

Posted by eerie - 17 Dec 2023 18:53

The meforshim on the side explain that if not for the words of Hashem to chava "אולי יאכלו" "maybe they will eat", the women would have the power to seduce men at will. I'm taking out of this medrash that Hashem stopped them from having the power over men to just force them into the act in the middle of the street. But they still have an awesome power over us. And if we stand together, and stand strong, how great is that! And when we have those burning desires, and we only wish if only...know that that's the story of being alive! That's the way Hashem created us. It's up to us to control how we act, and together we will prevail

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Posted by hechochma - 18 Dec 2023 00:40

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Posted by chaimoigen - 18 Dec 2023 01:53

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There's an incredible Ohel Yaakov (Dubno) in Parshas Vayeshev that's worth learning. Punch line is that this way we consistently are given the opportunity to strive for and receive help in RISING ABOVE the limits of our nature.

We are tested beyond our limits. We actually can't win. But when we try He helps us get there. Then we are greater than we could have ever been before.

HKBH made the adversary so powerful because that is how WE become ever greater. That's how we climb out of the petty confines of our own limited selves and become elevated and otherworldly!

Hashem made lust so strong so that we can each grow ourselves a monstuh tow truck, in other words.

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Posted by hehochma - 18 Dec 2023 02:22

[hehochma wrote on 18 Dec 2023 00:40:](#)

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 Gemara relates: **Rabbi Meir would ridicule transgressors** by saying it is easy to avoid
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Posted by eerie - 19 Dec 2023 18:02

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Deep words from a deep thinker

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Re: interseting Medrash Tanchuma
Posted by chancy - 19 Dec 2023 19:41

I love this thread so far. Lets keep finding those Gamaras and Midrashim.

It helps me to know that the greatest Tzadikim also had this YH.

Lets not forget about Yosef Hatzadik, who is Named Tzadik because of his battle with this YH.

Remember that Yosef was actually ready to give in!!!

He finally had enough and was ready to go all the way, thats what the g'mara says....

He was only saved after he saw Yakov Avinu from teh window and stopped at the very last moment..... Holy Father in heaven!!! Yosef Hatzadik!

The G'mara also says that it was too late i dont want to trigger anyone here.....

But on face value we would think that Yakov should be called Tzadik since he never saw 1 drop of impurity and he got married in his 80's.

But no, Yosef is the Tzadik because he stopped when its murderously hard to stop.... he didnt care how much pain it will cause him, he know that its wrong and ran out of there not a second too soon.

Thats my lesson for today guys.

Stay well

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Posted by bright - 20 Dec 2023 01:32

[chaimoigen wrote on 18 Dec 2023 01:53:](#)

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Another pshat is that Hashem wanted us to rely on Him in areas of spirituality also.

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thats the mishna in pirkie avos, lo alecha hamilach ligmor, ve'ey ata ben chorin lehibatel mimenu

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Re: interseting Medrash Tanchuma

Posted by Heeling - 20 Dec 2023 22:10

I was always the quiet kid in the classroom – not asking any questions or being part of the Rischa D'Oireisa...

Here too...I don't have anything to add other than to thank you all for the nice Torah posts. Its refreshing.

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Re: interseting Medrash Tanchuma

Posted by eerie - 21 Dec 2023 18:31

Seriously, your friends lost out. If only you would have spoken!!!

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