

Dont let your eyes be taken

Posted by anonymous_14.1 - 01 Oct 2016 17:15

6:23 For a commandment is a candle, and the Torah is light, and disciplining rebukes are the way of life

6:24 to guard you from an evil woman, from the smoothness of the alien tongue.

6:25 Do not covet her beauty in your heart, and do not let her captivate you with her eyelids.

MORAL INSTRUCTION

Be wary of another woman, do not desire to see her beauty or visualize it in your heart, and do not let her take your sight with her eyelids , when she "gives you the eyes" , ie flirts with you.

DIRECTIVES, PRACTICAL ADVICE

When one has a value that is very important for to him to safeguard, but does not succeed, what does he do? (for example: It is important to be calm, but sometimes I cannot overcome my anger; it is important to lose weight but I cannot go on a diet; it is important to keep Shabbat but I cannot overcome the temptation go play football with my friends...).

What does one do?

One of advice wisdom offers is: make fences, that is , limitations and restrictions that distance you from what you want to avoid.

Thus, our section, which deals with distancing oneself from prostitution and adultery (which are an metaphors for all losts and passions). It recommends not only that we not lie with a harlot or an adulteress, but also:

Don't think about her: That we not think about her, her beauty or the seductive look of her eyes; Not say in your heart, "how beautiful and cute" (verse 25): " Do not covet her beauty with your heart, and do not let her captivate you with her eyelids.

Don't visit her: Do go to visit her and exhaust yourself with her(verse 29): "So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished"

Since:

6:27 Can a man rake embers with his skirt without burning his clothes?

6:28 Or can a man walk on live coals without scorching his feet?

PARALLELS IN TORAH

You shall not versus Do not

Exodus 20:14

20:14 You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or whatever belongs to your neighbor."

Deuteronomy 5:18...And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife...	You shall not	Relates to the wife herself
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	Absolute prohibition	
Proverbs 6:25 Do not covet her beauty in your heart, and do not let her captivate you with her eyelids.	Do not	Relates to her beauty
	Good advice	

It is absolutely forbidden to covet another person's wife, ie make plans of how to get to her and how to get her. Our verse recommend to make a fence around the Torah, and not even covet her beauty: do not say "I wish I had a beautiful woman like her" or "I wish my wife was as beautiful as her."

Fences and Restrictions

The obligation to make limitations are already hinted to in the Torah,

18:30 And you shall observe My charge, not to commit any of the abominable practices that were done before you, and you shall not become defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.

From the repetition of the root ??? twice the Sages learned that one must to add to the safeguarding beyond what God commanded us in Torah: 20:1

Other fences mentioned in Proverbs:

Fence for diligence

24:27 Prepare your work outside and make it fit in the field for yourself; afterwards you shall build your house.

Fence for Yihud

5:8 Distance your way from her and do not draw near to the entrance of her house,

They [the Men of the Great Assembly] would always say these three things: Be cautious in judgement. Establish many pupils. And make a safety fence around the Torah.

(Ethics of the Fathers 1:1)

DETAILS

6:24 to guard you from an evil woman

6:25 Do not covet her beauty in your heart,

In order "to guard against an evil woman", (one that does come to you seduce you) - do not covet her beauty in your heart

Part 1 of 6:24 corresponds to Part 1 of 6:25

A desirable object [????] has no temptation in and of itself, it is only the man that loses on his own" (the Vilna Gaon).

6:23 For a commandment is a

from the smoothness of the alien tongue.

and do not let her captivate you with her eyelids.

In order to guard yourself "from the smoothness of the alien tongue" - when she is talking don't allow her to captivate you with eyelids

(After listening to her...)

"...it looks good to a man ... and it seduces him from the outside" (the Vilna Gaon).

and the Torah is light, and

candle

6:25 Do not covet her beauty in
your heart,
Opposite the commandment
(Deuteronomy 5:18) "And you
shall not covet your neighbor's
wife"

Is: do not "covet her beauty in
your heart"

disciplining rebukes are the way
of life

and do not let her captivate you
with her eyelids.

When your thoughts are deep
in Torah then

you will not think about the
winks (flirts) of the strange
woman and she wont captivate
you with her eyelids.

I wish you (and myself) a year of not being interested in "other" women. And gaining in the
ability to be there for the real women in our lives (wife, sister, mother)

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken
Posted by Markz - 02 Oct 2016 03:41

I have a problem with the second last brackets. It may explain some of your tendencies, like the
inability to heed requests from others, if they are reasonable.

Ok so you have what to think about over the next days of repentance

Now can someone please give me a piece of their mind too

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken
Posted by Workingguy - 02 Oct 2016 04:45

You're back? Are you lecturing us or yourself?

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken
Posted by doorknob - 24 Jan 2017 00:32

The problem is lust is like hunger .

You can not lecture it away.

You need to develop a strategy to fight it.

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken
Posted by Workingguy - 24 Jan 2017 02:03

[doorknob wrote on 24 Jan 2017 00:32:](#)

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Oh it's YOU! Shalom aleichem Reb Yid, we missed you. I have a few questions for you in learning when you have a chance.

I think you should move your thread to the Beis Midrash.

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken
Posted by doorknob - 24 Jan 2017 02:29

"You missed me"

That couldn't be .

I am new here today.

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken

Posted by Singularity - 24 Jan 2017 07:58

[doorknob wrote on 24 Jan 2017 00:32:](#)

The problem is lust is like hunger .

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You need to develop a strategy to fight it.

As long as it's not more than \$3.50 or else I won't have enough money for the adult store.

No, brother. Don't fight it. Surrender. (but not to it!!)

There will come a time when the GYE fighters and the GYE surrenderers will pit against one another. The fighters will win automatically because the surrenderers never pitched.

But the surrenderers know better. What weapon can defeat the Yetzer Hora?

(and don't say Torah. That's a cookie cutter answer).

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Re: Dont let your eyes be taken
Posted by GrowStrong - 24 Jan 2017 08:16

Maybe all of Yosef's talk about the twilight zone started to have an effect here on the forum...

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