

עקר שלמות הצדיק – שיוכל להיות למעלה

Above and Below

THE TEACHING

“עקר שלמות הצדיק – שיוכל להיות למעלה ולמטה”: the true wholeness (שלמות) of the tzaddik (צדיק) is to be above and below at once. Without it he is no tzaddik at all.

To one who has fallen to the lowest place he shows that Hashem is right beside him. To one who thinks he stands high he shows how far he is. That is also why a person must leave children and students (בנים ותלמידים) in this world.

MAIN POINTS

- To the one below he reveals: “ה' עמך, ואל תירא ואל תפחד ואל תחת”, “Hashem is with you; do not fear, do not be broken”, for “מלא כל הארץ כבודו” (ישעיה ו:ג), “the whole earth is full of His glory.” Even from the very bottom one can cling to Hashem and return.
- Seeing that you are far “זהו בעצמו הוא התקרבות”, is itself a coming close. Before, he was so far he did not even know it. Let him revive himself with this and return to Hashem.
- To the one who stands high he shows how far he is: “מה חמית מה ידעת”, “what have you seen, what do you know?” For up in heaven, precisely there, they ask “איזה מקום כבודו”, “where is the place of His glory?”
- This is “כי כל בשמים ובארץ”, “for all that is in heaven and on earth”: the tzaddik holds on to heaven and earth together. One world alone is not wholeness: “רק שניהם יחד, מעלה ומטה, זהו עולם שלם.”
- So even after he goes up, he must stay below through a son or a student, and the main thing is his mind (מח). On “אשר אין חליפות למו” (תהלים נח:כ), “who have no replacements”, “חד אמר בן, וחד אמר תלמיד” (בבא בתרא קטז.), “one said a son, one said a student.” Rabbi Yochanan, who had no sons, held a student.
- Students make more students, children and grandchildren follow, “כדי שיהיה נשאר מחו גם למטה לעולם ועד”, so his mind remains below forever.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

If you feel far from Hashem, the feeling itself means you have begun to come close. If you feel high, ask where the place of His glory really is. And teach someone what you know, so it stays below after you.

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