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When You Have a Heart, Place Does Not Matter

THE TEACHING

When a person has a heart (לֵב), place (מְקוֹם) does not apply to him at all. On the contrary, he is the place of the world. For the Divine (אֱלֹהִים) is in the heart, as it says: “צוּר לִבִּי” (תהלים עג:כו), “the Rock of my heart.”

Of Hashem it says: “הִנֵּה מְקוֹם אִתִּי” (שמות לג:כא), “here is a place with Me”:

“שֶׁהוּא מְקוֹמוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם, וְאֵין הָעוֹלָם מְקוֹמוֹ”, “He is the place of the world, and the world is not His place.”

MAIN POINTS

- One who has a heart is not bound by place; he is the place of the world.
- This is because Godliness dwells in the heart, the “Rock of my heart.”
- Hashem is the place of the world, and the world is not His place.
- So one who has a Jewish heart (לֵב יִשְׂרָאֵלִי) should never say: this place is not good for me.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

Before you blame where you are, look at your heart. With a heart, any place can become holy.

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