Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 22 Jul 2009 09:51

hi chevra,

i hope to maybe post some torah thoughts on this thread that could help all of us some of it, i am

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 05 Aug 2009 10:01

sure, will have been said before. but nothing to lose from repitition

discussion is encouraged Another short vort. I posted this in my thread but it really belongs in the bais so here it is:

I was studying this week's sedra, searching for meaning in my life and struggles as I often do, when I came across a most unusual pasuk. Moshe is speaking to Klal Yisrael telling them not be afraid of entering the land, and that their enemies will fall easily under their swords, when he says the following:

"And Hashem will banish the nations from before you gradually. You shall not destroy them speedily lest the wild animals become too numerous for you"

Rashi asks the obvious question "Dude, the hand of G-d is leading them through giants and powerful armies, and they should be scared of a couple lions? Surely there is nothing to be afraid of as long as they do Hashem's will?!"Rashi answers that it was revealed to Moshe that they would sin.

WO!One second!Moshe Rabbeinu?Our loving defender?Just telling us "yea you guys wont make it"??Where's the faith?"Yea, you guys are gonna fall". This is not the picture I've had of him until now. Yasher Koach atzum for the story pintele.

My friends,I remember the first time I went skiing with my friend.He said to me "Uri,I'm just warning you. You're gonna fall a heck of a lot. I remember looking at him a little hurt. He noticed and told me "doesn't mean you arent athletic or anything. Everyone falls in the begining, no matter how athletic and talented they are. If you don't fall, that means you are not really

skiing.Don't be afraid to fall,or you'll never learn how to really ski."

I told my sister when she started biking "honey,go slow,but even if you do,youre gonna fall.But dont worry.I'm here to make sure you dont get hurt and get up."

Moshe wasn't being cynical,or a pessimist.Chas veshalom!!Moshe was just letting us know:You guys are gonna fall.And youre gonna get up.And youre gonna conquer this land.And youre gonna learn from your falls.And Hashem and His messengers will always be there to help you back up.Have no fear,for fear will only prevent you from reaching your goal.

Falling isnt just "part of life". Its a neccesity!!

Sorry for that being slightly long. I have the feeling not everyone will be satisfied with my interpretation. I am sorry. With love and respect for the brave warriors here-Uri Smiley

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 05 Aug 2009 10:13

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"And you shall know on that day that it is Hashem your G-d who passes before you; a burning fire. He shall destroy them and he shall make them submissive before you, and you shall finish them speedily as G-d commanded you."

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Wow

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 05 Aug 2009 10:27

Another short vort(our parsha is filled with them):

In the course of Moshe's speech to Klal Yisrael he mentions their journey through the desert and how their clothes grew with them, and their shoes did not wear out(40 years of walking!Min).And then he adds the following: "And you should realize in your heart that just as a father admonishes his child, so too does Hashem admonish/afflict you"

Why now does he add this?After discussing the shoes?

My friends, listen, but listen close: HASHEM LOVES US SO SO MUCH! HE LOVES US AS A PARENT LOVES THEIR ONLY CHILD!!!

In the desert, the middle of nowhere, G-d personally fed us, gave us water to drink, warded of snakes, sheltered us from heat, kept our wardrobe in good shape, defeated our enemies, and the list goes on!! Who would do that for someone else unless they had such overflowing love for the person?! Especially after the "person" is unappreciative, grumpy, and rebbelious. Chevra, just think about it. Is there such love like this to be found in all the world???

Now that we are starting to realize a fraction of the love Hashem has for us,all the punishments can all come into perspective. Hashem does not lose his patience. Hashem does not have a love/hate bipolar type of love for us. If He loves us,he loves us forever, unconditionally. Any punishment He must give is done with a sigh and a heavy heart(kaviyochol of course) and with a turned head and tears in His eyes. But the love never changes. Even in galus. Even when we are in the pits. We are still His only child, His favorite child, and that will never change.

I feel weird using this word now because i know that any love i might have for you guys is not

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration,perspective,and advice Posted by 7yipol - 05 Aug 2009 11:30

Uri,

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Thats on behalf of everyone here!

Kep these thought s coming!

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by bochur28 - 05 Aug 2009 20:23

just a quick vort - 'ayin'(130)(eye) is begematriah 'kal'(easy, light)(130) - why? because shmiras einayim is something very 'kal' to people; it's sooo easy to be nichshal, all it takes is a head turn, a rise of the eyes, and BOOM! oiver a lo saaseh - but it doesn't seem like im eating chazir, or wearing shatnez..there's little tefisah in it at first, this is why it takes so much work, and think about it - yidden have a sense from our youth that avodah zara is, disgusting; they're not going to go into mekomos tiflos, right? thats a kedushah and a sensitivity that e have from birth - but sensitivity and kedushah in this area is almost entirely self-made(with hashem's help of course), so it's something e truly accomplish!

next time you win a nisayon, think about it - I **changed** from what I used to be, I have earned kedushah from my decision, chasdei hashem.

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by Pintele Yid - 05 Aug 2009 20:57

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Tayara Uri,

Pintele Yid

There is one prerequisite to this true Vort. We have to let him in to fight for us

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 05 Aug 2009 21:11

Shkoyach bochur for the vort.very usable at short meals and such.thank you

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by Pintele Yid - 05 Aug 2009 21:22

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Checkmate!

towards Him.but essentially,yea.

Pintele Yid

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by battleworn - 09 Aug 2009 12:48

<u>Uri (JA) wrote on 05 Aug 2009 21:11</u>:

He is already in us.our neshama is a peice of Him.We just gotta let our neshama pull us towards Him.

Uri this is a tremendous and very deep yesod. R' Tzadok Hacohen discusses it in "Machshivos Charutz"

It's a very big sugya, but the bottom line is that there's more than one way to invoke Siyata Dishmaya.

There's the way that any human being can do. That is by reaching a point of very extreme desperation. (That's why certain addicts feel it nessecary to refer to themselves as losers.) R' Tzadok actually goes so far as to say, that that was why -by the story of the maeraglim- they said "????? ?????? " Because the only way they knew to recieve Divine Assistence, was by being in that completely desperate - loser - "meitzar", situation.

As I said this works for all human beings.

the essence of teshuva. In fact it's the essence of Torah and the essence of ???? ?? ???? when Hashem "married" us and became one with us.

(Maybe I'll elaborate a different time)

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 10 Aug 2009 13:58

Chevra, i dont yet have a suitable vort for this week's parsha,but please see <u>www.israelnationalnews.com/Blogs/Blog.aspx/4</u>

Its a blog of this rav who speaks often about shmiras habris.i think you will find it pretty insightful

all the best-uri

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 03 Sep 2009 10:06

I will share a moshol i heard from rav fischel schachter.

Pretty intesnse stuff.yasher koach battleworn

President Obama was sitting one day in the oval office when he received a phone call.

"Mr President?Are you interested in being written down in the history books for removing the threat of international terrorism?"

He had the president's attention.

"Meet me by the outskirts of the city.I have something to show you."

The caller hung up.

Against his better judgment, Obama took his private car with a few secret service guys to the

designated location.

There was a man there waiting there for him.

"Follow me please, Mr President."

He took him into a big warehouse, down into the basment.

There was a big room there, with a huge machine in the middle being worked on by a few scientists.

"This,Mr President,is a space shuttle ,that is quite unique.This invention will have the power to orbit the earth and sense any terrorist activity,whether it is plans,thoughts, or meetings.At the moment that it senses anything,it will annihilate the terrorist and world peace will finally persevere.But let me just tell you,this project is quite expensive.And we desire to keep it top secret so that no terrorist organization can attempt to destroy the shuttle.The thing is,we need 50 billion dollars for the project.We need to finish the shuttle,send it up as secretely as possible,send 100 people up there to monitor and work the shuttle,and their families and so on.You must somehow find a way to get the money from congress without letting the reason out."

After careful consideration, the President agreed.

That week in the congressional meeting, the President convinced the government that he was going to need 50 Billion dollars for a top secret defense purpose.

He was granted the money.

The project was a tremendous success. Any terrorist had any thoughts of anything disappeared out of thin air. The world was at peace.

But noone had any idea that it was the shuttle that was behind it all.

And congress was feeling the burdens of putting out all the money.

So they said "Mr President.You're gonna have to make some cut-backs on this defense project of yours."

So Obama decided that he would have to head out to space to see what he could do to cut back on the expenses.

When he got to the shuttle, he decided to take an inventory of all expenses and of what every person did on the shuttle.

"Jim, what do you do on the shuttle?"

"To be honest, Mr President, I don't really do anything. I'm a little computer inept. But I really like it here, and I would really want to stay."

"You're kidding right?You know how much money you cost us?!You and your family.Food.Health insurance.Doctors.You're coming back to earth with me."

"No!Please let me stay.I'll find something useful to do."

"Fine.I'll give you another week.If your administrator tells me that you're still not doing much,then you're done."

A week later...

"Mr. Administrator."

"Yes, Mr President."

"What's the deal with Jim?"

"Jim?That guy is completely at loss with how to work the computer system.He almost blew up Moscow the other day.He doesn't really do anything."

"Okay,so I'm gonna have him sent down,k?"

"No,Mr President.We need him."

"What do you mean?He doesn't do his job?Why would you want to keep him?!"

"Yes,it's true that he doesn't know how to do anything.But you see,Jim is a very upbeat guy.He's always smiling and making jokes.He makes everyone on the shuttle so happy and always in a good mood.And because of that,our shuttle is all the more successful in it's mission."

You see my friends the point.

Hashem will come down in 2 weeks time and see someone not doing their job.He's not doing the mission he was sent down for.And this world and each person in it is "expensive" to keep.

But the heavenly court says DONT TAKE HIM.

The world needs him.

He is such a positive force in the world, always helping people out, making people feel good, and because of that, everyone else does their jobs so much better.

And Hashem decides to keep us here.

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by Efshar Letaken - 03 Sep 2009 11:34

Gevaldig!

Oh oh! I better start helping others be upbeat or......Yeah!

Two more weeks! Yikes!

Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by bardichev - 03 Sep 2009 14:25

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Re: Divrei Torah with inspiration, perspective, and advice Posted by the guard - 03 Sep 2009 14:55

Uri, this is a great Moshol, and I must tell you that you are one of the forum's LIFE FORCES lately. So how ever you are doing, for better or for worse, always remember that you have a big zechus in keeping this place pulsating and alive!