

ספר שהיה לו התחזקות גדול בעבודתו, ולא

Choose a Path and Stay With It

THE TEACHING

Rebbe Nachman told that he had great strength (התחזקות גדול) in his service of Hashem, and did not let himself be confused at all. His way was to choose for himself “דֶּרֶךְ יְשָׁרָה”, a straight path for how to conduct himself in serving Hashem (עבודת השם), and to begin living by it.

MAIN POINTS

- When other thoughts (מחשבות אחרות) came to pull him onto another way, he paid them no attention at all; he pushed them out of his mind.
- He stayed “חֶזֶק וְאַמִּיץ בְּדַעְתּוֹ מְאֹד”, very strong and firm in his mind, and kept walking on the path he had chosen for a good stretch of time.
- Only after several weeks, when such thoughts came again, would he settle himself (ישב עצמו) and choose a new path and order (דֶּרֶךְ וְסֵדֶר אֲחֵר), as it seemed right to him then.
- But he never let himself be thrown each time “מִעֲבוּדָה לְעֲבוּדָה וּמִדֶּרֶךְ זֶה לְדֶרֶךְ אֲחֵר”, from one service to another and from one path to the next. He was strong to walk one path for a long time.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

Change is allowed; the Rebbe himself chose new paths. But only after real time and calm thought. Choose a good path, and give it a fair chance.

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