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If You Feel Rejected in Any Way, Hashem Is Very Much Behind You

The *Torah* sticks up for the: אֲהוּבָה reject, and doesn't allow the husband to make the son of the: אָהוּבָה favorite wife, an unjust *Bechor*. Later in the *Parsha*, we have a man who hates his wife, and is: מוֹצִיא שֵׁם רַע witnesses against her. He'll have to pay her 100 כֶּסֶף dinars, and he won't be able to divorce her for the rest of his life.

If you feel rejected (שְׁנוּאָה) in any way, you should realize that Hashem is very much behind you. In fact, the very being rejected can be a *Ma'ala*, like it

says: וויַרְא ה' כִּי שְׁנוּאָה לַאָה ווִיפִּתַּח אֶת רַחְמָה ויצא כט לא Hashem saw that *Leah* was unloved, so He gave her a child. **The** main part of *Klal Yisroel* was created thanks to the *Bizyonos* of *Leah Imeinu*.

And the *Alter* of *Kelm Zatzal* points out that it wasn't her *Tefilos* or her *Tzidkus*; but her *Bizyonos!* So many complain that our *Yissurim* (in *Ruchaniyus* and in *Gashmiyus*) cause less *Torah* and *Avoda...* We don't realize that *Yissurim* itself is a priceless *Ma'ala!* Especially *Bizyonos!*

When a person was *Chayav*: מַלְקוּת *Malkus* in *Bais Din*, he had to undergo tremendous physical pain; and they could almost kill him (*Chazal*). But if he got embarrassed in *Bais Din* then he's *Patur* completely! (*Mishna*). The next time you have *Bizyonos* in your life, be happy instead of sad!

The greatest moment in the life of *Dovid HaMelech* was when he got *Bizyonos* through *Shim'i ben Gera*, who threw rocks at him and called him a *Mamzer*,

A Person Who Works on *Bitachon* & Being Relaxed Is a Favorite of Hashem

The Sefer Kav HaYashar says that: וְהַבּוֹטֵחַ בָּה' חֶסֶד יְסוֹבְבֶנוּ תּהּלים לב י means that a person with *Bitachon* is surrounded with *Malachei Rachamim* & *Chesed*; they surround him and protect him. And on this Passuk, Chazal say that: אַפִילוּ רָשָׁע הַבּוֹטֵחַ בָּה' חֶסֶד יְסוֹבְבֶנוּ ילקוט this is true even for a *Rasha* who has *Bitachon* in Hashem!

How can this be? A *Rasha* should be *Zoche* to be surrounded by *Malachim* of *Chesed*?? Yet, many times we see how the most capable and productive workers are being fired by their boss, while the mediocre workers stay on forever...

This is because the boss LIKES those nobodies. Either he's related to them, or they are his personal friends. A *Baal Bitachon* is a: מְקוּרָב לַמַלְכוּת favorite of the Boss, since he **trusts** his Boss in *Shamayim*, and he isn't full of suspicion and worry. (R' Dovid Bleicher). So the boss feels comfortable with him and loves him, despite his shortcomings.

The Baal Bitachon is: נַפְשָׁי כְּגָמֵל עֲלֵי אַמּו תּהּיִם קּלא ב ווגe a tiny baby in his mother's arms, and: כַּמַיִם הַפָּנִים לְפָּנִים כֵּן לֵב Just as water is a "reflection" your facial expression, your friend's heart is a "reflection" your feelings towards him. A person who **works** on being relaxed and having *Bitachon* despite his many stresses and *Nisyonos*, is a favorite of Hashem.

Rotze'ach, No'ef, and *To'eva*; publicly! The Seforim say that when he accepted this without complaints, he hit the peak of his life, and became the: גָגָל רְבִיעִי שָׁל מֶרְכָּבָה fourth *Regel* of the holy *Merkava* and was saved from being killed by his son *Avshalom*.

We can suggest that with a *Bubby* like *Leah Imeinu*, it was easier for *Dovid*. He remembered: וַיַּרָא ה' כִּי שְׁנוּאָה וַיָּפְתַּח אֶת רַחְמָה ויצא כט לא לאָה וַיִּפְתַח אֶת רַחְמָה ויצא כט לא that his *Bubby Leah* was *Zoche* to a child because of her *Bizyonos!* We need to copy him and never forget that *Passuk!*

A True Yarei Shamayim Doesn't Look Down at Anyone

The Passuk says about Amalek הַאָל יָרָא כָה יָרָא אָיָרָא כָה יַח. Those who attack the weak and those who struggle behind everyone, are g-dless people. הָאָל קִים יְבַקַשׁ אָת נְרָדָף קהלת גטו. Hashem is always sticking up for the underdog, and we are also required to always remember to include the poor and the destitute at our table when we have a good time. The *Torah* is loaded with unending concern for the *Levi*, the *Ger*, the *Yasom* and the *Almana*.

Even just feeling superior to others and degrading them, is a sign of g-dlessness. A person thinks that he created himself, and he looks down at the nebachs who aren't as smart, rich, talented, or popular as he is.

When you remember that Hashem created you, and every inch of strength and success in your very being is all the work of Hashem, then you don't look down at others, because you realize that we are all the same. In fact, the more a person has, the more he is *M'chuyav* to be thankful to Hashem, and he has a hard job. (*Chovos Halvavos*).

Hitler, *Y'mach Sh'mo*, killed well over 100,000 young German children who were either retarded or mentally and/or physically unstable. They were useless for his new government, *Y'mach Sh'mam*. (He did the same to 50,000 adult Germans). By a *Yid*, these underlings are the precious part of his life. When he respects the poor and the downtrodden, he becomes great, and he earns a good life in *Olam HaZeh* and in *Olam HaBah*.

Just as looking "down" at others comes from a lack of *Yiras Shamayim*, so does looking "up" to people and being afraid of them. Compared to Hashem, we are all equal. We are all: נִבְרָאִים His creations, while He is the בּוֹרֵא Creator.

Novardok

To truly enjoy this world, you need your mind in *Shamayim* (כפי הסבא זצ"ל). When R' Ben-Tzion Bruk *Zatzal* spoke in Beth Medrash Gavoha, he was so engrossed in the *Mussar Shmuess* that he was giving, that it looked like he was in a different world. It was a packed *Bais Medrash*, but I wonder if he had any idea of how big his audience was. I'm sure it wasn't important to him. He was a person who talked about the *Yamim Nora'im* like a real upcoming court case. And he was heavily engrossed in the details of how to deal with it. When you truly feel Hashem, then the rest of the world is zero to you.

I just got off the phone after talking with one of the 14 *Bachurim* from the *Novardok Yeshiva* in *Eretz Yisrael*. By just talking to him, I felt like I was in a different world. He discussed *Elul* with a happy voice, but with utter seriousness. The biggest *Bnei Torah* and *Roshei Yeshiva* in *Eretz Yisrael* have remarked that these bachurim are uncommonly "healthy" spiritually. (They love people, but aren't afraid of them, and aren't *M'chanef* (sweettalk) them. They are seriously concerned about each other's welfare, in *Ruchaniyus* & *Gashmiyus*.)

He told me that in *Elul*, they usually learn about an hour or two of *Mussar*. And this they learn first thing in the morning, or else, by the time you learn *Mussar* you are already far away into your regular *Da'agos* (worries). They try to have their heads full of *Chovos Halvavos, Shaarei Teshuva, and Madregas HaAdam,* etc. They keep learning these *Seforim*, and they sit on a *Passuk* until it sinks in.

The idea of *Elul* is to keep your regular schedule, but in a stronger way, in *Torah* and *Tefila*, etc. I heard the same thing in the name of R' Nosson Wachtfogel *Zatzal*.

During *Elul*, many *Bachurim* from other *Yeshivos* would come to *Novardok*, including R' Chaim Shmuelevitz, who considered *Novardok* to be more on fire than the greatest *Baalei Mussar* of the times. When the *Bachurim* would cram together to hear a *Shiur* or *Shmuess*, the son-in-law of the *Alter*, R' Yisroel Yaakov Lubchansky *Zatzal*, would walk slowly between the rows, and **very**, **very** gently would tell them to be careful not to push each other.

Being gentle and *Eidel* was a major *Novardok* issue, despite their fire. No heavy *Kana'us* type "*Mussaring*out" people; just *Eidelkeit*, which is the Jewish way, as is says: הַקוֹל קוֹל יַעֲקֹב תוּלדות כז כב the "voice" is the voice of *Yaakov*.

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