

Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by ark321 - 24 Dec 2009 23:06

I would like to know what people think about this. We know that the yetzer hora creates ideas and lust into our minds, and it is all fake. Maybe if we were to know that even if our wife would be like the women we dream about, the yetzer hora would just make us want some other women etc, that this would help. I'm rushing this message as im in a rush, but there is more I have to say...

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Dov - 19 Mar 2010 00:07

Now *that* I hear loud and clear! Yarmulkas off to you, my friend! Hatzlocha in your therapy and in your relationship with your wife. I know the pain of the wife issue you mentioned, and I believe you will get all that you really need, eventually. Hatzlocha again.

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by DovInIsrael - 21 Mar 2010 15:04

one last thought on the topic...

ever notice that all the women the media shows getting divorced are all "beautiful" - maybe there is something to this after all ...

maybe the guys who marry the ugly wives are the lucky ones - because somehow as a couple they figure out how to make this marriage thing work... and dont wind up as the latest "poster" wife being divorced.

DovInIsrael

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by trying123 - 21 Mar 2010 15:25

I'd say that marrying a "Beautiful Woman" is merely like buying a nice car, once the new model comes in you trade it in....

While marrying a full "Human Being" with a wide range of attributes (OK.... let beauty be one of them...) is something that can never be replaced because it's unique.....

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by Dov - 21 Mar 2010 23:06

[Tried-123 wrote on 18 Mar 2010 23:03:](#)

[dov wrote on 18 Mar 2010 13:43:](#)

C'mon.

I'd like to start a thread called: "Do people with an attractive (really, really nice) G-d have less emunah problems?"

These are all absolutely true, and all totally selfish concerns.

I know what they are because I have them all.

The way I'd put the question here is:

"Is it realistic for me to ever find *total* satisfaction without total sexual gratification in my wife? You say your hormonal juices are 'irrelevant' - I say you are a baldface liar. We all are and will always be *selfish*, period." And it's a fair question, to me.

But the real problem we have isn't our wives, it is the screaming lunatic inside us that will never, *ever* be bothered by the question: "Is it realistic for **my wife** to ever find *total* satisfaction with a self-centered (but very *natural!*) guy like me?" And that is often our undoing - it unravels the love our wives are *ready* to give us and makes them much uglier to us. We hold the key to their love - and it isn't our 'eivers', much as we like to dream that *it'd* do it for them....

I think I need another Dov-Translation.... (Dov you do it best -Howbout just a one or two sentence Chazoras Hashiur....)

First: Lets call a spade a spade: If there would not be a whole list of severe punishments for sins then I WOULD HAVE AN ABSOLUTELY EASIER TIME relating to the concept of a loving G-d.

So to answer your question: "Do people with an attractive (**really, really nice**) G-d have less emunah problems?"

YES ABSOLUTELY

I can't really comment on the rest of your post since I didn't fully get it...

Sorry I express myself poorly at times...ok, often....at least I do check for spelling errors sommetines...ok, one in a whiel. ha. oy vei.

OK, I hear you, and your true words above have been passing through my squishy mind every now and then over the past couple of days.

My main points were these: While it is true that it is natural for many of us to have emunah problems when we feel Hashem is not doing things our way, by the same token, we tend to be

unfaithful (in some respect) and disrespectful to our wives when we don't get what we expect out of them.

This whole thing is part of the question the Gr"a asks: If we were not "good" in eretz yisroel *with* a beis hamikdash and *with* neviim, then how in the world are we to *ever* get better *out* of eretz yisroel and *w/o* any neviim?! A good question, no?

(It's reminiscent of teshuva *having* to be by way of the top opening of the letter "Hay" that the world is compared to in the gemorah in menachos, if you are familiar with that shtik'l, but I digress.)

His answer is that there is just no other way to get better when we screw up (my phrase), except by attaching ourselves to a higher level or deeper relationship with Hashem than we had before we went wrong. And the only way to do that is by reaching out of where we really are, spiritually. Staying in ET with a Beis haMikdash and neviim, would only make us think we are *higher* than we really are, and that we need Hashem *less* than we really do! In the very same way, Odom needed to get sent *out* of the Gan - he *was* lower and had to reach for Hashem from *there*. *Reality* is what we need! There ain't no easy way out, as the song goes. We need to be made to face ourselves, somehow, eventually. At least, that's how I understand his answer. And that's how I understand the 1st step experience, too. (I can't remember where it's written in Gaon, maybe someone else here does. If I botched it all up, please forgive me.)

We are a mess. We are basically blind, and have puny brains - a shadow of the real Da'as that is His/Him. Lust overtakes us, as do our fears, pride, and resentments. No blame there - it's just the way it is for many of us. We rarely see farther than our own wishes and 'rights' and even the perspective of another *human* usually eludes us, let alone that of the Divine. We rarely even care, really...that's what it means to be the average human being. Nu. And he loves us.

I think many of us (me especially) need ***hachno'oh*** (a broken heart/broken ga'avoh) more than anything else, for recovery. And through sobriety and recovery with hachno'oh, our relationships with our G-d and with fellow man (and spouses) will become right-sized. Then they will actually begin to ***work*** for us. The emunah will begin to actually function the way it is meant to, and the relationships will actually grow and be fun!

Does that make any sense to you tried-123?

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by bardichev - 21 Mar 2010 23:38

What My Rebbereber=dov

Is saying is:

We are our problem and we are our solution

Zeh hu

Right rebbe??

Talmidcha,bards

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by trying123 - 21 Mar 2010 23:43

Definitely much easier than the first time around.... No, really it really was easier...

To heck with easy, isn't it all about moving forward, why look back...

This is precisely what I meant with my very first posting.

You can never know everything for sure, like they say in AA Let go and let God.... The rest is all

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by Dov - 22 Mar 2010 02:42

[bardichev wrote on 21 Mar 2010 23:38:](#)

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I schleptzich arois with rechev and soosim and it's mamesh gibberish! Then Reb b varfs arois a :D

Can you please, please give me bardish lessons?

On second thought, forget it....that would ruin all the fun! You stay right there in your truck with all-caps and whatever...look out for my bike, though...you know, the squeegee man never goes after fellas on bikes!! ;D

squeek, squeek!

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by bardichev - 22 Mar 2010 03:31

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by Dov - 22 Mar 2010 04:28

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
REBBEREBBER DOV THE SQUEEGY MEN STEAL ALL THE BIKES :
Posted by Eye.nonymous - 07 Nov 2010 17:46

There was a song once, "Ugly woman!" And the refrain was "If you marry an ugly woman, you'll be happy for the rest of your life." My grandparents had the record, or on tape somehow.

Anyone else remember that?

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by Jooboy - 07 Nov 2010 18:33

Uch! I really hate the squeegee man (puy!) now!

Yes, I thought it was hilarious.

"So if you want to be happy for the rest of your life make an ugly woman your wife, so from my personal point of view get an ugly woman to marry you....."

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by briut - 07 Nov 2010 19:52

I remember hearing how truly drop dead gorgeous women would find themselves attracted to pretty homely, short, balding men. It helped the women lose their insecurity that they'd end up with their husbands leaving them for a more beautiful woman -- the gorgeous GUY might find someone prettier (especially after the wife's had a coupla kids, wrinkles, whatever), but the homely guy wouldn't be able to do any better anyhow. Plus, he'd be feeling so darned lucky for all those years that he snared a supermodel that he'd never even think of cheating on her.

So all those insecure supermodel types would fall in love with homely men (or perhaps ones who look like their father??) because it made them feel more secure in the relationship.

Apparently, it's common for chareidi women in the US to feel similarly about their men -- "I don't worry about the cute shiksas at his office -- who's going to want to fool around with such a paunchy, balding, black&white-clad nebbach (by goyish standards). I'm totally safe."

Whaddya think?

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