

Chazon Yeshayahu

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 31 May 2023 04:29

Hi friends!

I havent posted anything substantial in a while. My low self-esteem is getting the better of me and convincing me that I don't matter and nothing I have to say makes a difference to anyone anyway. So let's see if I can break out of it here by posting from time to time on this new thread. I guess it's similar to "Grant's rants" (he didn't copyright that concept, did he?)

Looking forward to hearing from myself!!

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Re: Chazon Yeshayahu

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 06 Jun 2023 19:10

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Re: Chazon Yeshayahu

Posted by Markz - 06 Jun 2023 19:31

[Yeshayahu 41:6 wrote on 06 Jun 2023 17:48:](#)

I really appreciate the oilum's input. It would be so much better to just rent an office, but it's not the kind of job that I'm working hour X to hour Y and then I'm done. It's the kind of job that has to be at home because I could be needed for something unexpectedly and most of the work has to be done at night

Bradley you don't want to sound like a phony Chazon Yeshayahu if your revelations are limited to midnight hours when you're not lucid, gd forbid like bilaam's donkey.

Apparently you have a not for prophet business. It's time to upgrade!

Kidding aside - it's (possibly) your choice if you want to be available for work at night or not...

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In my humble opinion not only is it not a contradiction but it's a must. The temptations are more powerful than us, and if we try to fight it **head on** we will almost always lose. Once we are standing at the edge of the cliff, we are very vulnerable to falling off of it. Instead, we must stay as far away from the edge of the cliff as possible. Therefore, one of the most powerful tools in this struggle is making good fences.

The secret to success in this area is learning where we are vulnerable and preparing fences in advance. We all need to learn our Yetzer Hara well, as it says in *Mishlei* (12:10): "**Yode'ah Tzadik nefesh be'hemto -The Tzadik knows the nature of his animal.**"

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I believe that those of us who hold strong today are, on some level, comparable to the ones who went through the gehenim of their particular galus, held on, and passed it to the next generation for them to hold strong in THEIR gehenim. And when all this is over, we'll all be on the same side meeting and greeting all those who, like us, went through their generations challenges and succeeded.

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Personally, when I was going through my emotional yissurim I would ask daily, that Hashem would replace them with the most horrible physical pain possible just as long as it paid whatever pain quota I had to not have to deal with the internal pain. I was also told by many great people that it was my holocaust or concentration camp. I know it is not necessarily proof but you get my drift. It is well known that the Chofetz Chaim said the last galus will be a spiritual one, and when he heard sighs of relief he said it must have already started. He seemed to think it is worse.... Additionally no two people go through pain the same way and definitely not any two generations. What for one is unimaginable to the other may be a walk in the park. Subjectively the pain may be felt the same.

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Re: Chazon Yeshayahu
Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 21 Aug 2023 00:38

What Yeshayahu failed to convey was brought out by R' bright perfectly

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What does the oilum make of this story? Is there a G-d after all? Does He actually care about us?

I eagerly await your thoughts...

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Re: Chazon Yeshayahu
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 10 Oct 2023 16:15

A loving "potch" from our Father.

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Re: Chazon Yeshayahu

Posted by foolie - 10 Oct 2023 16:25

Is there a G-d in this world absolutely, you need only open your eyes and see that time you needed some money and somehow through a third party you ended up with that exact amount in the nick of time, and countless other small episodes when things looked bleak but then a third party had the answer and made the bleakness go away that is all the hand of G-d touching you showing you he cares, should you keep your word absolutely to the best of your ability this story should show you that G-d is here G-d cares and G-d listens to you and sometimes even gives you an immediate answer

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He let you finish and only then did he twist your arm

I'd say he's there *and* caring.

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