

הַקְשׁוּ: מִפְּנֵי מַה כְּשֶׁהָאָדָם מְבַקֵּשׁ פֶּרֶנְסָה, אֵין

Seeking Livelihood

THE TEACHING

A question: when a person asks for livelihood (פֶּרֶנְסָה), why doesn't Heaven give it at once? Why must one sow, plough and harvest, or travel to find it, each through his own means (סְבוּת)?

The answer: all of Israel's livelihood comes through the King (מֶלֶךְ), and a king's greatness rests on humility (עֲנָוָה). We must see the King only in his beauty, and livelihood that comes through means, each at its own time, lets us see Him that way, crowned.

MAIN POINTS

- Livelihood comes through the King: “וּמִזֶּזֶן לְכֻלָּא בָּהּ, אַנְתָּ הוּא מְלָכָא”, “food for all was in it: it is you, the king.” And kingship rests on humility: “וְלִפְנֵי כְבוֹד עֲנָוָה” (משלי טו:לג), “before honour comes humility.”
- So a king every day: when he rises he is still small, in plain clothes and unwashed, and only then dresses in royal garments. Shaul's kingship did not last because he had no flaw; a leader is appointed only if “קַפְּהָ שֶׁל שְׂרָצִים תְּלוּיָהּ מֵאַחֲרָיו”, “a basket of creeping things hangs behind him”, to keep him humble.
- The food that comes through the King is refined (פְּרוּרִים) step by step, until it becomes beautiful words, blessings before and after eating and prayer with its strength: “הַנוֹתֵן אִמְרֵי שֹׁפָר” (בראשית מט:כא), and then “מֵאֲשֶׁר שְׁמִנָּה לְחֶמְדּוֹ וְהוּא יֵתֵן מַעֲדָנֵי מֶלֶךְ” (בראשית מט:כב).
- These refinements are the incense, קֶטֶרֶת, and from the beautiful words a crown (עֲטָרָה) is made for the King: “וּבְיוֹם שְׂמִיחָת לְבוֹ” (שיר השירים ג:יא). “צִאֲיָנָה וּרְאִינָה בְּנוֹת צִיּוֹן בְּמֶלֶךְ שְׁלָמָה, בְּעֶטְרָה שֶׁעֲטָרָה לוֹ אִמּוֹ” is the incense: “שֶׁמֶן וְקֶטֶרֶת יִשְׁמַח לֵב” (משלי כו:ט).
- We must see “מֶלֶךְ בְּיָפְיוֹ” (ישעיה לג:יז), “the King in his beauty”, not in his smallness. If livelihood came instantly, we might see Him at a moment of smallness; coming through means, at set times, we see Him only crowned.
- That is the verse: the question, “עֵינֵי כָל אֱלֹהִים יִשְׁכְּרוּ וְאַתָּה נֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת אֲכָלָם בְּעֵתוֹ” (תהלים קמה:טו), “the eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in its time”; and the answer, “פֹּתֵחַ אֶת יָדְךָ” (תהלים קמה:טז). (The Rebbe did not finish.)

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Parnassah has its time. Meanwhile, every meal and every blessing is part of the King's crown.

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