

# Tzemach Tzedek Ohr HaTorah Parshas Eikev - Chelek Vov יוָהוּ וְהָיָה עֵקֶב הִּשְׁמְעוּן כּו׳ &

ביאור וְהַנָּה לְהַבִין שׁרֵשׁ הַדְּבַרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהַיָה עֶקֵב

#### Introduction

This discourse by the Tzemach Tzedek begins with the verse "יְהָיָה עֵקֶב חִּשְׁמְעוֹן" ("And it shall be because you will listen"), and was delivered as an in-depth mystical and halachic meditation on Divine service, the structure of the soul, and the purpose of Torah and mitzvos. The Tzemach Tzedek (Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch, 1789–1866), grandson of the Alter Rebbe and third Rebbe of Chabad, was known for his towering scholarship and synthesis of Chassidus with deep halachic analysis. In this maamar, he explores the transformative power of Torah and mitzvos in uniting the soul with the Divine Will, the cosmic purpose of refinement through physicality, and the Messianic vision of unity in Torah and service.

And this is the meaning of "And it shall be (וְהָיָה) because (אַקָב) you will listen (הְשָׁמְעוֹן)"—that it is the level of Middos (emotions) and Deed, and through this: "And He will keep for you the covenant"—this refers to the aspect of performing and drawing down His will into the level of place.	<b>וְזֶהוּ וְהָיָה עֵקֶב תִּשְׁמְעוּן כו׳</b> שֶׁהוּא בְּחִינַת מִדּוֹ״מ וְעַל־יְדֵי זֶה וְשָׁמֵר לְךָּ כו׳ אֶת הַבְּרִית כו׳ זֶהוּ בְּחִינַת עוֹשִׂין וּמַמְשִׁיכִין רְצוֹנוֹ יִתְבָּרֵךְ בִּרְחִינַת מָקוֹם.
And this is the meaning of "the covenant and the kindness" (הַבְּרִית וְהַהֶּסֶּד)—that the idea of cutting a covenant is also for the fulfillment of something not only according to reason and logic. And similarly, the concept of the Covenant Between the Pieces (ברית בין הבתרים) is a drawing down of the Supernal Will (צְלִיוֹן) mentioned above.	ְוֶזֶהוּ אֶת הַבְּּרִית וְאֶת הַחֶּסֶד שֶׁעִנְיֵן כְּרִיתוֹת בְּּרִית הוּא גַּם־כֵּן לְקִיּוּם הַדָּבָר שֶׁלֹּא עַל־פִּי הַשֵּׁכֶל וְהַטַּעַם לְבַד, וְעַל־דָּרֶך זֶה הוּא עִנְיֵן בְּרִית בֵּין הַבְּתָרִים, וְהוּא הַמְשָׁכוֹת הָרָצְה״ע הַנַּ״ל.
And from this comes "and the kindness"—as it is written: "Remember Your mercy and Your kindness" (Tehillim 25:6). Therefore, through the cutting of the covenant, the level of "and the kindness" is drawn down. For behold, Avraham was a chariot (merkavah) for the level of Chesed of Atzilus. Therefore, Avraham is called "My beloved" (Yeshayahu 41:8).	וּמָזֶה נִמְשֶׁךְ לִּהְיוֹת וְאֶת הַחֶּסֶד, וּכְמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב זְכֹר רַחֲמֶיךּ וַחֲסֶדֶיךּ, לְכַן עַל־יְדֵי כְּרִיתוֹת הַבְּרִית נִמְשֶׁךְ בְּחִינַת וְאֶת הַחֶּסֶד כו׳, דְּהִנֵּה אַבְרָהָם הָיָה מֶּרְכָּבָה לָבְחִינַת חֶסֶד דְּאֲצִילוּת, וְלָכֵן נִקְרָא אַבְרָהָם אֹהָבִי.
However, since the Infinite One, blessed be He, is not of any of these attributes at all, how then can it be aroused and drawn from Him, the Infinite One, blessed be He?	אֲבָל כֵּיוָן דְאֵין־סוֹף בָּרוּדְ־הוּא לָאו מִכָּל אִינּוּן מִדּוֹת אִיהוּ כְּלָל, לְכָךְ אֵיךְ יְעוֹרֵר וְיִמְשׁוֹךְ עַל־יְדֵי זֶה מֵאֵין־סוֹף בָּרוּדְ־הוּא?
Rather, it is through the covenant, which is the revelation of the level of Supernal Will (רְצוֹן עֶּלְיוֹן) that is above wisdom, as mentioned above.	אָלֶּא שֶׁזֶּהוּ עַל־יְדֵי הַבְּרִית, שֶׁהוּא גִּילוּי בְּחִינַת רָצוֹן עָלְיוֹן שֶׁלְמַעְלָה מֵהַחָּכְמָה כַּנַּ״ל.

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And based on this, we will also understand why at first it says: "If you listen and observe and perform"—which follows the order of Middos, Thought, and Deed—and afterward it says action first and then Thought and Middos. This is like it says: "the covenant and the kindness."	ְוְעַל־פִּי זֶה יוּכַן גַּם־כֵּן מַה שֶּׁמְחָלֶּה נֵא תִּשְׁמְעוּן וּשְׁמַרְהָּם וַעֲשִׂיתָם, דְהַיִּינוּ מִדּוֹ״מ כְּסִדְרָן, וְאַחַר־כָּהְ נָצֶמֵר תְּחָלָּה מַעֲשֶׂה וְאַחַר־כָּךְ מו״ד, וְהוּא כְּמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב אֶת הַבְּּרִית וְאַחַר־כָּךְ וְאֶת הַחֶּסֶד כו׳.
For behold, it is explained above that the level of "with all your heart" (בְּכֶל לְבָבְךְ) is the love that is born and drawn from contemplation, and it is called the Will of the Heart (בְצוֹן הַלֵּב).	כִּי הִנֵּה מְבוֹאָר לְמַעְלָה דְּבְּחִינַת בְּכָל לְבָבְךְ זֶהוּ הָאַהְבָה הַנּוֹלָד וְנִמְשֶׁךְ מֵהַהִתְּבּוֹנְנוּת וְנִקְרָא רָצוֹן הַ״ת.
And the level of "with all your might" (בְּכֶל מְאֹדֶּךְ) is called the Supernal Will (רְצוֹן עֶּלְיוֹן), which is above intellect, as it is written in the Zohar: "There is a Will and there is a Will," as mentioned above.	ּוּבְחִינַת בְּכָל מְאֹדֶךְ זָהוּ נִקְרָא רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן, וְהוּא שֶׁלְמַעְלָה מֵהַשֵּׂכֶל, וּכְמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב בַּוּהַר דְּאִית רְצוֹן וְאִית רְצוֹן כַּנַ״ל.
However, between these two loves it says: "with all your soul" (אַבְכֶּל נַפְּשֶׁךְ)—and this is the attachment of the garments of the soul (Middos, Thought, and Deed) to the Middos, Thought, and Deed of the Holy One, blessed be He—that is, through Torah and Mitzvos, as explained above.	אֲבָל בֵּין שְׁתֵּי אַהֲבוֹת הָאֵלוּ נֶאֱמֵר וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךּ, וְהוּא הָתְלֵשְׁרוּת לְבוּשֵׁי הַנֶּפֶשׁ מו״ד וּמו״מ בְּמו״ד וּמו״מ שֶׁל הַקָּדוֹשׁ־בָּרוּךְ־הוּא, דְהַיִינוּ בְּתוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת כַּמְּשׁ כְּמוֹ שֶׁנָּאֱמֵר לְעֵיל.
And from this we understand that there cannot be a revelation of the level of Supernal Will and the higher love in the soul except through Torah and Mitzvos.	וּמָזֶּה יוּבַן שֶׁאִי־אֶפְשֶׁר לִהְיוֹת גִּילוּי בְּחִינַת רָצוֹן וְאַהֲבָה רַבָּה בַּנֶּפֶשׁ כִּי אִם עַל־יְדֵי תּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת.
And the idea is: just as the G-dly soul has an essential self (atzmius hanefesh) that is above intellect, such that the intellect and Middos and Deed are only garments for this level—so too, by infinite degrees of separation, there is above as well a level of Middos and Deed, as it is written: "My thoughts are not your thoughts" (Yeshayahu 55:8).	ְּהָעִנְיָן הוּא, דְּכְמוֹ שֶׁיֵשׁ בַּנָּפָשׁ הָאֱלֹאִית בְּחִינַת עַצְמוּת הַנָּפָשׁ שֶׁלְמַעְלָה מֵהַשֵּׁכֶל, עַד שֶׁהַשֵּׁכֶל וּמו״ד וּמו״מ נִקְרָאִים רַק לְבוּשִׁים לְבְּחִינָה זוֹ—כַּךְ הַנָּמְשֶׁל לְמַעְלָה בָּשֶּׁלֶף אַלָפִים הַבְדָּלוֹת לְאֵין קֵץ כו׳, יֵשׁ לְמַעְלָה בַּם־כֵּן בְּחִינַת מו״ד וּמו״מ, כְּמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב כִּי לֹא מַחִשְׁבוֹתֵי מַחְשָׁבוֹתֵיכֶם.
And it is written: "And by the breath of His mouth all their hosts were created" (Tehillim 33:6)—over all the praise of the works of Your hands. And these are only garments, as it says: "You made garments for them from which souls fly out"—that	וּכְתִיב וּבְרוּחַ פִּיו כָּל־צְבָאָם כו׳ עַל כָּל שֶׁבַח מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֶיךּ, וְהֵם רַק בְּחִינַת לְבוּשִׁים, כְּמוֹ שֶׁאָמֵר לְבוּשִׁין תְּקִינַת לְהוֹן דְמִנַּיִיהוּ פָּרְחִין נִשְׁמָתִין, דְּהַיִינוּ דְּגַם בְּחִינַת

is, even the Middos and Deeds of the Divine are only garments.

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The souls of Israel, which are drawn from the level of thought—even so, they are only called garments. How much more so the worlds that are drawn from the levels of speech and action, etc.	נִשָּׁמוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁנִּמְשָׁכוּ מִבְּחִינַת מַחֲשֶׁבָה, מִבֶּל־מָקוֹם נִקְרָאִים רַק לְבוּשִׁין, וְכָל־שֶׁבֵּן הָעוֹלָמוֹת הַנִּמְשָׁכִים מִבְּחִינַת דְּבּוּר ומַצְשֶׂה כו׳.
But the Torah and Mitzvos, which are the level of the Supernal Will—for all the commandments are the Supernal Will of the Blessed One—behold, they are, so to speak, from the essence of the Light of the Infinite One, blessed be He.	אֲבָל הַתּוֹרָה וְהַמִּצְוֹת שֶׁהֵן בְּחִינַת רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן, שֶׁכָּל הַמִּצְוֹת הֵן רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן בָּרוּדְּ־הוּא, הֲרֵי הֵן כִּבְיָכוֹל מִבְּחִינַת עַצְמוּת אוֹר אֵין־סוֹף בָּרוּדְּ־הוּא.
For will is the essence, and Middos, Thought, and Action are only garments—how and in what way does the will come into actualization?	שֶׁהָרָצוֹן זֶהוּ עַצְמוּת, וְהַמָּדוֹ״מ אֵינָם אֶלָּא ?לְבוּשִׁים—אֵיךּ וּבַמֶּה יָבוֹא הָרָצוֹן לִידֵי פוֹעַל?
And so it is above—that the purpose of creation is for the sake of Israel and the Torah, which are called "first," and the entire world was only created to command (צַּוּוֹת) this.	ְוָכָךְ הוּא לְמַעְלָה, שֶׁתַּכְלִית בְּרִיאַת הָעוֹלָם הִיא בִּשְׁבִיל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַתּוֹרָה, שֶׁנְּקְרָאוּ רֵאשִׁית, וְכָל הָעוֹלָם לֹא נִבְרָא רַק לִצְוֹוֹת לָזֶה.
And it (the world) is only garments, through which and by which the Will is fulfilled, etc.	וְהוּא רַק בָּחִינַת לְבוּשִׁים, שֶׁבָּהֶם וְעַל־יְדָם יִתְקַיֵּם הָרָצוֹן כו׳.
Therefore, through "with all your soul"—which is the connection of one's Middos, Thought, and Deed with the Middos, Thought, and Deed of the Holy One, blessed be He, in which the Supernal Will is clothed—behold, this Supernal Will brings out and reveals the level of love beyond measure and unbounded desire in the soul, which is a spark of the Supernal Will, to be revealed in a state of revelation.	ְוְלָכֵן עַל־יְדֵי וּבְכָל נַפְּשָׁךּ, שֶׁהוּא הִתְקַשְּׁרוּת מִדּוֹ״מ שֶׁל הָאָדָם בְּמִדּוֹ״מ שֶׁל הַקָּדוֹשׁ־בָּרוּדְ־הוּא, שֶׁבָּהֶם מְלוּבָּשׁ רָצוֹן עָלְיוֹן מַמָּשׁ, הִנֵּה רָצוֹן עָלְיוֹן זֶה מוֹצִיא לָאוֹר וּגִילּוּי אֶת בְּחִינַת אַהְבָה מִבְּלִי גְבוּל וְרְעוּתָא דְלִבָּא שֶׁבַּנֶּפֶשׁ, שֶׁהוּא נִיצוֹץ מִבְּחִינַת רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן, שֶׁיִתְגַלֶּה בִּבְחִינַת גִילּוּי
And this is the level of "with all your might" (בְּכָל מְאֹדֶּך). And as it is written elsewhere on the verse "Of You my heart said: Seek My face"—this means the innerness of the heart.	ְוְהוּא בְּחִינַת בְּכֶל מָאֹדֶךּ, וּכְמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב בְּמֶקוֹם אַחֵר עַל הַפָּסוּק לְךָּ אָמַר לִבִּי בַּקְשׁוּ כָּנָי, הַיְנוּ פְּנִימִיּוּת הַלֵּב
Behold, it is through "Your face, Hashem, I will seek"—that is the Supernal Will that is in Torah and Mitzvos, etc.	הָנֵה הוּא עַל־יְדֵי אֶת פָּנֶיךְ ה׳ אֲרַקֵשׁ, שֶׁהוּא בְּחִינַת רַצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן שֶׁבַּתּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת כו׳.
And this is what it means: "I (Moshe) stand this day between you and Hashem"—for Moshe is the level of Daas.	ְוֶזֶהוּ שֶׁפֶּתוּב אָנֹכִי עֹמֵד הַיּוֹם בֵּינְכֶם וּבֵין ה׳, כִּי מֹשֶׁה הוּא בְּחִינַת דַּעַת.
That is, through the Daas of Torah, he draws down the revelation of the Supernal Will into the soul.	ְהַיִינוּ, שֶׁעַל־יְדֵי דַּעַת הַתּוֹרָה מַמְשִׁיךְ גִילוּי רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן בַּנֶּפֶשׁ.

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And this is (the meaning of) "And it shall be (וְהָיָה) because you will listen (עֵקֶב תִּשְׁמְעוּן) to the judgments"—that the Targum of "judgment" (מְשְׁפָּט) is "the first Halachah" (הְלֶכְתָא קַדְמָאִיתָא).	וְזֶהוּ וְהָיָה עֵקָב תִּשְׁמְעוּן אֵת הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים, דְתַרְגוּם שֶׁל בְּמִשְׁפָּט הָרָאשׁוֹן הָלָכְתָא קַדְמָאִיתָא.
And the explanation is that the Torah is called "the ways of Hashem" (אֲרְחֹוֹת הִי)—which is the level of path, movement, and drawing down from the name Havayah into the soul.	וּפֵירוּשׁ שֶׁהַתּוֹרָה נָקְרֵאת אֱרְחוֹת ה׳, שֶׁהוּא בְּחִינַת אוֹרַח וְהִלּוּדְ וְהַמְשֶׁכָה מִשֵּׁם הוי׳ בַּנֶּפֶשׁ.
Therefore, one must contemplate this while engaging in Torah, as it is written: "And I will look into Your paths" (Tehillim 119:15).	לְכָךּ צָרִידְּ לְהִתְבּוֹנֵן בָּזֶה בְּעֵת עֵסֶקוֹ בַּתּוֹרָה, וּכְמוֹ שֶׁבָּתוּב וְאַבִיטָה אֹרְחוֹתֶיךָ.
And see what is explained elsewhere on the verse: "And these are the judgments" and on "Zion will be redeemed with justice"	וְעַיֵּן מַה שָׁכָּתוּב בְּמָקוֹם אַחֵר עַל־פָּסוּק וְאֵלֶּה הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים כו׳, וְעַל־פָּסוּק צִיּוֹן בְּמִשְׁפָּט תִּפָּדָה כו׳.
And "you will listen" (תְּשֶׁמְעוּן) is also an expression of gathering—that they will receive from Above a revelation of the inner desire of the heart (רְעוּהָא דְּלְבָּא), as was explained earlier also in the interpretation of "And you shall love" (וְאָהַרְהָּ), which is also a promise that ultimately, in the level of עַקַב (heel/end), they will come to the level of great love (אַהַבָּה רַבָּה), etc.	ְרִשְּׁמְעוּן גַּם־כֵּן לָשׁוֹן אֲסִיפָּה, שֶׁיַקַבְּלוּ מִלְמַעְלָה גִּילוּי רְעוּ״ד, וּכְמוֹ שֶׁנָּאֱמַר לְעֵיל גַּם־כֵּן בְּפֵירוּשׁ וְאָהַבְתָּ, שֶׁהוּא גַּם־כֵּן הַבְטָחָה, שֶׁלְּסוֹף בְּחִינַת עֵקֶב יָבוֹאוּן לִבְּחִינַת אַהְבָה רַבָּה כו׳.
And behold, it is known that there is a dispute in the Gemara whether action is greater or study is greater. The one who says action is greater holds that the main Supernal Will is in the performance of action.	וְהַנֵּה יָדוּעַ שֶׁיֵשׁ מַחָלוֹקֶת בַּגְּמָרָא דְּמַעֲשֶׂה גָדוֹל מִתַּלְמוּד, וְהַיִינוּ שֶׁלְפִי שֶׁעִקַּר הָרָצוֹן הָעֶלְיוֹן הוּא בָּקִיּוּם הַמַּעֲשֶׂה.
However, the conclusion is that study is greater—because it leads to action. And this is in the service of man.	אֲבָל נִמְנוּ וְגָמְרוּ דְּמִכֶּל־מָקוֹם תַּלְמוּד גָדוֹל, וְהַיִינוּ מִשׁוּם שֶׁמֵבִיא לִידֵי מַעֲשֶׂה, וְזֶהוּ בַּעֲבוֹדַת הָאָדָם.
And therefore it says, "And it shall be עקב תִּשְׁמְעוּן"—first Thought and Speech, and afterward Action, because Thought and Speech is Torah study, and study is greater, for it brings to Action.	וְלָכֵן נָאֱמַר וְהָיָה עֵקָב תִּשְׁמְעוּן—תְּחִלָּה מו״ד, וְאַחַר־כָּּדְ מַעֲשֶׂה, כִּי מו״ד זֶהוּ תַּלְמוּד, וְתַּלְמוּד גָדוֹל שָׁמֵּבִיא לִידֵי מַעֲשֶׂה.
And the meaning is that it draws down the revelation of the Supernal Will into the action. However, since the revelation of the Supernal Will is in the action, therefore, when it says, "And Hashem your G-d will guard for you," it precedes the action.	וּפֵירוּשׁ שֶׁמַמְשִׁידְ גִּילוּי רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן בַּמַּעֲשֶׂה, אֲבָל כֵּיוָן שָׁגִּילוּי רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן הוּא בַּמַּעֲשֶׂה, לְכָדְ בָּאָמְרוֹ וְשָׁמֵר ה' אֱלֹקִידְ לְדְ, הָקְדִּים הַמַּצְשֶׂה.

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Because through action, the revelation of the Supernal Will is drawn down. And this is: "the covenant," and afterward, "the kindness," and "the oath," etc.	כִּי עַל־יְדֵי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה נִמְשֶׁךְ גִּילּוּי רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן, וְזָהוּ אֶת הַבְּרִית, וְאַחַר־כָּךְ אֶת הַחֶּסֶד וְאֶת הַשְׁבוּעָה כו׳.
And behold, the matter of "And you shall gather your grain" (אָסַפְּהָּ דְנֶגֶּנֶךְ) is to gather all of one's occupations into the level of "One" and "You shall love"—like the idea of Torah being fixed and work being temporary.	ְוָהָנֵּה עִנְיַן וְאָסַפְתָּ דְגָנֶךּ הוּא לֶאֱסֹף אֶת כָּל הָעֲסָקִים לִבְּחִינַת אֶחָד וְוְאָהַבְתָּ, עַל דֶּרֶךְ תּוֹרָתָן קֶבַע וּמְלַאכְתָּן אַרַאי.
The meaning of temporary (עַראי) is that it should be with coldness, as if compelled, etc.	יבּירוּשׁ עֲרַאי שֶׁיְהֵא בְּקַרְרוּת, כְּאָלּוּ כְּפָאוֹ כוי.
And this is what it says: "If your outcasts be at the ends of the heavens He will gather you"—from the aspect of the scattering of the soul, to be only one desire, as it says: "And with You I desired nothing on earth."	ן זֶהוּ מֵה שֶׁכֶּתוּב אָם יִהְיֶה נִדַּחֲדְּ כו׳ יִקּבְּצְדְּ כו׳—מִבְּחִינַת פִּזּוּר הַנֶּכֶּשׁ, לְהִיוֹת רַק רָצוֹן אֶחָד, כְּמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב וְעִמְּדְּ לֹא חָפַצְתִּי בָאָרֶץ.
And as it is said: "There is nothing in our heart but the One."	וּכְמוֹ שֶׁאָמַר אֵין בְּלָבֵנוּ אֶלָּא אֶחָד.
However, that one needs a command about this is when one is not yet fulfilling the Supernal Will, but rather love on the level of "with all your heart"—which is based only on contemplation, and is called "love of the world" (אַהָבת עוֹלָם).	אֲבָל מַה שֶׁצָּרִידְ צִּוּוּי עַל זֶה, הוּא כְּשֶׁעֲדַיִין אֵינָם עוֹשִׂים רְצוֹן שָׁמַיִם, רַק הָאַהָבָה בִּבְחִינַת בְּכָל לְבַבְכֶם, שֶׁהִיא עַל־פִּי הִתְּבּוֹנְנוּת בִּלְבַד, וְנִקְרֵאת הָאַהָבָה אַהָבַת עוֹלָם.
And then it is relevant that another form of love could oppose it—for "one nation shall overpower the other" (Bereishis 25:23). Therefore, a command is necessary for the gathering (נְאָטַלְּהָ), etc.	וְאָז שַׁיָּךְ שֶׁבְּחִינַת אַהַבָה אַחֶּרֶת תִּהְיֶה מִנֶּגֶד, כִּי לְאֹם מִלְאֹם יָאֱמָץ, לְכָךְ צָרִיךְ צִוּוּי לְהִיוֹת וְאָסַפְתָּ כו׳.
In contrast, when they fulfill the Supernal Will—this is the level of great love (אַהְבָה רַבָּה) of "with all your might" בְּכָּל)  then the opposite side (the Other Side) has no opposition at all to this level.	מַשֶּׁאֵין־כֵּן כְּשֶׁעוֹשִׂין רְצוֹן שָׁמַיִם, בְּחִינַת אַהְבָה רַבָּה דְּמָאֹדֶךָ, אֵין לְעוּמַת־זֶה נָגֶד בְּחִינָה זוֹ כְּלָל.
Moreover, "and you shall gather your grain" (וְאָסַכְּתָּ דְגָנֶךְ) is for the purpose of sorting out spiritual refinements.	ַרוּרִים, כִּי וְאָסַפְּתָּ דְגָנֶדְ זֶה לְבָרֵר בֵּרוּרִים.
And the three categories of "your grain, your wine, and your oil" (דְגָנְךְּ תִירֹשְׁךְ וְיִצְהָרֶךְ) correspond to the three categories: Israelites, Levi'im, and Kohanim.	וְשָׁלוֹשׁ בְּחִינוֹת דְגָנָךְ תִירשְׁךְ וְיִצְהָרֶךְ נָגֶד שָׁלוֹשׁ בְּחִינוֹת: יִשְׂרְאֵלִים, לֵוִיָּם, כֹּהֲנִים.

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For oil (שֶּבֶּקוֹ) is the level of Chochmah (Wisdom), wine (יַיָּרָן) is the level of Binah (Understanding), and grain (דָּגָן) is the level of Daas (Knowledge).	כִּי שֶׁמֶן בְּחִינַת חָכְמָה, וְיַיִן בְּחִינַת בִּינָה, וְדָּגָן בְּחִינַת דַּעַת.
As the Sages said: "A child does not know to say 'Abba' until he tastes the taste of grain"—specifically grain.	כְּמַאֲמַר: אֵין הַתִּינוֹק יוֹדֵעַ לְקְרוֹת אַבָּא עַד שֶׁיִטְעֹם טַעַם דָּגָן דַּוְקָא.
And these refinements must be done through these three levels, etc.	וְהַבֵּרוּרִים צָרִיךְ לְהְיוֹת עַל־יְדֵי שָׁלוֹשׁ בְּחִינוֹת אֵלּוּ כו׳.
But when it will be "Behold, My servant shall succeed and be very exalted" (Yeshayahu 52:13)—through love of "with all your might"—then they will not need [to refine], nor will even the person himself need to do refinement.	אֲבָל כְּשֶׁיִּהְיֶה יַשְׂכִּיל עַבְדִּי כו׳ וְרוּם מְאֹד, עַל־יְדֵי אַהָּבָה דְּבָכָל מְאֹדֶדְּ, לֹא יִצְטְרְכוּ הֵם וְלֹא אַף עַצְמוֹ לְבָרֵר.
For that is a state of smallness and suckling, because those [three categories] will be done through others, "and your nurses shall be their ministers" (Yeshayahu 49:23).	שֶׁדֶּהוּ בְּחִינַת קַטְנוּת וִינִיקָה, כִּי יֵעָשׁוּ בְּחִינַת אֵלּוּ עַל־יְדֵי וְשֶׁרוֹתֵיהֶם מְנִיקוֹתַיִּךְ
Rather, "And it shall be because you will listen to the judgments" (הָיָה עָקֶב הִּשְׁמְעוּן אֵת הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים)—for "הָּשְׁמְעוּן" is a language of gathering, that is, the Oral Torah (הּוֹרָה שֶׁבְּעֵל פָּה), from the root meaning "mouth," which is also a level of exile and dispersion, because clear halachah is not found in one place.	אֶלָא וְהָיָה עֵקֶב תִּשְׁמְעוּן אֶת הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים, כִּי תִּשְׁמְעוּן לָשׁוֹן אֲסִיפָה, דְּהַיִּינוּ תּוֹרָה שֶׁבְּעַל פָּה, מִלְשׁוֹן כָּה קָרִינַן לָה, שֶׁהִיא גַּם־כֵּן בְּחִינַת גָּלוּת וּפִּוּוּר, שֶׁאֵין הָלָכָה בְּרוּרָה בְּמָקוֹם אֶחָד.
And at the עקב—at the end—it will be "you will listen," meaning a gathering together of the halachos, that they should no longer be in a state of dispersion, etc.	וּבְצֵקֶב יִהָיֶה הַפּוֹף שֶׁתִּשְׁמְעוּן, לְהִיוֹת קוֹבֵץ הַהַּלָּכוֹת, שֶׁלֹא יִהְיוּ בִּבְחִינַת פִּוּוּר כו׳.
(And this refinement is far higher than the refinement of "and you shall gather your grain," etc., which is only the gathering from the dispersion of the soul—but this refinement is a gathering and revelation of the Supernal Will, etc.)	ובֵרוּר זֶה הוּא לְמַעְלָה מַעְלָה מִבְּחִינַת בֵּרוּר דְּוְאָסַפְּתָּ) דְגָנֶךְ כו׳, שֶׁהוּא הַקִּבּוּץ רַק מִבְּחִינַת פִּזּוּר הַנָּפֶשׁ, (אֲבָל בֵּרוּר זֶה הוּא קִיבּוּץ וְגִילוּי רָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן כו׳).
And this dispersion—that halachah is not clear in one place—came from the breaking of the first tablets, which is like the matter of "and with rebukes they shall understand" (Shabbos 104a).	ְוְהַנֵּה פִּזּוּר זֶה, שֶׁאֵין הָלֶכָה בְּרוּרָה בְּמֶקוֹם אֶחָד, נִמְשַׁךְּ עַל־יְדֵי שְׁבִירַת הַלּוּחוֹת הָרִאשׁוֹנוֹת, שֶׁזֶּהוּ בְּעִנְיָן שֶבְּתוֹכַחָה.
But in the future, all this will be repaired.	וְלֶעָתִיד לָבוֹא יִתּוּקַן כָּל זֶה.
(See in Iggeres HaKodesh, discourse beginning "And the wise shall shine"—וזהירו".)	(עַיֵּן בְּאָגֶרֶת הַקֹּדֶשׁ ד״ה וְהַמֵּשְׂכִּילִים יַזְהִירוּ).

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בָּרִים הַנִּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָנָה לְהָבִין שׁׁרֶשׁ הַדְּבָרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָנָה עֵקֶב

And this is (the meaning of): "And it shall be עקב הַשְּׁמְעוּן."

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#### **NOTE Summary**

The discourse begins with a close reading of the phrase "וְהָיָה עֵקֶב חִּשָּׁמְעוּן," linking the word "עקב" (heel or consequence) to the culmination of effort—specifically, that deep Divine love and will (רצון העליון) is drawn into this world through practical mitzvah observance. The Tzemach Tzedek explains that Torah and mitzvos are not merely garments or expressions, but direct manifestations of Hashem's innermost Will. While souls, speech, and creation are called "garments," the mitzvos themselves channel Divine essence.

This leads to a comparison between action and study: though halachic debate exists on whether study or action is greater, the conclusion is that Torah study is greater because it leads to action—i.e., the drawing down of Divine Will into concrete expression. That's why the verse orders "הַּשְּׁמְעוּק" (you will listen/learn) before "הַשְּׁמַר" (and Hashem will guard for you), emphasizing that study activates the Will that is fulfilled through action.

The discourse next addresses the deeper mystical function of refinement: the birurim process of elevating the sparks embedded in worldly activity, particularly symbolized in the verse "יְאָסַפְּהָּ דְנָגֶּךְ הִיִּרְשֶׁךְ וְיִצְּהֶרֶךְ" (your grain, wine, and oil). These correspond to Daas, Binah, and Chochmah and to Yisrael, Levi'im, and Kohanim. Birur requires all three faculties to transform the world, though in the future messianic era this refinement will happen automatically, through a higher love—בכל מאדך—which nullifies opposition entirely.

The phrase "וְחָשְׁמְעוּן" is interpreted as "gathering" (לשון אסיפה), which refers to the gathering of scattered halachos and spiritual energies in exile. Torah Shebaal Peh is called "peh" (mouth), connoting dispersion, uncertainty, and galus, where no single location contains all the truth. But in the "עקב"—the end, in the days of Moshiach—there will be clarity and unification: halachos will be gathered, truth consolidated, and the Divine Will fully revealed in the world. This final birur surpasses all previous ones, as it not only refines physicality but reveals the innermost Divine Will (רצון העליון) that was hidden since the shattering of the first Luchos. In the future, this rupture will be fully healed.

#### **Practical Takeaway**

Our service through Torah and mitzvos is not only about learning or doing—it is about channeling Hashem's very Will into the world. Even the seemingly mundane act of harvesting grain can become Divine when approached with awareness of birurim. But even more, by studying Torah deeply, even amidst confusion or scattered halachah, we hasten the day when all will be unified, clear, and whole. Every act, every word of Torah, is a step toward revealing that hidden inner Will.

#### **Chassidic Story**

The Tzemach Tzedek was once asked by a Chassid how to ensure that his Torah study would truly influence his <u>Powered By: ChassidusNow.com</u>

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בָּיאוּר וְהָנָה לְהָבִין שֹׁרֵשׁ הַדְּבָרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָיָה עֵקֵב

heart and actions. The Rebbe replied, "When you study Torah with the intention of fulfilling the Will of Hashem—not only to know but to do—it begins to illuminate not only your mind but also your middos, your speech, and even your hands and feet." He then paused and added, "Even the grain you harvest with such hands can carry Divine light."

This echoed his teaching that Torah is not merely wisdom, but the path through which Hashem's deepest desire becomes manifest in the physical world. The Chassid later testified that this one answer transformed the way he learned and lived.

(Source: Sichos Tzemach Tzedek, Sipurei Chassidim vol. 3, Lubavitch Archives)

#### END NOTE

#### Introduction

This deep and lofty discourse by the **Tzemach Tzedek**—third Rebbe of Chabad, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn of Lubavitch (1789–1866), son-in-law and grandson of the Alter Rebbe—was delivered on the verse "והיה עקב תשמעון". It explores profound aspects of Divine service through the mystical framework of the **sefirot**, **Kabbalistic anatomy** (such as the levels of Ze'er Anpin and Arich Anpin), and the power of human love for G-d—especially אהבה בכל מאדך, love "with all your might." Central to the maamar is the concept that **Torah**, **prayer**, and **teshuvah** can draw down transcendent light from the highest realms into this world, transforming the soul and the cosmos.

The discourse unfolds with great precision, explaining how lower levels of love and service activate limited Divine revelation, while **mesirus nefesh** (self-sacrifice) and intense devotion draw forth the **Kesser**—the Crown, or Will of G-d—from its highest source, including both dimensions: **Atik Yomin (pleasure)** and **Arich Anpin (will)**. The culmination of the maamar is a call to serve G-d with utter dedication—through Torah, prayer, and teshuvah—to elicit the highest light that transcends worlds yet descends to elevate them.

### ביאור וְהָנָה לְהַבִין שׁרָשׁ הַדְבַרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָיָה עָקב

#### Explanation

בֵיאוּר

And behold, to understand the root of the above matters, based on the verse "And it shall be (עֵקֶב)," behold, the matter of the large ז is in the aspect of the knot of the tefillin, which is in the aspect of ז, and it is in the aspect of אָיָבָּא, who is constructed from the back-side of אִיפָּא, which is חַלְכוּת מַלְכוּת.

וְהָבֵּה לְהָבִין שֹׁרֶשׁ הַדְּבָרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָיָה עֵקֶב, הָנֵּה עִנְיַן הַדּ׳ רַבְּתָא הוּא בְּבְחִינַת קָשֶׁר שֶׁל תְּפִילִּין שָׁהוּא בְּחִינַת ד׳ וְהוּא בְּחִינַת לֵאָה שֶׁנִּבְנֵית מֵאֲחוֹרַיִים דְאִיפָּא שֶׁהִיא מַלְכוּת דְּתְבוּנָה

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And therefore it is in the aspect of speech within thought—whereas thought itself is the aspect of בִּינָה and הְּבוּנָה, etc., whereas לֵאָה is the back-side of אִימָא.	וְלָכֵן הוּא בְּחִינַת דִּבּוּר שֶׁבְּמַחְשֶׁבָה מַה שֶׁאֵין כֵּן מַחְשֶׁבָה עַצְמָה הִיא בְּחִינַת בִּינָה וּתְבוּנָה כו׳ מַה שֶׁאֵין כֵּן לֵאָה הִיא אֲחוֹרַיִים דְּאִימָּא
And this is the idea of the saying in בְּרֵאשִׁית, for it is explained in יְּרֵאשִׁית "two יֵרֵאשִׁית" — a point within a palace: meaning, the is a palace for the level of יָרְמָה which is חָּרְמָה, called the "point," and the palace is thought, etc.	ְוֶזֶהוּ עִנְיַן מַאֲמַר בְּרֵאשִׁית כִּי פֵּירוּשׁ בְּתִיקוּנִים ב׳ רֵאשִׁית נְקוּדָּא בְּהֵיכְלָא ר״ל הַבַּיִת הוּא הֵיכָל לְבְחִינַת רֵאשִׁית שֶׁהִיא חָכְמָה הַנִּקְרֵאת נְקוּדָּא, וְהַהֵּיכָל הוּא הַמַּחְשָׁבָה כו׳
And concerning the matter of the knot of tefillin, see further regarding the mitzvah of "guarded [matzos]."	וּבְעִנְיַן קָשֶׁר שֶׁל תְּפִילִּין צָרִיךְ עִיּוּן בְּמִצְוַת שְׁמוּרִים.
And see further about the large זֹהַר, פַּרְשַׁת פִּינְחָס, דף רל"ו in דַּלֶּת, סף דף רל"ו, on the verse אָנֹכִי אֶשְׂמַה printed in the ישַעַר קְרִיאַת שָׁעַר.	וּרְאֵה עוֹד מֵעָנְיַן הַדּ׳ רַבְּתָא בְּזֹהַר פּ׳ פִּינְחָס דף רל״ו עַל פָּסוּק אָנֹכִי אֶשְׂמַח נִדְפַּס בְּסִדּוּר שֵׁעַר הַקְ״שׁ
But the level of "עַתִּיק מָּהְיִשְׂרָאֵל עֶּבֶּד מֵחָכְמָה" is from עַתִּיק of עַתִּיק; see what is written on the verse "If in My statutes"	אֲבָל בְּחִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל עֶבֶד מֵחָכְמָה הוּא מֵחָכְמָה דְעַתִּיק, רְאֵה מֵה שֶׁכָּתוּב עַל פָּסוּק אָם בְּחֻקֹּתַי
And the matter of "they make a mark" (רוֹשֵׁם), which is through the level of "בְּכָל מְאֹדֶךְ" (with all your might), as is proven from the parsha "וְהָיָה אָם שַׁמוֹעַ" and also the implication in the Talmud, tractate בְּרָכוֹת, etc.	וְעִנְיֵן עוֹשִׂין רְשֵׁם שֶׁהוּא עַל יְדֵי בְּחִינַת מְאֹדֶּךְ כְּדִמְוֶכֵחַ מִפָּרָשַׁת וְהָיָה אִם שָׁמוֹעַ וְגַם מַשְׁמָעוּת הַשַּׁ״ס דְּבָרְכוֹת כו׳
That is through occupation with Torah, as is written there: "What shall become of the Torah?" Rather, at a time when Israel etc.	שהוא ע"י עֵסֶק הַתּוֹרָה כְּמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב שָׁם תּוֹרָה מָה 'תַּהֵא עָלֶיהָ אֶלֶּא בִּזְמַן שֶׁיִּשְׂרָאֵל עָרְשָׁ"מ כו
One must preface what is written in the Idra Rabbah 129a: "That path divides into the 613 paths of the Torah" etc.—meaning in the Kesser of Ze'er Anpin.	יֵשׁ לְהַקְדִּים מַה שֶּׁכָּתוּב בָּאַדְרָּ"ר דקכ"ט א' הַהוּא אָרְחָא מִתְפָּרִשׁ לִתְרִי"ג אָרְחִין דְּאוֹרַיִיתָא כו' דְּהַיִינוּ בְּכֶתֶר דְּזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין
And this is through a drawing down (from Ketzutzim—see further—the gates) of Arich Anpin into the skull of Ze'er Anpin, and through this it is divided into the 613 paths, etc.	וְהוּא עַל־יְדֵי הַמְשָׁכָה (מִקּוּצִי צ"ע דְשַׁעֲרֵי) דְאַרִיך אַנְפִּין בְּגוּלְגָּלְתָּא דְּזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין וְעַל־יְדֵי זֶה אִתְפְּלֵג 'לִתְרַי"ג אָרְחִין כו'
And the explanation is: Arich Anpin is the Supernal Will, and that the extension of will into the middos of Ze'er Anpin is through drawing from the essence and totality of the Supernal Will.	וּפֵירוּשׁ כִּי אַרִיך אַנְפִּין הוּא רְצוֹן הָעֶלְיוֹן וְשֶׁיְּהָיֶה הַמְשָׁכַת הָרָצוֹן בַּמִּדוֹת דְּזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין זֶהוּ עַל־יְדֵי הַמְשָׁכָה מֵעַצְמוּת וּכְלָלוּת הָרָצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן

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As explained based on the Zohar's statement in Parshas Shemos, on the verse "Tashuri MeRosh Amanah," etc.	עַל־פִּי מַאֲמֵר הַזּהַר פּ' [שְׁמוֹת] בַּפָּסוּק הְשׁוּרִי מֵרֹאשׁ 'אָמֶנָה כו
And therefore, all the drawing down of the 613 paths of the Torah, with the seven Rabbinic mitzvos—together totaling 620, which is Kesser of Ze'er Anpin—is through drawing from Arich Anpin.	וְלָכֵן [כָּל] הַמְשָׁכַת תְּרֵי"ג אָרְחִין דְאוֹרַיִיתָא עִם ז' מִצְוֹת דְּרַבָּנָן בְּגִימַטְרָיָּא תַּר"ך שָׁהוּא כֶּתֶר דְּזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין הוּא עַל־יְדֵי הַמְשֶׁכָה מֵאַרִיך אַנְפִּין
And it is necessary to draw down this level of Kesser through an awakening from below—as our Sages said: "A sandal ties crowns to its Creator" from the prayers of Israel, etc.	וְצָרִידְ לְהַמְשִׁידְ בְּחִינַת כֶּתֶר זֶה עַל־יְדֵי אִתְעָרוּתָא דְּלְתַתָּא וּכְמַאֲמַר רַזַ"ל סַנְדָּל קוֹשֵׁר כְּתָרִים לְקוֹנוֹ מְתְּפִלוֹתֵיהֶם שֶׁל יִשְׂרָאֵל כו'
And this matter is explained elsewhere—that the middos of Ze'er Anpin are the attributes that extend according to intellect, as an analogy.	וְנִתְבָּאֵר הָעִנְיָן בִּמְקוֹם אַחֵר שֶׁהוּא כִּי הַמִּדוֹת דְּזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין הֵם הַמִּדוֹת הַנִּמְשָׁכִים עַל־פִּי הַשֵּׂכֶל עַד"ד
And therefore, from this perspective, there will be constrictions and concealments, and even chesed is limited in vessels, and also from the aspect of the opposing gevurah which limits and prevents the chesed—only according to measure, etc.	וְלָכֵן מִצַּד זֶה יִהְיוּ צִמְצוּמִים וְהַסְתָּרִים וְגַם הַחֶּסֶד מֵגְבָּל בְּכֵלִים וְגַם מִצַּד מִדַּת הַגְּבוּרָה שֶׁכְּנֶגְדּוֹ שֶׁמְגַבֶּלֶת וּמוֹנַעַת הַחֶּסֶד רַק לְפִי הַמִּדָּה כו'
Whereas through drawing from the level of Supernal Will—which is the aspect of "abundant kindness"—this is "tying crowns to his Creator," which is Ze'er Anpin, through the prayers of Israel with self-sacrifice in the recitation of Shema, in the level of "with all your might."	מַשֶּׁאֵין כֵּן עַל־יְדֵי הַמְשָׁכָה מִבְּחִינַת רְצוֹן עֶלְיוֹן שֶׁהוּא בְּחִינַת וְרֵב־חֶסֶד כו' וְזֶהוּ קוֹשֵׁר בְּתָרִים לְקוֹנוֹ שֶׁהוּא זְצֵיר אַנְפִּין עַל־יְדֵי תִּפִלוֹתֵיהֶם שֶׁל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמְסִירַת נֶפֶשׁ בְּקְרִיאַת שְׁמֵע בִּבְחִינַת בְּכָל מְאֹדֶך
For through this, they draw from the Kesser of Arich Anpin into the Kesser of Ze'er Anpin.	שֶׁעַל־יְדֵי זֶה מַמְשִׁיכִים מִכֶּתֶר דְּאַרִיך אַנְפִּין בִּכְתֶר דְּזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין
And as an analogy in physicality—the making of a crown that is made for a king is from precious stones and gold, which are physical inanimate things, but through refining and purifying them, it is placed on the king's head.	וּכְמוֹ שֶׁעַל־דֶּרֶךְ מָשָׁל בַּגַּשְׁמִיּוּת מַעֲשֵׂה הַכֶּתֶר שֶׁעוֹשִׁים לַמֶּלֶךְ הוּא מֵאֲבָנִים טוֹבוֹת וְזָהָב שֶׁהֵן דּוֹמֵם גַּשְׁמִי רַק שֶׁמְתַקְנִים וּמְזַכָּכִים אוֹתוֹ עַל־יְדֵי זָה נוֹתְנִים בָּרֹאשׁוֹ שֶׁל מֶלֶךְ
So too are the letters of prayer, which are inanimate—but through self-sacrifice and love with all one's might, they become crowns, etc.	כֵּן הֵם אוֹתִיּוֹת הַתְּפִלָּה שֶׁהֵן דּוֹמֵם רֵק עַל־יְדֵי מְסִירַת נֶּפֶשׁ וְאַהָבָה בְּכָל מְאֹדֶךְ אָזַי נַאֲשִׂים מֵהֶם כְּתָרִים כו'
And this is: "they make a mark"—to draw the Kesser into Ze'er Anpin, which is called "Makom."	וְזֶהוּ עוֹשִׂים רְש"מ לְהַמְשִׁיךְ הַכֶּתֶר לְזְעֵיר אַנְפִּין הַנִּקְרָא מָקוֹם

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And from Ze'er Anpin will be drawn the Kesser of the Nukvah, who is called "Makomo shel Olam" through the ten sefiros of Memalei Kol Almin and Soveiv Kol Almin.	ְוָגַם מִזְּצֵיר אַנְפִּין יוּמְשַׁךּ כֶּתֶר דְּנוּקְבָא הַנִּקְרָא מְקוֹמוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם בְּי' סְפִירוֹת מִמַּלֵּא כָּל עַלְמִין וְסוֹבֵב כָּל עַלְמִין
However, one must understand: even when they do not make a "mark" (רש"ם) in the aspect of "with all your might," still, certainly the Kesser of Ze'eir Anpin is not, Heaven forbid, lacking—	אַדּ צָרִידְּ לְהָבִין הָלֹא גַם כְּשֶׁאֵין עוֹשִׁים רְש״ם בְּבְחִינַת בְּכָל מְאֹדֶדְּ עֲכָ״ז וַוְדַאי לֹא נֶחְסַר ח״ו כֶּתֶּר דְּז״א
(for behold, the Kesser of the Nukvah is emanated in a secret of root and does not depart even at the time of sin—that is, through the sin itself, and how much more so through fulfilling [the mitzvos] with all your heart and all your soul).	שֶׁהָרֵי כֶּתֶר דְּנוּקְבָא נֶאֱצֵל בְּסוֹד שׁׁרֶשׁ וְאֵינוֹ מִסְתַלֵּק) אֲפִלּוּ בְּעֵת הַחֵטָא דְהַיְינוּ עַל־יְדֵי הַחֵטָא מַמָּשׁ וּמִכָּל שָׁכֵּן בְּקִיוּם בְּכָל לְבַבְכֶם וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁכֶם
But the matter is known: that the drawing down of the Kesser into the Nukvah is only [a third] of a third. And in the fourth year, all its fruit shall be holy, praises, etc.—see there.	אֲבָל הָעִנְיָן יָדוּעַ שֶׁהַמְשָׁכַת הַכֶּתֶר בְּנוּקְבָא הוּא רַק [שְׁלִישׁ] מִשְּׁלִישׁ וּבַשָּׁנָה הָרְבִיעִית יִהְיֶה כָּל פִּרְיוֹ קֹדֶשׁ הִלּוּלִים כו׳ ע״ש
Whereas the two upper thirds are those that cannot descend downward at all; rather, they are the aspect of Tiferes within the essence of the lights.	מַשָּׁאֵין כֵּן בְּב' בְּחִינוֹת שְׁלִישִׁי הָעֶלְיוֹנִים הֵם מַה שֶׁלֹא יוּכְלוּ לָבוֹא בְּהַשְׁפָּלָה לְמֵטָּה כ״א הֵם בְּחִינַת תִּפְאֶרֶת שֶׁבְּמָהוּ"ע
And similarly is the drawing down of the Kesser of Ze'eir Anpin from the lower third of Tevunah (תונָה), etc.	וְעַל־דֶּרֶךְ זֶה גַּם־כֵּן בְּהַמְשָׁכַת כֶּתֶר דְּז״א מִת״ת דְאִימָא כו׳
And all this is drawn through love "with all your heart" and "with all your soul," which is the level of Inner Light (אוֹר פְּנִימִי); therefore, through it only the lower third light will be drawn down.	וְכָל זֶה נִמְשָׁךְּ עַל־יְדֵי אַהָּבָה בְּכָל לְבַבְכֶם וּבְכָל נַפְשָׁכֶם שֶׁהִיא בְּחִינַת או״פּ עַל־כֵּן עַל־יְדֵי זֶה לֹא יוּמָשַׁךְ הָאוֹר מִלְמַעְלָה גַּם־כֵּן רַק מִשְׁלִישׁ הַתַּחְתּוֹן כו׳
But through love "with all your might," which is the level of Makif (surrounding light), through this the Kesser is drawn from the two upper thirds, which is the aspect of Tiferes from within the essence of the lights.	אָבָל עַל־יְדֵי אַהַבָּה בְּכָל מְאֹדֶךְ שֶׁהוּא בְּחִינַת מַקּיף עַל־יְדֵי זֶה יוּמָשַׁךְ הַכֶּתֶר מִב׳ שָׁלִישִׁים הָעֶלְיוֹנִים שֶׁהוּא בְּחִינַת הַתִּפְאֶרֶת מִצֵּד מָהוּ״ע
And this is what is called "making a mark" (עושין רש"ם).	רָזָה נִקְרָא עוֹשִׂין רְש״ם
Or in another manner: for behold, the Kesser is composed of two aspects—Atik Yomin (עַהִּיק יוֹמִין) and Arich Anpin (אֲרִידְּ אַנְפִּין), and it is the aspects of pleasure and will.	אוֹ עַל־דֶּרֶךְ אַחֵר כִּי הִנֵּה הַכֶּתֶר כָּלוּל מִב׳ בְּחִינוֹת עַ״י וְא״א וְהוּא בְּחִינַת הַתַּעֲנוּג וּבְחִינַת הָרֶצוֹן
And it is called "back and front," for pleasure is the inwardness of will.	וְנָקָרֶא אַחֲוֹרֵי קָדָם כִּי הַתַּעֲנוּג הוּא פְּנִימִיוּת הָרָצוֹן

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And this is also the concept of the upper half and lower half.	וְזָהוּ גַּם־כֵּן עִנְיַן חָצִיוֹ הָעֶלְיוֹן וְחָצִיוֹ הַתַּחְתּוֹן
Therefore, that the Kesser should be drawn from the upper half—that is, from Atik Yomin—this is called "making a mark" (רש"ם), etc.	וְלָכֵן שֶׁיוּמָשַׁךְּ הַכֶּּתֶר מִבְּחִינַת חֶצְיוֹ הָעֶלְיוֹן דְּהַיְינוּ מֵעַ״י זָהוּ הַנִּקָרָא עוֹשִּׁין רְש״ם כו׳
And see what is written elsewhere: that from this level it is called "My holiness is higher than your holiness"—and this is through Teshuvah.	וְעַמַּ״שׁ בִּמְקוֹם אַחֵר שֶׁמִּבְּחִינָה זוֹ נִקְרָא קְדַשֶּׁתִי לְמַעְלָה מִקְּדָשַׁתָּכֶם וְהַיְנוּ עַל־יְדֵי הְשׁוּבָה
"Teshuv Hashem"—meaning, that the [letter] Heh returns and the Supernal Heh (Binah) is drawn to be Kesser for Ze'eir Anpin from the essence of Binah, and not from its lower half, etc.	תָּשׁוּב ה׳ פֵּירוּשׁ תָּשׁוּב וְיוּמָשַׁךְ ה׳ עִילָּאָה בִּינָה לְהִיוֹת כֶּתֶר לְז״א מֵעַצְמוּת הַבִּינָה וְלֹא מֵחֶצְיָה הַתַּחְתּוֹן כו׳
And this is the level of "making a mark" through Teshuvah and "with all your might," and through Torah.	וְזֶהוּ בְּחִינַת עוֹשִּׂין רְש״ם עַל־יְדֵי תְּשׁוּבָה וּמְאֹדֶךְ וְעַל־יְדֵי הַתּוֹרָה
And this is as explained above in the name of the Idra Rabbah: "that path spreads into 613 paths of the Torah," etc.—this is the Kesser of Ze'eir Anpin, drawn from Arich Anpin through the Torah, which is composed of 613 mitzvos from the Torah and seven Rabbinic mitzvos.	וְהַיְנוּ כְּמְבוֹאַר לְמַעְלָה בְּשֵׁם הָאִדְרָ״ר הַהוּא אוֹרְחָא מִתְפַּשֵּׁט לִתְרַי״ג אוֹרְחִין דְּאוֹרַיִיתָא כו׳ שֶׁזָּהוּ בְּחִינַת כָּתֶר דְּז״א וְנִמְשָׁךְ מֵא״א עַל־יְדֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַכְּלוּלָה מִתְּרֵי״ג מִצְ <i>וֹת</i> דְּאוֹרַיִיתָא וְז׳ מִצְ <i>וֹת</i> דְּרַבָּנָן
As is also written in <i>Pri Etz Chayim</i> in the kavanos of the night of Shavuos: to draw the Kesser of Ze'eir Anpin through involvement in Torah, etc.	וּכְמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב גַּם־כֵּן בְּפַע״ח בְּכַוָּנַת לֵיל שָׁבוּעוֹת לְהַמְשִׁיךְ הַבֶּעֶר דְּז״א עַל־יְדֵי עֵסֶק הַתּוֹרָה כו׳
And see what is written elsewhere on the verse "Go forth and see the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding"—this is Matan Torah.	וְעַמַּ״שׁ בִּמְקוֹם אַחֵר עַל־פָּסוּק צֵאֲנָה וּרְאֵינָה בָּעֲטָרָה שֶׁעִטְרָה לוֹ אָמוֹ בִּיוֹם חֲתוּנָתוֹ זוֹ מַתַּן תּוֹרָה
And see below on the verse "See, I give"—that Hashem gives him his entire burden, etc.—310 worlds, etc.	ְוַעַמַּ״שׁ לְקַמֵּיהּ בְּפָסוּק רְאֵה אָנֹכִי נוֹתֵן כו' הַקָּבָ״ה נוֹתֵן לוֹ מְלֹא עֹמָסוֹ כו' ש״י עוֹלָמוֹת כו'
There is also explained the matter of the lower half of the level of Kesser, which is the concept of 310 worlds, etc.—half from the 620, etc.	שָׁם מְבוֹאָר גַּם־כֵּן עִנְיַן חָצִיוֹ הַתַּחְתּוֹן שֶׁבְּבְחִינַת כֶּתֶר שֶׁהוּא עִנְיַן ש״י עוֹלָמוֹת כו׳ מֶחֶצָה מִתַּר״ך כו׳
And the matter of the upper half—see there also.	וְעִנְיַן חָצְיוֹ הָעֶלְיוֹן גַּם־כֵּן ע״שׁ
(The three types of man, and the fourth level—Kesser—and the intermediary, Daas. And this is sufficient for the understanding.)	ג׳ • מִינֵי אָדָם וְהַבְּחִינָה ד׳ כֶּתֶר וְהַמְּמֻצָע דַּעַת) (וְדוּ״ל

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ביאור וְהָנָה לְהַבִין שׁרֵשׁ הַדְּבַרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהַיָה עֵקב

#### **NOTE Summary**

The maamar opens by interpreting the large letter 7 in the word "אחד" from Shema Yisrael as referring to the "knot of the tefillin", symbolizing the level of Leah, which is speech within thought—part of the spiritual anatomy known as the back-side (אהוריים) of Imma (Binah). In contrast, thought itself is rooted in Binah and Tevunah, and higher still is Chochmah, called reishis (beginning). The discourse then brings the teaching from the Zohar and Tikunei Zohar that these dimensions are like the "point" (נקודא) housed within the "palace" (היכלא), revealing a multi-layered structure of Divine consciousness.

The next stage discusses how **Torah study** draws down the level of **Kesser of Ze'er Anpin** via its source in **Arich Anpin**, by way of the 613 mitzvos. This flow passes through the **skull (gulgalta)** of Ze'er Anpin and splits into **613 pathways**, a system alluded to in the Idra Rabbah and Pri Etz Chayim. The only way to properly draw down this lofty light is through **Torah study**, but specifically through study that involves the whole soul—**b'chol me'odecha**, love "with all your might."

Then comes a revolutionary insight: Even when Jews serve G-d without this "with all your might" intensity, the Kesser is not absent. However, it is only drawn in **limited fashion**—the lower third of Kesser. The **two upper thirds** of Kesser remain **inaccessible** unless the Jew activates **self-sacrifice**, **teshuvah**, and **pure**, **boundless love**. These two upper thirds correspond to the **pleasure** (**Atik Yomin**) and **inner will** (**Arich Anpin**) of G-d, which are normally hidden and unreachable.

The maamar introduces the image of "עושין רש"ם"—"making an impression"—meaning the soul creates a spiritual impression that draws down the **higher Kesser**, including its **upper half**, through the vehicle of **teshuvah**, **Torah**, and **prayer with mesirus nefesh**. This is also reflected in the pasuk "גאינה וראינה בעטרה", referring to the crown that a mother (Binah) gives her son (Ze'er Anpin) on the day of his wedding—**Matan Torah**—when the Jewish people received the full transmission of Divine Will.

The discourse concludes with the idea that G-d "gives him the full load"—symbolized by the gift of **310** worlds, which corresponds to half of 620 (קר"ך), the numerical value of Kesser. The bottom half of Kesser is these 310 worlds, but only through complete connection can the upper half also be drawn down. The intermediary for accessing all of this is Daas, the bridge between finite service and infinite reward.

#### **Practical Takeaway**

Surface-level devotion is not enough to unlock the full power of Torah and mitzvos. We must go beyond our comfort zones—learning with passion, praying with sincerity, doing teshuvah with vulnerability, and loving G-d with "all your might." This draws down the **highest Divine Will and pleasure** into our lives and the world. Only then do we access not just **the lower third**, but the **hidden two-thirds** of G-d's crown—His innermost

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בָּרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָנָה לְהָבִין שׁרֵשׁ הַדְּבָרִים הַנּ״ל, עַל פִּי וְהָנָה עֵקֵב

desire and joy. Every act of love, selflessness, and depth creates a רש"ם (spiritual impression) that transforms reality.

#### **Chassidic Story**

Once, during a harsh winter in Lubavitch, the **Tzemach Tzedek** emerged from his study after hours of secluded learning. He found a simple chassid in the beis midrash crying softly over a siddur during Shema. The Rebbe paused, placed his hand on the man's shoulder, and said: "That 7 of 'אחד' you just cried through? It reached farther than all the intellect of the yeshiva." He later explained: "When a Jew says 'Hashem is One' with his whole me'odecha—even without understanding—he draws down the Kesser itself. That is "Yuru"."

(Source: Sippurim Nora'im, Vol. 2, story of R' Moshe Kopust, and oral traditions from Lubavitch)

#### END NOTE