

הַשֵּׁם יִתְבָּרַךְ הוּא לְמַעַל מֵהַזְמַן, כְּמוֹבָא. וְזֶה

Above Time

THE TEACHING

Hashem is above time (לְמַעַל מֵהַזְמַן), a wondrous and hidden matter that human understanding cannot grasp. But know: “עֵקֶר הַזְמַן הוּא רַק מִחֲמַת שְׂאִין מְבִינִים”, time exists only because we do not understand, because our minds (שֵׂכֶל) are small. The greater the mind, the more time shrinks and fades away.

In a dream (חֲלוֹם) the mind withdraws and only the imagination (כַּחַ הַמַּדְמָה) is left, so seventy years can pass in a quarter of an hour. When we wake and the mind returns, we see it was a very short time.

MAIN POINTS

- To a mind higher than ours, our real seventy years are also only a quarter of an hour or less.
- If someone told the dreamer that all his days and years were nothing, he would never believe it; we are the same, and cannot understand it with our minds.
- And so on upwards, mind above mind, until there is a mind so great that all of time is “אֵין וְאֶפֶס לְגַמְרִי”, nothing at all.
- So after all Mashiach (מָשִׁיחַ) has borne since the day the world was created, Hashem will tell him: “בְּנִי אַתָּה, אֲנִי הַיּוֹם יִלְדָתִיךָ” (תהלים ב:ז), “you are My son, today I have begotten you.”
- Because of his very great mind, all that time will be as nothing, as if he were born today, literally “today.”
- Space (מְקוֹם) is the same: a strong man crosses a great distance quickly, so to him it is small. The greater the strength, the smaller the space, until it is nullified completely.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

What feels endless now may be a quarter of an hour in a greater light. The more we grow in understanding, the shorter the long night becomes.

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