A Beautiful Wife Posted by 1084 - 17 Mar 2023 22:27

I wanted to share a quick vort,

The pasuk says,

"??? ??? ???? ???? ??? ???? ?' ?????"

Which implies that "beauty" isn't valuable or significant - it seems to degrade it.

However, we know from Chazal that having a beautiful wife was very much a desirable and worthwhile value.

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How do we reconcile the seeming contradiction?

Perhaps, the answer is, that even according to Chazal, beauty wasn't a goal in and of itself, it was a "tool" to retain ones kedusha in the context of a healthy marriage. ?? ???????, regarding praising the qualities of a woman - without yiras shamayim nothing else matters.

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So when the pasuk says, "??? ????? it's referring to the ultimate goal of it all, the very purpose of life.

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As the Mesilas Yesharim says,

Comments and feedback welcome

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Re: A Beautiful Wife Posted by Galuthite - 11 Apr 2023 04:26

There's a famous Gra that Sheker hachein Vehevel Hayofi, is only on it's own, But Isha Yiras Hashem, her Yofi is a maalah. As Chazal tell us, Isha Mekushetes letalmid Chochom.

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