

עוד מצאנו כתב־יד רבנו ז"ל, והם ראשי־פרקים

The Voice of Yaakov: Rising Above Time

THE TEACHING

A page of short headings (ראשי־פרקים) in Rebbe Nachman's own handwriting, moving through the parshiyos from Toldos to Yisro, with three words coming back again and again: time (זמן), teshuvah (תשובה) and voice (קול). Reb Noson writes honestly that the words are sealed (סתומים וחתומים); he toiled and found a little, "אֶפֶס קָצָהּ מִצָּאתִי, לֹא כָּלֹ" – "the edge of it, not all of it."

The key he found: teshuvah and the level above time, the cancelling of the times (בטול הזמנים), are one. Through it we hear the holy voice and subdue the voice of the other side. As the Rebbe wrote: "יום שֶׁהָאָדָם עוֹשֶׂה תְּשׁוּבָה הוּא לְמַעַל מִהַזְמָן", and so is Yom Kippur.

MAIN POINTS

- From the end, Yisro: at the splitting of the Sea, "וַיִּשְׁקֹף ה' אֶל מַחֲנֵה מִצְרַיִם בְּעָמֹד אֵשׁ וָעָנָן". The pillar of fire is night and the cloud is day; Hashem mixed them and cancelled the times. The war of Amalek is teshuvah, for Moshe, Aharon and Chur were fasting. So Yisro heard the voice.
- The opening: "הַקֹּל קוֹל יַעֲקֹב" (בראשית כו:כב), but Esav, "וַיִּשָּׂא קוֹלוֹ", raises his voice to hide Yaakov's. It is subdued through teshuvah: "וְשָׁבָת עַד ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְשָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹלוֹ" (דברים ה:ל), "return to Hashem your Elokim and listen to His voice."
- Yitzchak is time: יִצְחָק has the letters of חַי קַי, and קַי is the end of days. And time is mainly a kind of sleep (שְׁנָה).
- Avraham is love (אַהֲבָה), above time: "אַבְרָהָם אֱהָבִי" (ישעיה מא:ח); love unites time, "בְּעֵינָיו כְּלָמִים אֲחָדִים בְּאַהֲבָתוֹ" (בראשית כט:כ); son, is teshuvah: "וְשָׁאֵר יָשׁוּב בְּנֶךְ" (ישעיה ז:ג); and "אִם תָּשׁוּב וְאַשִּׁיבָה לִפְנֵי תַעֲמֹד" (ירמיה טו:יט). So יִצְחָק בֶּן אַבְרָהָם: time rises into love and becomes one.
- Yaakov's night: "כִּי בָּא הַשָּׁמֶשׁ" (בראשית כח:יא), time was shortened. וַיִּשְׁכַּב hints at the 22 letters (י"ש כ"ב), words of teshuvah: "קָחוּ עִמָּכֶם דְּבָרִים וְשׁוּבוּ" (הושע י:ג). The stones are letters; at his head is thought (מחשבה), which sifts and repairs every flaw.
- So the mitzvos are bound to time (מצוות זמניות): to lift time above time. All troubles and judgments hold only in time, "בְּצַר לָךְ", and through teshuvah they fall away and the holy voice is heard.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

Time can feel like the enemy, with days lost and chances missed. But teshuvah is above time: one honest moment of return lifts the days behind it too, and every mitzvah done in its time is a small doorway above time.

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