impossible. | וּבוַדַּאי כֹּחַ הַזּוֹכֵר שֶׁנִּבְרָא עַל יָדָהּ הוּא מִצְוַת הַזְּכִירוֹת הַנַּ"ל, וְאֵיךְ אֶפְשָׁרוּת הַשָּׁכְחָה. |
| As it is stated, "Shall He who planted the ear not hear? Shall He who formed the eye not see?" | ּכְּמַאֲמַר: "הָנֹטַע אֹזֶן הָלֹא יִשְׁמָע, אָם יוֹצֵר עַיִן הָלֹא יַבִּיט". |
| Forgetfulness only applies to one who has already corrupted his faculties and attributes in opposition to the Torah, G-d forbid. | אָם לֹא, מִי שֶׁפְּבָר קּלְקֵל מִדּוֹתָיו וְכֹחוֹתָיו נֶגֶד הַתּוֹרָה חַס וְשָׁלוֹם. |
| But the question of the commentators remains valid, since the Torah is eternal and applies in every generation and to every person. | אֲבָל קֻשְׁיַת הַפַּשְׁטָנִים בִּמְקוֹמָהּ עוֹמֶדֶת, לְהְיוֹת הַתּוֹרָה נִצְחִית וְנוֹהֶגֶת בְּכָל דּוֹר וּבְכָל אָדֶם. |
| It serves as a remedy for all flesh and a counterforce against the evil inclination. | וּלְכָל בְּשָׂרוֹ מַרְפֵּא וּתַבְלִין לְיֵצֶר הָרָע. |
| If so, for a person who has already corrupted himself, how can this commandment still be relevant? | וְאָם כֵּן, לְאָדָם שֶׁכְּבָר קְלְקֵל, אֵיךְ שַׁיָּכוּת מִצְוָה זוֹ: |
| The matter is explained by the statement of our Sages: "Shaul [sinned] in one matter, and it was counted against him; David [sinned] in two matters, and it was not counted against him." | וְהָעִנְיֶן הוּא, אָמְרוּ רַזַ"ל: "שָׁאוּל בְּאַחַת וְעֶלְתָה לוֹ, דָּוִד בִּשְׁתַּיִם וְלֹא עֶלְתָה לוֹ". |

| At first glance, this is a great wonder—could there be favoritism in judgment before G-d? | אֲשֶׁר לְכָאוֹרָה, הַתִּמְיָה בֶּאֱמֶת גְּדוֹלָה לֵאלֹקִים, וְכִי מַשּׂוֹא פָּנִים יֵשׁ בַּדָּבָר? |
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| This is similar to the teaching of our Sages: "One who disregards the words of a prophet is liable for death." | וְהוּא עַל דֶּרֶךְ אָמְרוּ רַזַ"ל: "הַמּוֹוַתֵּר עַל דִּבְרֵי נָבִיא חַיָּב מִיתָה". |
| For the general principle is that a person is defined by his nefesh (soul), ruach (spirit), and neshamah (higher soul), and by his da'as (awareness). | לְהִיוֹת כְּלָלָא דְּמִילְתָּא, הָאָדָם נִקְרָא עַל שֵׁם הַנָּפֶשׁ, רוּחַ, נְשָׁמָה שָׁבּוֹ, וְהַדַּעַת. |
| But the body is the flesh of a person. | אֲבָל הַגּוּף הוּא בְּשַׂר הָאָדָם. |
| Now, all knowledge, understanding, and intellect have the possibility of being either good or bad. | וְהִנֵּה כָּל הַדֵּעָה, הַבִּינָה וְהַשֵּׂכֶל, אֶפְשָׁרוּת הֶיוֹתָם אִם טוֹב וְאִם רָע. |
| For G-d made one thing corresponding to the other in all aspects of existence and revelation that were created as something from nothing. | כִּי "אֶת זֶה לְעֻמַּת זֶה עָשָׂה אֱלֹקִים" בְּכָל עִנְיְנֵי הַיֵּשׁוּת וְהַתְגַּלוּת שֶׁנִּבְרְאוּ יֵשׁ מֵאַיִן. |
| This refers to wisdom, which is called "something," and the vitality of wisdom that illuminates it, which is called "nothing." | שֶׁהוּא הַחָכְמָה שֶׁנִּקְרֵאת "יֵשׁ", וְהַחַיּוּת שֶׁל הַחָכְמָה הַמֵּאִיר אוֹתָהּ, הַנִּקְרָא "אַיִן". |
| As it is stated: "Wisdom will be found from nothing." | ּכְמַאֲמָר: "וְהַחָכְמָה מֵאַיִן תִּמָּצֵא". |
| The "nothing" refers to what is beyond comprehension and is not grasped, yet it vitalizes and illuminates comprehension. | ְוָהַ"אַיִן" הוּא מַה שֶּׁחוּץ מִן הַהַּשָּׁגָה וְאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג, הוּא הַמְחַיֶּה אֶת הַהַשָּׂגָה וּמֵאִיר אוֹתָהּ. |
| Everything depends on the nature of a person's comprehension, whether small or great. | וְהִנֵּה, הַכּּל לְפִי מַה שֶּׁהוּא אָדָם בַּהַשֶּׁגָה, אָם מְעַט וְאִם הַרְבֵּה. |
| What one comprehends is considered "something" to him, while what is beyond his comprehension is considered "the infinite" that vitalizes his understanding. | הַהַשָּׂנָה נִקְרֵאת "יֵשׁ" אָצְלוֹ, וּמַה שֶּׁחוּץ מֵהַשָּׂנָתוֹ נִקְרָא "אֵין סוֹף" אֶצְלוֹ, הַמְחַיֶּה אֶת הַהַשָּׁנָה. |
| And after establishing the principle that in every existence, "G-d has made one opposite the other," | וְאַחֲרֵי הַנַּחַת הַכְּלָל שֶׁבְּכָל יֵשׁ אֶת "זֶה לְעַמַּת זֶה עָשָׂה אֱלֹקִים", |
| then who is the one who acts? It is His "nothingness" that vitalizes His "something." | וּמִי הוּא הָעוֹשֶּׂה? הֲרֵי הָאַיִן שֶׁלּוֹ הַמְחַיֶּה אֶת הַיֵּשׁ שֶׁלּוֹ. |
| Therefore, the essential and fundamental matter to be saved from the evil inclination, which operates in all aspects of one's existence, | ָלְכֵן, עִיקָר וְשֹׁרֶשׁ הַדָּבָר לְהִנָּצֵל מֵהַיֵּצֶר הָרָע, הַנּוֹהֵג בְּכָל הַיֵּשׁ שָׁבּוֹ, |
| is that one brings himself into the realm of "nothingness," and there all workers of iniquity will be scattered. | הוּא שֶׁיָּבִיא עַצְמוֹ אֶל הָאַיִן, וְשָׁם יִתְפָּרְדוּ כָּל פּעֲלֵי אָוֶן. |
| As it is stated: "As wax melts before fire, so shall the wicked perish before G-d," | ּכְמַאֲמָר: "כְּהָמַּס דּוֹנַג מִפְּנֵי אֵשׁ, יֹאבְדוּ רְשָׁעִים מִפְּנֵי אֱלֹקִים". |

| referring to the Infinite One who vitalizes him. | i ֶשֶׁהוּא הָאֵין סוֹף הַמְחַיֶּה אוֹתוּ. |
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| lone blessed be He belbind him he would not be able to | וְהוּא אָמְרָם זַ"ל: "יִצְרוֹ שֶׁל אָדָם מִתְגַּבֵּר עָלָיו בְּכָל יוֹם, אִלְמָלֵא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא עוֹזְרוֹ, אֵינוֹ יָכוֹל לוֹ". |
| At first glance, this contradicts the statement: "I have created the evil inclination, and I have created the Torah as its antidote," as well as the teaching: "Draw it to the study hall." | ָאֲשֶׁר לְכָאוֹרָה, סוֹתֵר מַאֲמָר: "בָּרָאתִי יֵצֶר הָרָע, בָּרָאתִי תַבְלִין אֶת הַתּּוֹרָה", גַּם מַאֲמָר: מְשָׁכֵהוּ לְבֵית הַמִּדְרָשׁ". |
| | אֲבָל בָּאֱמֶת, כִּי הַתּוֹרָה שֶׁהִיא הַחָּכְמָה, הַתְּחִלָּה שֶׁל כָּל הַיֵּשׁ, וּכְלִי אוּמָנוּתוֹ, הִיא מְתַבָּלֶת כָּל הַיֵּשׁ. |
| Through it, one can reach the "nothingness" that illuminates within it and vitalizes it. | לְהַגִּיעַ עַל יָדָהּ אֶל הָאַיִן הַמֵּאִיר בְּתוֹכָהּ וּמְחַיֶּה אוֹתָהּ. |
| However, the essence and root of everything is that the Holy One, blessed be He, helps a person when he brings himself to the state of "nothingness." | אֲבָל עִיקָּרָא וְשָּׁרְשָׁא דְּכוּלֶּא, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא עוֹזְרוֹ בְּהַגִּיעַ עַצְמוֹ אֶל הָאַיִן. |
| There, the wicked will perish before G-d, as expressed in the teaching: "If it goes, fine; if not he should remind himself of the day of death." | |
| Corresponding to all wisdoms, intellects, and understandings, "G-d has made one opposite the other," even within wisdom itself. | שֶׁכְּנֶגֶד כָּל הַחָכְמוֹת וְהַשְּׁכָּלִים וְהַשָּׁגוֹת, "אֶת זֶה לְעַמַת זֶה עָשָׂה אֱלֹקִים", אֲפִילוּ בַּחָכְמָה. |
| As it is stated: "They are wise to do evil," the essential antidote of the Torah is to cling to the vitality that illuminates within the Torah, which is beyond comprehension. | כְּמַאֲמָר: "חֲכָמִים הֵמָּה לְהָרֵעַ", עִיקַּר תַּבְלִין הַתּוֹרָה הוּא לִהְיוֹת מִתְדַּבֵּק בַּחַיוּת הַמֵּאִיר בַּתּוֹרָה, שֶׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָׂג. |
| This is explained in the holy books regarding the true means of salvation from the evil inclination—to sincerely ask the Blessed One to help him. | וְהוּא הַמְבּּאָר בַּסְפָרִים עַל אֲמִיתַּת פְּעֵלַת הַהַצָּלָה מִן הַיֵּצֶר הָרָע, לְבַקֵּשׁ מֵאֵתוֹ יִתְ' בָּאֱמֶת שַּׁיַּעֲזֹר לוֹ. |
| And who is greater than Moshe Rabbeinu, of blessed memory, | וּמִי לָנוּ גָּדוֹל מִמּשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ עָלָיו הַשָּׁלוֹם, |
| of whom our Sages stated: "Fifty gates of understanding were given to Moshe, except for one which he did not attain." | שֶׁאָמְרוּ רַזַ"ל: "מ"ט שַּעֲרֵי בִּינָה נִמְסְרוּ לוֹ לְמֹשֶׁה, חוּץ מֵאַחַת שָׁלֹא הִשִּׂיג". |
| This final gate vitalizes all that he did comprehend, | הַמְחַיֶּה אֶת כָּל מַה שֶׁהִשִּׂיג, |
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| for vitality must come from that which is beyond | ֶּכִי הַחַיּוּת מוּכְרָח לִהְיוֹת מִמַּה שָׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָׂג, |
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| comprehension—it is what vitalizes understanding. | הוּא הַמְּחַיֶּה אֶת הַהַּשָּׂגָה. |
| And each person, according to his measure, is given vitality | וְכָל חַד וְחַד לְפּוּם שִּׁיעוּרָא דִּילֵיהּ, מְחַיֶּה אוֹתוֹ |
| from that which is beyond his grasp. | מַה שֶׁלְמַעְלָה מֵהַשָּׂגָתוֹ. |
| Therefore, the reasons for the mitzvot were not written explicitly to be grasped, | וְלָכֵן לֹא נִכְתְּבוּ טַעֲמֵי הַמִּצְוֹת לְהַשִּׂיגֶם, |
| for even after all levels of understanding, the main objective | שֶׁהֲרֵי אַחֲרֵי כָּל הַהַשָּׁגוֹת, הָעִיקָּר הוּא |
| is to cleave to that which is beyond comprehension. | לְהִתְדַּבֵּק בְּשֶׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָׂג. |
| In everything that is comprehended, the evil inclination has a grasp, | שֶׁבְּכָל מוּשָּׂג יֵשׁ אְחִיזָה לְיֵצֶר הָרָע, |
| except for the mitzvot whose reasons were explicitly stated, | אָם לא בַּמִּצְוֹת שֶׁנֶּאֱמֵר טַעְמָן, |
| in which case, it is also His will that one seek to comprehend even more | גַם כֵּן רְצוֹנוֹ יִתְ' לְהַשִּּיג יוֹתֵר, |
| and to cleave to that which is beyond comprehension, which vitalizes the understanding. | וּלְהִתְדַּבֵּק שָׁם בְּשֶׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג, הַמְּחַיֶּה אֶת הַהַשָּׂגָה. |
| This is in order to connect the beginning of existence with "nothingness," | בְּכְדֵי לְחַבֵּר תְּחִילֵּת הַיֵּשׁ עִם הָאַיִן, |
| for existence is a throne for "nothingness." | ּכִּי הַיֵּשׁ הוּא כָּסֵא לָאַיִן. |
| And one must necessarily progress from level to level—one being a throne for the next, | וּמוּכְרָח לָלֶכֶת מִדַּרְגָּא לְדַרְגָּא, זֶה כָּסֵא לָזֶה, |
| and that one for the next, in the order of his comprehension, | וְזֶה לָזֶה בְּסֵדֶר הַשָּׁגָתוֹ, |
| until he moves from reason to reason, reaching the ultimate point of comprehension, | עֵד שֶׁמַגִּיעַ מִּטַעַם לְטַעַם, עַד oip הַהַשָּׂגָה, |
| to grasp that the incomprehensible itself vitalizes and illuminates comprehension and reason. | ּלְהַשִּׂיג שֶׁהַשֶּׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג מְחַיֶּה וּמֵאִיר אוֹתָהּ הַשָּׂגָה וְטַעַם. |
| This is as King Shlomo, of blessed memory, stated: "I said, I will be wise, but it was far from me," | ְוְהוּא מַאֲמָר שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ עָלָיו הַשָּׁלוֹם: אָמַרְתִּי אֶחְכָּמָה, וְהִיא רְחוֹקָה מִמֶּנִּי", |
| meaning that it remains beyond comprehension, as mentioned above. | וְאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג כְּנִזְכָּר לְעֵיל. |
| And this statement he made after stumbling in the mitzvot | וּמַאָמָר זָה אָמַר אַחַר הִכָּשָׁלוֹ בְּמִצְווֹת |
| whose reasons were explicitly stated, | שְׁנִתְפָּרְשׁוּ טַעֲמָן, |
| for he said, "I will increase [wives], and I will not stray." | ישֶׁאָמַר: "אַרְבֶּה וְלֹא אָסוּר". |
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| Even though Shlomo's wisdom was unmatched before him and after him, | אָם אָמְנָם חָכְמַת שְׁלֹמֹה, אֲשֶׁר לְפָנָיו וְלְאַחֲרָיו לֹא קָם כָּמוֹהוּ, |
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| and he knew all that occurred, | יָדַע אֶת כָּל אֲשֶׁר נַּעֲשָׂה, |
| nevertheless, it followed this same principle. | אֲבָל הָנֵּה הוּא עַל דֶּרֶךְ זֶה. |
| Behold, the distinction between the Torah and the command of a prophet is as follows: | וְהָנֵּה הַחָלוּק שֶׁבֵּין הַתּוֹרָה וּמִצְוַת הַנָּבִיא, |
| The Torah encompasses the entirety of the world, | שֶׁהַתּוֹרָה הִיא כְּלֶלוּת הָעוֹלָם כֵּלוֹ, |
| for "through the Torah, the Holy One, blessed be He, created the world." | שֶׁהֲרֵי "בָּאוֹרַיְתָּא בָּרָא קוּדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא עַלְמָא". |
| All the realities of the world are manifestations of Torah. | וְכָל הֲוָיוֹת הָעוֹלָם תּוֹרָה הֵם. |
| From there, one can cleave to the Infinite, blessed be He, | וּמִשָּׁם אֶפְשָׁרוּת הַדְּבֵקוּת בָּאֵין סוֹף בָּרוּךְ הוּא, |
| through the light of the Torah and its mitzvot, | עַל יְדֵי אוֹר הַתּוֹרָה וְהַמְּצְוֹת, |
| which are called "lamps," as it is stated: "For a mitzvah is a lamp." | הַנִּקְרָאִים "נֵרוֹת", כִּי "נֵר מִצְוָה". |
| Therefore, even if one deviates from a mitzvah, turning right or left, | לָכֵן, אֲפָלוּ אָם סָר מִן הַמִּצְוָה יָמִין אוֹ שְׂמֹאל, |
| towards worldly realities that were created within the Torah, | ֶלֶהֶנִיוֹת עוֹלֶם שֶׁנִּבְרְאוּ בַּתּוֹרָה, |
| the light within it will restore him to the right path—this is repentance. | הַמָּאוֹר שֶׁבָּהּ מַחֲזִירוֹ לְמוּטָב, שֶׁהִיא הַתְּשׁוּבָה. |
| Unless he says, "I will sin and repent," in which case his deviation is evil, | אָם לֹא בָּאוֹמֵר: "אֶחֱטָא וְאָשׁוּב", שֶׁסּוּרוֹ רָע, |
| for he has strayed from the very light that is repentance itself. | שֶׁסָר עִם הַמָּאוֹר שֶׁבָּהּ, שֶׁהִיא הַתְּשׁוּבָה. |
| Without repentance, he would not have strayed in the first place, | וּבְלִי הַתְּשׁוּבָה, לֹא הָיָה סָר, |
| therefore, he is not given the opportunity to repent. | ָלָכַן אֵין מַסְפִּיקִין לוֹ. |
| However, one who disregards the words of a prophet— | מַה שָּׁאֵין כֵּן הַמּוֹוַתֵּר עַל דִּבְרֵי הַנָּבִיא, |
| which have descended from the incomprehensible to the comprehensible— | שָׁנִּשְׁתַּלְשְׁלוּ מִשֶּׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג אֶל הַמּוּשָׂג, |
| his obligation is in the precise wording of the prophet's words. | בְּאוֹפֶן שֶׁדִּבְרָיו דַּוְקָא. |
| And he has no other way—he is certainly liable for death. | וְאֵין לוֹ דֶּרֶךְ אַחֵר, חַיָּב מִיתָה וַדַּאי. |

| For if there is no order of descent [of divine will], then the incomprehensible is not connected to the comprehensible and does not vitalize it. | שֶׁאָם אֵין סֵדֶר הַהִּשְׁתַּלְשְׁלוּת, הֲרֵי אֵין הַשֶּׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג דָּבוּק בַּמוּשָׂג וְאֵינוֹ מְחַיֵּיהוּ. |
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| This is not the case with one who transgresses the words of the Torah, as mentioned above. | מַה שָּׁאֵין כֵּן הָעוֹבֵר עַל דִּבְרֵי תּוֹרָה כַּנִּזְכָּר לְעֵיל. |
| Therefore, King Shaul, who followed reasoning— | לָכֵן, שָׁאוּל הַמֶּלֶךְ, שֶׁאָזַל בָּתַר טַּעֲמִים, |
| saying, "If man has sinned, what sin has the animal committed?" | "אָם אָדָם חָטָא, בְּהֵמָה מַה חָטָאָה?" |
| and other rational explanations regarding the prophet's words, | וּשְׁאָר נְתִינַת טַעֲמוֹ וְנִימוּקוֹ עִמוֹ בִּדְבַרֵי הַנָּבִיא, |
| thereby disregarded the prophet's command. | מָזֶּה, וִיתֵּר עַל דִּבְרֵי הַנָּבִיא. |
| In doing so, he separated the comprehensible from the incomprehensible by applying his own reasoning. | וְהִפְּרִיד אֶת הַמּוּשָּׂג מִן הַשָּׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג בִּנְתִינַת טַעְמוֹ. |
| For the essence and root of everything is that the incomprehensible is what vitalizes. | שֶׁבְרֵי עִיקָּרָא וְשָׁרְשָׁא דְּכוּלָּא, הַשָּׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׁג הוּא הַמְּחַיֶּה. |
| And this is a singular truth throughout the entire world. | וְאַחַת הִיא בְּכָל הָעוֹלָם כֵּלוֹ. |
| And this is what our Sages stated: "Shaul [sinned] in one matter, and it was counted against him," certainly. | ,"וָדָהוּ אָמְרָם זַ"ל: "שָׁאוּל בְּאַחַת וְעָלְתָה לוֹ וַדַאי. |
| Whereas David [sinned] in two matters, and it was not counted against him. | מַה שֶׁאֵין כֵּן דָּוִד בִּשְׁתַּיִם. |
| If one strays, it is from a mitzvah that is considered among those numbered as two, | אָם סָר, הָרֵי הוּא מֵאֵיזֶה מִצְוָה הַנֶּעֱרֶכֶת לִמְסַפֵּר שְׁתַּיִם. |
| therefore, it was not counted against him, | לָכֵן לֹא עָלְתָה לוֹ. |
| for repentance preceded the world, having been created through it and giving it life. | ּשֶׁהֲרֵי הַתְּשׁוּבָה קָדְמָה לָעוֹלָם, שֶׁנִּבְרָא עַל יָדָה וּמְחַיָּה אוֹתוֹ. |
| And the light within it restores him to the One, which is beyond comprehension. | וְהַמָּאוֹר שָׁבָּהּ מַחֲזִירוֹ אֶל הָאַחַת, שָׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּג. |
| This is [the meaning of] "And they shall take to you pure olive oil." | וָזֶהוּ "וְיִקְחוּ אֵלֶיךְ שָׁמֶן זַיִת זָךְ". |
| Because he [Moshe] is the root of knowledge for all of Israel, | ָּפִי לְהְיוֹתוֹ שׁוֹרֶשׁ הַדַּעַת שֶׁל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, |
| and his intellect is beyond the grasp of all of Israel, | וְשִׂכְלוֹ אֵינוֹ מוּשָּׁג לְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל, |
| for "higher than the highest is He"—his intellect surpasses them all. | ּכִּי "גָבוֹהַ מֵעַל גָבוֹהַ", הוּא בְּשִׂכְלוֹ מִכֵּלָם. |
| And if they take their intellect and align it with his, | וְאָם יִקְחוּ שִׂכְלָם אֶל שִׂכְלוּ, |
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| then they are cleaving to that which is beyond their comprehension. | הָרֵי דְּבוּקִים הֵם בְּשֶׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג אֶצְלָם. |
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| For everything is according to the person's level, as mentioned above. | שֶׁהֲרֵי הַכּּל לְפִי מַה שֶּׁהוּא אָדָם, כַּנִּזְכָּר לְעֵיל. |
| And oil is associated with intellect and wisdom. | וְהַשָּׁמֶן נִקְרָא עַל שֵׁם הַשֵּׂכֶל וְהַחָכְמָה. |
| Therefore, "And they shall take to you pure crushed olive oil" | לָכָךְ, "וְיִקְחוּ אֵלֶיךָ שֶׁמֶן זַיִּת זָךְ כָּתִית", |
| signifies submission, humility, and self-nullification, | הוּא עַל שֵׁם הַכְנָעָה, שִּׁפְלוּת וָאַיִן, |
| which is the aspect of that which is beyond comprehension, | ָשֶׁהוּא הַשֶּׁאֵינוֹ מוּשָׂג, |
| as referenced regarding "the luminary that illuminates and gives life to all." | בַּנִּזְכָּר לְמָאוֹר הַמֵּאִיר וּמְחַיֶּה אֶת הַכֹּל. |
| This is in order to elevate "a mitzvah is a lamp" into "the light of the Torah." | בְּכְדֵי לְהַעְלוֹת "נֵר מִצְוָה" לְ"אוֹר תּוֹרָה". |
| Behold, the matter of Amalek is explained in the Midrash with the parable of a boiling cauldron: | וְהַנֵּה, עִנְיַן עֲמָלֵק מְבֹּאָר בַּמִּדְרָשׁ, בְּמָשָׁל לִיוֹרָה רוֹתַחַת: |
| One person jumped into it, and even though he was burned, he cooled it down for others. | קָפַץ אֶחָד בְּתוֹכוֹ, אַף עַל פִּי שֶׁנִּכְוָה, הוֹקִיר אוֹתָהּ נָגֶד אֲחֵרִים. |
| The idea is that before he jumped into it, the possibility of being burned by it was not comprehended. | וְהָעִנְיָן הוּא, שֶׁקוֹדֶם קְפִיצָתוֹ בְתוֹכָהּ, לֹא הָיְתָה מוּשָּׁגֶת הַכְּוִיָּה הָאֶפְשָׁרִית מִמֶּנָּה. |
| There was a fear of the unknown, an infinite fear, | ןהָיְתָה יִרְאָה שֶׁאֵינָהּ מוּשֶּׂגֶת, וְאֵין סוֹף, |
| making it completely reckless to enter it. | שָׁהִיא הֶפְקֵרוּת נָּמוּר לִכָּנֵס לְתוֹכָהּ. |
| However, once he jumped in, it brought about an understanding of the possibility of being burned. | מַה שָּׁאֵין כֵּן זֶה, בְּקְפִיצָתוֹ הֵבִיאָה לִידֵי הַשָּׁגַת הַכְּוִיָּה. |
| This parallels the evil inclination, whose entire grasp is through comprehension. | בְּאוֹפֶן שֶׁהוּא עִנְיַן הַיֵּצֶר הָרָע, שֶׁכָּל עִיקָּר אֲחִיזָתוֹ הִיא בַּהַשָּׂגָה. |
| The strategy for salvation from it is to reach and cling to that which is beyond comprehension, | וַעֲצַת הַהַצָּלָה מֵאִתּוֹ, לְהַגִּיעַ וּלְהִתְאַחֵז בְּשֶּאֵינוֹ מוּשָּׂג, |
| which is the male aspect that influences and vitalizes the comprehensible. | שֶׁהוּא הַזָּכָר הַמַּשְׁפִּיעַ וּמְחַיֶּה אֶת הַמּוּשָׂג. |
| This is the meaning of "Remember what Amalek did to you," | וְזֶהוּ "זָכוֹר אֵת אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְרָ עֲמָלֵק", |
| which represents the evil inclination. | שֶׁהוּא הַיֵּצֶר הָרָע. |
| In all aspects of one's actions, one must reach the attribute | בְּכָל עִנְיָנֵי מַעֲשָׂיו תַּגִּיעַ לְמִדַּת "זָכוֹר" לְהִנָּצֵל |
| of "remember" to be saved from him [Amalek]. | מָמֶנוּ. |

| This is as our Sages stated: "Whoever's fear of sin precedes | וְהוּא אָמְרָם זַ"ל: "כָּל שֶׁיּרְאַת חֶטְאוֹ קוֹדֶּמֶת |
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| his wisdom" | יְלְחָכְמָתוֹ". |
| They hinted with the precision of their language to this fear, | רָמְזוּ בִּצְחִיּוּת לְשׁוֹנָם עַל יִרְאָה זוֹ, שֶׁלְמַעְלָה |
| which is beyond the grasp of one's wisdom. | מֵהַשָּׁגַת חָכְמָתוֹ. |
| This is a fear that has no end, for it stems from the Infinite. | שָׁהִיא יִרְאָה שֶׁאֵין לָהּ סוֹף, שֶׁהֲרֵי הַיִּרְאָה הַזּוֹ מֵאֵין סוֹף הִיא. |
| Certainly, his wisdom will endure, | וּבוַדַּאי חָכְמָתוֹ מִתְקַיֶּמֶת, |
| for it is the Infinite that vitalizes, illuminates, and sustains wisdom. | שֶׁהֲרֵי הוּא הַמְּחַיֶּה וּמֵאִיר אֶת הַחָכְמָה וּמְקַיְּמָהּ. |
| This fear applies eternally, for all generations, | וְיִרְאָה זוֹ נוֹהֶגֶת לְעוֹלָם וּלְדוֹר דּוֹר, |
| for with every increase in wisdom and comprehension, one must cling to that which is above it and beyond comprehension. | שֶׁהֲרֵי בְּכָל תּוֹסֶפֶת חָכְמָה וְהַשָּׁגָה, צָרִיךְּ לְהָתְאַחֵז בְּשֶׁלְמַעְלָה מִמֶּנָּה וְאֵינָהּ מוּשֶּׁגֶת. |
| This is the fear that must precede, in order to protect wisdom—existence itself—from the grasp of the evil inclination. | ֶשֶׁהִיא הַיִּרְאָה הַקּוֹדֶמֶת, בְּכְדֵי לְהַצִּיל אֶת הַיֵּשׁ, שָׁהִיא הַחָכְמָה, מֵאֲחִיזַת הַיֵּצֶר הָרֶע. |
| And this is [the meaning of] "For the Lord wages war against Amalek from generation to generation," | וְזֶהוּ "כִּי מִלְחָמָה לַה' בַּעֲמָלֵק מִדּוֹר דּוֹר", |
| until the arrival of the Redeemer, when death will be swallowed up forever. | עַד בִּיאַת הַגּוֹאֵל, וּבִּלַע הַמָּוֶת לָנֶצַח. |
| "And the Lord G-d will wipe away tears from all faces." | "וּמָחָה ה' אֱלֹקִים דִּמְעָה מֵעַל כָּל פָּנִים". |
| Then, the Divine Name will be complete, and all will be peace. | אָז יִהְיֶה הַשֵּׁם שָׁלֵם, הַכּּל שָׁלוֹם. |