

Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...

Posted by Mevakesh Hashem - 12 Feb 2009 15:51

My dear brothers and sisters, warriors of Hashem:

The holy Tzaddik R' Tzadok HaKohen of Lublin writes (Tzidkas Hatzadik 154):

"Just as one must believe in Hashem, so too, one must believe in themselves!"

R' Tzadok goes on to say that Hashem cares so much about YOU that He is "busy" with YOU. What YOU do makes a difference to Hashem in a BIG way. Hashem derives pleasure (K'Vyachol) from YOU when you do ratzon Hashem!

It says in this week's Parsha (Parshas Yisro 19:9) Hashem said to Moshe that after Kabalas HaTorah, the Jews will "Believe in you [Moshe] too", and it says in last week's Parsha (B'Shalach 14:31) that the Jews feared Hashem and believed in Hashem and in Moshe, the servant of Hashem.

R' Tzadok explains that Moshe was the embodiment of the entire Klal Yisroel; There was a little piece of every Jew's Neshama in Moshe's exalted Neshama. Therefore, what the Torah is telling us is that each and every Jew must believe in Moshe i.e. each Jew must believe in themselves!

The Yetzer Hara wants us to think bad about ourselves. The Yetzer Hara wants us to think of ourselves as small and incapable people. The Yetzer hara wants us to be depressed and unforgiving of our past. the Yetzer Hara doesnt want us to believe in ourselves!

That is NOT what Hashem wants! Hashem wants us to BELIEVE in our strengths, our capabilities, our ability to overcome evil and achieve greatness,

Each and every one of us, no matter how far we have fallen, CAN ACHIEVE GREATNESS!

Each and every one of us, no matter how deep we have sinned, CAN BE AS RIGHTEOUS AS MOSHE RABBEINU!

Each and every one of us has a piece of G-d in our Neshama!

We all believe in Hashem! We must all start believing in ourselves!

We can all be great, not despite our past failings, but BECAUSE of our past failings!

"Shiva Yipol Tzaddik V'Kam- A Tzaddik falls seven times and gets up" The greatness is not despite the 7 falls, it is a result of the 7 falls!

WE ARE ALL LITTLE MOSHE RABBEINUS! BELIEVE! BELIEVE! BELIEVE!

Chazak V'Ematz!

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Re: Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...
Posted by the.guard - 12 Feb 2009 19:48

Beautiful words from a true Mevakesh Hashem.

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Re: Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...
Posted by Ykv_schwartz - 13 Feb 2009 10:18

It is amazing when I contemplate my failings, I realize how much of my struggle revolves around the fact that I stop believing in myself.

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Re: Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...

Posted by UTS - 03 Mar 2009 15:49

I always felt that there has to be a balance between believing in your capabilities and "Al Taamin".

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Re: Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...

Posted by Mevakesh Hashem - 03 Mar 2009 16:45

Al Ta'amin B'Atzmecha ad Yom Mosecha des NOTmean not to believe in yourself!

On the contrary, it means to be careful not to believe in yourself too much! You must also make Hashem a partner in your struggle and TOGETHER with the siyata D'Shmaya you can do whatever you set your mind out to do!

Chazak V'Ematz!

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Re: Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...

Posted by the.guard - 04 Mar 2009 00:53

Im ain ani li, mi li? U'chishe'ani Le'atzmi ma ani?

I saw an incredible vort from the Ba'al Shem tov on this. A person must know **"Im ain ani li, mi li?"** - If I am not going to take full responsibility for myself and do all that is in my power to succeed, who will do it for me?

But on the other hand, **U'chishe'ani Le'atzmi** - "between me and myself" I know deep down that **"ma ani?"** - "who am I?" It is really all Hashem's doing....

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Re: Remember R' Tzadok's Powerful Words...
Posted by UTS - 12 Mar 2009 17:53

Except for one thing, very beautifully presented ma'amar from R' Tzodok. (I will have to read it more closely again as I am in a rush and did not really read it properly.)

One mistake which is made here and I seem to have heard this often. Chelek Elokah Milma'aloh --- does NOT chas ve'sholom mean that G-d has "pieces". He is the true Echod. We have to understand what "Chelek Elokah Milama'aloh means.

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