

כְּשֶׁחֹלְקִין עַל הָאָדָם, נִמְצָא שְׂרוּדֵפִין אוֹתוֹ, וְהוּא

When People Oppose You

THE TEACHING

A very short Torah about what opposition (מַחֲלָקָה) really does. When people oppose a person, they are really chasing him, and each time he runs to Hashem. So the more they oppose him, the closer they bring him to Hashem.

MAIN POINTS

- Opposing someone means chasing (רְדִיפָה) him, and each time he flees to Hashem.
- Where can he run? Everywhere, for Hashem is in every place:
 “אִם אָסַק שָׁמַיִם שָׁם אַתָּה, וְאֶצִּיעָה שְׂאוֹל הַנֶּחֱלָה” (תהלים קל"ח), “if I go up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.”
- So wherever he is, he is running to Hashem, and the more they oppose him, the closer he comes.
- This is “וּפָרַעַה הַקְּרִיב” (שמות י"ד), “and Pharaoh drew near”, which the Midrash reads:
 “שֶׁהִקְרִיב אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאבִיהֶם שֶׁבַּשְׁמַיִם”, “he drew Israel near to their Father in Heaven.” By chasing them, Pharaoh brought them closer to Hashem.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

Opposition can feel like being driven away. Rebbe Nachman teaches that it can drive us closer, if we run in the right direction.

<https://breslovai.com/tinyana/013/>

These shiurim were created with the help of AI and may contain errors. Please check with a rav or the original text before relying on them. English text is our own paraphrase of the Hebrew; the takeaway is our own reflection, not a quotation. Quotations are in Hebrew from the original text, with their sources.

השיעורים נוצרו בעזרת בינה מלאכותית ועלולים להכיל טעויות.



Scan for the videos
לשיעורים